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MARCH.

- Mar. 1, 2 & 3.—Sheffield and District : Monthly Medal.
Mar. 2.—Royal Cornwall : Gentlemen ; Monthly Medal.
Mar. 3.—Oxford *v.* Cambridge, at Sandwich (by kind permission of the St. George's Golf Club).
North West Club (Londonderry) : Gentlemen ; Monthly Medal.
West Middlesex : "Bogey" Tournament.
King's Norton : Monthly Challenge Cup.
Redhill and Reigate : Monthly Medal.
Wakefield : Lee Cup.
Glamorganshire : Medal Competition.
Fairfield : Monthly Medal.
Sidcup : Monthly Medal (First Class).
Minchinhampton : Monthly Medal.
Bowdon : The Captain's Cup.
London Scottish : Monthly Medal.
Leicester : Monthly Medal.
Birkdale : Mrs. Coney's Prize.
County Down : Captain's Prize.
Royal Liverpool : Winter Optionals.
Manchester : Monthly Medal.
Tooting : Monthly Medal.
Holmes Chapel : Monthly Medal.
Chester : Monthly Competition.
Brighton and Hove : The Berens Gold Medal.
Macclesfield : Club Monthly Handicap.
Aldeburgh : Monthly Medal.
Clacton : Monthly Medal.
Mar. 5.—Hunstanton : Monthly Medal.
Mar. 6.—Carnarvonshire : Monthly Medal.
Royal Cornwall Ladies : Monthly Medal.
Mar. 7.—Oxford University : President's Gold Medal ; General Meeting at 5.30, in Exeter College.
King's Norton : Ladies ; Challenge Prize.
Pau : Duke of Hamilton's Medal and Pendant.

- Mar. 7.—Lyme Regis : Monthly Medal.
Blackheath Ladies : Monthly Medal.
Mar. 9.—Pau : T. A. Havemeyer Prize.
Mar. 10.—Littlestone : Monthly Medal.
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Sutton Coldfield : Monthly Medal.
Royal Isle of Wight : Monthly Medal.
Southport : Monthly Competition.
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Pau : Annual Meeting to elect Officers.
Wilmslow : Haworth Cup and Scratch Medal.
West Herts : Monthly Medal.
Edinburgh University : Challenge Cup and Shield (Musselburgh).
County Down : Railway Cup.
Manchester : Monthly Medal (Winners' Final).
Hayling : Monthly Medal.
Cumbrae : Monthly Medal.
Weston-Super-Mare Ladies : Monthly Medal.
Crookham : "Bogey" Competition.
Seaton Carew : Monthly Medal.
Derby : Struss Trophy ; Monthly Medal.
Macclesfield *v.* Disley (at Macclesfield).
Mar. 12.—Pau : Ladies ; Ville de Pau Gold Medal.
Chesterford Park : Monthly Medal.
Cumbrae : Ladies' Medal.
Royal Eastbourne : The Hambro' Challenge Bowl.
Mar. 13.—Birkdale : Miss Burton's Prize.
West Cornwall Ladies : Monthly Medal.
Mar. 13 & 20.—Carnarvonshire : Subscription "Bogey" Cup.
Mar. 14.—Porthcawl *v.* St. Fagan's.
Mar. 15, 16, & 17.—Sheffield and District : Captain's Cup.
Mar. 16.—Pau : Ladies ; Ville de Pau Silver Medal.
Mar. 16 & 17.—Littlehampton : Monthly Medal.
Mar. 17.—Cambridge University *v.* St. Neots (at St. Neots).
North West Club (Londonderry) : Ladies ; Monthly Medal.
King's Norton : "Bogey" Competition for Captain's Prize.
Brighton and Hove : The De Worms Challenge Cup.
Headingley : Monthly Medal.
Wakefield : Monthly Medal.
Glamorganshire : Club Cup.
Rochester : Monthly Medal.
Sidcup : Monthly Medal (Second Class).
Eltham : Monthly Medal.
Minchinhampton : "Bogey" Competitions.
Worlington and Newmarket : "Worlington" Monthly Medal.
Beckenham : Monthly Medal.
Formby : Optional Subscription Prize.
Disley : Winter Silver Medal.
County Down : Captain's Prize and Club Handicap.
Royal Epping Forest : Quarterly Medals (First and Second Class).
Seaford : Monthly Medal.
Harrogate : Monthly Medal.
Manchester : Captain's Cup.

PROFESSIONAL MATCH AT FURZEDOWN.

ROLLAND V. TOM DUNN.

On Saturday on the links of the Tooting Bec Golf Club, at Furzedown, an important match was played between the above well known professionals. Much interest was attached in Metropolitan golfing circles to the contest, as both players are known to be brilliant exponents of two different styles of play; Rolland being celebrated for his long play, both from the tee and through the course, and Dunn for neatness and finish all round. Rolland who has for some years been professional at Limpsfield Chart, has several times been round Furzedown course, and, as is well-known to golfers, Dunn is the local professional. The match consisted of two rounds of eighteen holes—thirty-six holes in all, and the ordinary course, considerably stretched out by lengthening the tees, was played. Indeed at several of the holes the tee was placed back from twenty to thirty yards, thus adding to the difficulty of a by no means easy course, which is studded with a very respectable quantity of natural and artificial bunkers, apart altogether from the frequent risks of going out of bounds. The course, owing to the recent frost and the subsequent thaw, was somewhat heavy, but Dunn had spared no pains to get the greens in fine condition. The weather was all that could be desired, being spring-like and sunny. A large company of 500 or 600 persons, including many lady golfers from Wimbledon and the neighbourhood around, followed the players on both rounds, and watched every stroke with keen interest until the end. Among those present were Mr. Hanbury, Mr. H. Jackson, Mr. Tamplin, Mr. Graham King, Mr. J. D. Matthew, Mr. Newnes, M.P., Mr. Seton-Karr, M.P., Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P., Mr. T. W. Legh, M.P., Mr. W. Laidlaw Purves, Hon. R. Brougham, Mr. Felix Barry, Mr. R. N. Ferguson, Mr. Dunbar Duncan ("Niblick"), Mr. H. T. Anstruther, M.P., Col. Gathorne Hardy, Mr. Dudley Ward, Mr. J. J. W. Deuchar, of the Royal Norwich Golf Club, Peter Paxton, John and Gourlay Dunn, and R. B. Wilson, the professional at Beckenham. Mr. J. P. Croal officiated carefully and efficiently as umpire. It may be mentioned that the play was for a substantial stake subscribed by the members of the Tooting Bec Club. Rolland's score of 74 on the first round, which includes three 2's, breaks the record of the green, which stood at 75, and having regard to all the circumstances, is considered a marvellous performance. The "Bogey," or scratch score is 80, and as will be seen, Dunn exceeded it by three. The play on the second round was faster than in the forenoon, and the two players were more equalised, coming out respectively 82 and 87. The result of the match was to leave Dunn down 5 with 4 to play, and though many were disappointed at his defeat, yet all admitted that he showed fine form, and that both he and his formidable opponent gave a splendid exposition of the game.

Play was begun at half past ten o'clock. Both got well away from the tee, but Dunn took 3 to reach the green, whereas his opponent, with a magnificent second shot, carried on to the edge of it. Dunn played his approach very prettily in the odd, and secured a half in 5. The tee shots to the second hole were both heeled somewhat. Rolland's second, another fine, low brassie shot, unfortunately landed him in some casual water lying in the hollow facing the green, but he got well out of the difficulty. Both were on the green in 3. Dunn with his fourth made a very pretty putt, and this enabled him to halve the hole, again in 5, the "Bogey" figure. The course to the third hole is long and risky. The tee shots carried the bunker 150 yards off, but Dunn's was much shorter than Rolland's. He took 3 to get to the green, and taking 1 more to get down, Rolland won the hole by 5 to 6, and thus stood 1 up. Facing the fourth tee is a long square pond, and the line of play, possesses some of the same risks as those to the third green, though the hole is a much shorter one. Both shots were clean and straight, and the players each reached the green in 2. Rolland, however, failed in one of his putts, and Dunn holing in 4, as against his opponent's 5, equalised the match. Going to the fifth hole, also a short one, Rolland did not get very well away, while Dunn drove a long pretty ball. Rolland's second with the iron was, however, a magnificent approach. Dunn's, on the other hand, was short, and the result was again to place Rolland 1 up with 4 for the hole as against Dunn's 5. The drive in each case to the sixth hole was a long one, the Limpsfield professional going straight down the indicated line of play, while the local man went somewhat to the left. Rolland's second was another long shot, clear over the "Island" pond and landing on the green. Dunn took 3 to get up, and 2 more to get down, whereas his opponent putted out with his third, being thus 2 up. The seventh hole is a short one, but the drive has to clear part of the "Island" pond. Rolland's cleek shot took him hole-high to the left, while Dunn's was slightly heeled.

Dunn, however, got on the green, which is on a slope, in 2. Rolland's approach was too strong, and he had to play again. He just missed going down, the ball rolling round the edge of the hole. Dunn's third was too short; the hole was halved in 4. The course to the eighth green is both picturesque and dangerous. It can be covered with a good drive and a full cleek or iron shot, but the approach requires considerable caution, the green being faced by a bunker and bounded on the further side by the Graveney brook, which intersects the course. Both players were on the green in 2 after long drives, Rolland's approach being very neat. His third left the ball just on the lip of the hole, while Dunn's was very much short. With a long putt to haive, he succeeded, however, amid cheers, in getting down. The ninth hole is a fairly long one, and the Graveney has to be crossed, as well as a possibility of out of bounds to be guarded against on the right. Both took short straight drives, and with their second landed on the green, Dunn's being a beautifully driven ball. He took two on the green, the first being a longish putt; while Rolland required 3 to get down. The game at the turn thus left the Limpsfield professional 1 up. Going to the tenth hole, a medium distance, the brook has again to be crossed. Dunn got well away, but Rolland's drive was scuffed and did not go far. The local professional consequently had the advantage, and holed out in 4 as against Rolland's 5, and thus again made matters even. The eleventh hole is known as "Hole Across," a very suitable designation for a course which includes such risks for unfortunate play as "grips," a running brook, ditches, a hedge, and a bunker. A fair drive, however, may avoid the bulk of these. The tee is on elevated ground, and the green is situated in a corner bounded on the approaching side by the bunker and ditch referred to, and backed by a formidable hawthorn hedge, so that great care is required in approaching if strokes are desired to be saved. This explanation is necessary in order to indicate Rolland's magnificent drive, which, amid the cheers of the company, landed his ball on the green within a couple of yards of the hole. It was all carry, and from the tee to where the ball pitched, the distance is considerably over 200 yards. Holing out with his second against Dunn's 4, Rolland again stood 1 up. The twelfth is a long hole, about 400 yards, and the course has been made more formidable recently by the erection of an Alpine bunker about 130 yards from the tee. Both players got well away with long drives, and got pretty well up in 2. It, however, took Rolland, who had the advantage of the approach, 5 to hole out, and Dunn 6, the former being now 2 up. The thirteenth, or "Rectory" hole, is about the same length as the twelfth, requiring quite two full shots to reach the green, and the course is intersected by two bunkers, while there is here, again, the additional risk of getting out of bounds with a sliced ball. The players got well away from the tee, both having long drives. The intermediate play was not remarkable, and Rolland, with 4 against Dunn's 5, added another hole to his credit. Rolland, in going to the fourteenth hole, gave another fine illustration of his great driving power. He had plenty of room, and drove one of the longest balls of the round. Dunn just cleared the ditch, and got a bad lie in a recent cart-rut. He, however, got well out of it with his mashie, and reached the green with his third, Rolland having with his second got rather wide of it to the left. Though he made a good approach, he was left to play the odd. His putting was somewhat loose, and the result was 5 for Dunn and 6 for Rolland, the former figure being "Bogey." This left Rolland 2 up. The fifteenth hole is separated from the tee by the same difficulties as intervene in going to the eleventh, and is, moreover, situated in an irregular hollow, guarded on the approach side by whins. Here, again, Rolland smote one of his sweetest and longest balls, accompanied by wonderful precision. His tee shot landed him on the green, close to the hole, and he was down in 2. Dunn's performance was very creditable too. Though his drive was short, he reached the green in 2, and putted out with his third—also a fine piece of play. Rolland was thus again 3 up. The sixteenth green lies away on the other side of the Graveney, and requires careful approaching. Dunn got into difficulties with his drive, which landed his ball in a dry ditch. He, however, secured a clear drop on the side of the adjoining cart-road, and reached the green with his third, Rolland being there in 2. Both took 2 more to putt out, and Rolland was thus 4 up. He almost reached the seventeenth green with his drive, while Dunn was short, and wide to the right, and took 3 to get on the green. Rolland with his third just missed the hole, but won with 4, against Dunn's 5. The "Home" green was driven by the Limpsfield professional with a splendid, clean hit ball, which lay within a yard of the hole. Dunn, on the other hand, again drove short to the right, and required 4 to get down. Rolland, with so easy a putt, repeated his brilliant performances at the eleventh and fifteenth holes, getting down in 2, and being thus 6 up on the first round of the match.

The scores for the eighteen holes were:—

Rolland—Out	...	5	5	5	5	4	3	4	4	5=40	} 74
In	...	5	2	5	4	6	2	4	4	2=34	
Dunn — Out	...	5	5	6	4	5	5	4	4	4=42	} 83
In	...	4	4	6	5	5	3	5	5	4=41	

After luncheon, play was resumed at half-past two o'clock. Though the second portion of the match was noteworthy for some pieces of fine play, there was nothing in it which approached the almost sensational achievements of Rolland in the forenoon. It was, however, noteworthy for the plucky uphill fight which Dunn made to reduce the heavy odds against him, and at one time hopes were entertained by not a few that Dunn was going to make a very close match of it. At the turn the players were all even, five of the nine holes having been halved. Then Dunn came away with a strong game, and carried off the next three holes, the eleventh being taken in 3, a remarkably fine piece of play. The "Rectory" hole, however, proved to be the crucial one of the match, for Dunn, with 3 down and 6 to play, most unaccountably sliced his ball badly, got over the fence out of bounds, had to lift, tee, and lose two, taking 7 to the hole, which went to Rolland in a somewhat indifferent 5. 4 down and 5 to play made Dunn's task a somewhat hopeless one, and Rolland playing at the top of his game reached the green of the "Long Ditch" hole in 2 very fine shots, holed in 4, and won the match amid cheers by 5 and 4 to play. The scores for the second round were:—

Rolland—Out ...	5	6	5	3	5	5	4	4	5=42	} 82
In ...	5	4	7	5	4	3	5	4	3=40	
Dunn—Out ...	6	6	5	3	4	4	5	4	5=42	} 85
In ...	4	3	6	7	5	5	4	5	4=43	

After the match was over an adjournment was made by a large number of the members to the large dining hall of the club. Here Mr. J. P. Crael presented the winner with the fruits of his victory, and in a brief speech paid a well-deserved tribute to both players for the manner in which the contest had been conducted, and for the fine all-round exposition of the game which had been afforded. Dunn, on behalf of himself and Rolland, expressed the indebtedness of both players for the manner in which the club had treated them, Rolland especially desiring to say how much he had appreciated the generosity and kindly welcome he had received. Three cheers for each of the players and one cheer for the umpire brought an interesting day's proceedings to a close.

EDINBURGH UNITED INSURANCE GOLF CLUB.—A meeting of delegates from the several Insurance Offices of Edinburgh was held in the Life Association of Scotland rooms last week. The following offices were represented:—Scottish Equitable, Caledonian, Scottish Accident, Scottish Metropolitan, Alliance, Scottish Provident, Edinburgh Life, Scottish Widows, Scottish Life, Standard, Scottish Union and National, North British and Mercantile, and Life Association of Scotland. The committee who were appointed to draw up the rules for the constitution of the club laid their draft before the meeting. These rules, after a few alterations, were unanimously adopted. The following office-bearers were appointed for this year:—Captain, Mr. John M'Culloch (Standard); vice-captain, Mr. C. M. Henderson (North British and Mercantile); and secretary and treasurer, Mr. James Sanderson (Life Association). These office-bearers were appointed to draw up for approval the rules necessary for the competition of the Edinburgh Insurance Golf Trophy, and they were also empowered to receive designs and estimates for this trophy.

LEVEN THISTLE CLUB.—The annual general meeting of the members of the club was held in the club-room on Tuesday evening, February 20th, when there was a large attendance. The reports of the secretary and treasurer showed that the affairs of the club were prospering. Sixty-six new members had joined during the past year, and the membership is now 260. The finances of the club are also in a very healthy state, a sum of £40 being in the bank. The meeting next elected the office-bearers for the year. Mr. William Robertson was unanimously elected captain, on Mr. John C. Rolland, the retiring captain, intimating that he did not desire to act another year. Mr. J. T. Ireland was re-elected secretary, and Mr. Peter Ballingal treasurer. The old council were also all re-elected. The meeting agreed that it was necessary to obtain a club-house, and remitted it to the council to elect three of a committee, who were to report to a general meeting when they saw a likely chance of obtaining a suitable building.

GOLF IN ULSTER.—Inexpensive and enjoyable. Exceedingly mild Winter climate. Unsurpassed Eighteen-hole Seaside Courses. Portrush, Co. Antrim; Portsalon and Rosapenna, Co. Donegal. Superior Hotel accommodation. Special arrangements for Golfers all the year round. Full particulars from Thos. Cook and Son, and H. Gaze and Sons, Tourist Agents; and in Belfast from G. L. Baillie, 21, Arthur Street, and E. J. Cotton, General Manager, Northern Counties Railway.

SUUM CUIQUE.

That one man is as good as another is a doctrine not accepted of the majority; indeed, there is scriptural authority for its refutation; for if all men were on an equality, the strong man armed need be under no apprehension for the safety of his goods. One man, therefore, is better than another; wherefore it is not unnatural to suppose that discussion as to relative merit may have engrossed attention, even in palæolithic ages, and in times when the cave bear was a power in the land. To come to the later days of gladiatorial display in the Colosseum, the query, *Thrax est Gallina Syro par?* was doubtless a topic of absorbing interest, such as might be evoked by a prospective battle-royal between, say, Andrew Kirkaldy and Douglas Rolland. Nevertheless, we are all familiar with George Herbert's description of comparisons, and to none are these more odious (as far as Golf is concerned) than to the *laudator temporis acti*, for by every known process of logical reasoning they make for the irrefragable proof that our present players are the superiors of their predecessors; and it is but in accordance with the natural law of development that this should be so. In every branch of sport records are continually in process of demolition. Somebody runs a hundred yards, the quarter, or a mile faster by a fifth part of a second than anybody else; Roberts tops the best break, or say Stoddart and Gunn run up an unparalleled score for the first wicket; whereupon the patrons, past and present, of these respective sports rejoice, and are exceeding glad. But is it so at Golf? Not a bit of it. Mr. Tait goes round St. Andrews Links in 72: does the *laudator temporis acti* hasten to the greengrocer for parsley, not omitting bays, to fashion him a crown withal? Not he. On the contrary, he sets himself to prove by every artifice known to him, that these things are not what they seem; that 72, no doubt, is a fair average sort of round, in no way particularly remarkable; in short, to crab and belittle the performance as far as in him lies appears to be his leading idea.

Needless to say, as was fully anticipated in the article describing Mr. Tait's record, full advantage has been taken of the fact that his score was not made on the exact medal round; the two or three holes that were easier being of course indicated, but those which were more difficult, and those (the majority) which were exactly identical being conveniently ignored, but as this part of the subject was noticed in the previous article, the ground need not be re-traversed. From this point of view one has never heard a satisfactory explanation of this fact—how came Hugh Kirkaldy to do his 74 on the medal round, and in the medal week?—to say nothing of his 73, which, if memory serves, was also done on the same course. None, least of all the present writer, will fail to do full justice to Mr. Glennie's medal score of 88, made in 1855, a score which remained unbeaten for twenty-four years. But in this last decade players have arisen, who—it is no disparagement to Mr. Glennie to say it—are stronger than he was; consequently it is only natural that his fine score should have been deposed. But it is most amusing to listen to the remarks by which it is sought to prove that each succeeding record medal score is not quite equal to the 88 aforesaid, so that, however low the figures ultimately become, and they are now at 79, Mr. Glennie's score in point of merit will still remain unbeaten. In some quarters there seems to be a total inability to appreciate evidence at its true value, to apprehend the nature of facts which stare one in the face. Thus in Mr. Tait's memorable round, he had two more holes to play; at this point one joined the throng, and asked "Has the play been good?" For reply he was told, "He was 36 out, and he's here in 27," on which came the singularly fatuous rejoinder, "Oh, that's very good play, isn't it?" On another occasion Mr. Laidlay had gone round in 80 or thereabouts, and was rather pleased with himself, but a *laudator* took it in high dudgeon, and proved, of course conclusively, that "in old days" that player could not have gone round in 90, and moreover that he was inferior by about a third to "some great public character," whose name (like "the prim

man in cloth boots") one has "unfortunately forgotten." With such logicians, reasoning is vain, and argument a futility, as was long ago pointed out by Carlyle, when insisting on the disadvantage of lingual, as compared with manual warfare. In the latter, "you front your foe with drawn weapon, and one right stroke is fatal; the man does honestly die and trouble you no more. But how different when it is with arguments you fight; here no victory can be considered as final. Beat him down till sense be fled, cut him in two, hanging one half on this dilemma horn, the other on that. . . . it skills not; to-morrow he repairs his golden fires; the thing that will logically extinguish him, is perhaps still a desideratum in constitutional civilisation. For how, till a man know in some measure at what point he becomes logically defunct, can Parliamentary business be carried on, and talk, cease, or slake?" True: the sage of Ecclefechan, N.B., hit the mark here; if a man tells you your tablecloth is black, when you are equally sure it is white, that is an *impasse*, and no more remains to be said, your wisest course being to let him depart in peace, lest a worse thing befall. Past and present cannot be compared save by their respective performances duly attested. When these conclusively show but one result, the reply is, the conditions are dissimilar, and it is therefore no test. You generally lost two or three strokes each way in Hell, for instance; therefore, that hole alone makes the round six strokes easier at the present day; and arguing in this way it is no difficult task, and rather amusing, to prove that the round is now twenty strokes less in value than of old; winning scores in 1851 and 1852 were 99, now they are 79 and 80; perhaps some day will see a medal won at 72, when, if ever, that occurs, the links will be 27 strokes easier than in 1851-2.—Q.E.D.

But how to account for the fact that some links have *not* altered to any appreciable extent, and yet the play has advanced far beyond the standard set in the good old days? One might instance, perhaps, Leven, or Blackheath, or Hoylake, the last of which has altered indeed, but in another way, having become some two or three strokes more difficult. Young Tom, at the zenith of his brilliant career in 1872, won the Tournament there with 167, 85 and 82, David Strath second with 168; but Messrs. Hilton and Ball would be tolerably sure to improve upon 167 by a round half-dozen or more of strokes, even on the more difficult course, if occasion demanded. Besides, the "old days" are prolific in winning scores, not only of 96-100, but well over that figure; in one instance 120 is recorded; how then is Mr. Durham's score of 94 to be accounted for, which was made in the year 1767; for the most inveterate *laudator* could scarcely contend with much show of reason that the links at that period were much easier than in the days of his own particular heroes. This lack of generosity and appreciation of really grand play at Golf alone among all sports is a singular fact, and one reflecting but little credit on the sportsmanlike feelings with which the average Briton is endowed; nay, more passing strange is it that almost without exception every good performance should be decried, and subjected to depreciatory criticism. What more could Mr. Tait have done than play, as he did, sixty-nine of his seventy-two strokes as perfectly as they could be played? What matters, to one like him, *where* the holes are, or what the links are like? With perfect Golf these things are of little import, and only to your erratic driver, off the line three times out of four, is the course nowadays infinitely easier than of old. But though mere argument is wasted, there remains one form of it which is often thought fairly satisfactory, and it is that known as *argumentum ad crumenam*, in short, the common bet, or wager. Therefore let these cavillers arrange St. Andrews course as it used to be in "the old days," by means of boundary stakes, or what not; let them name the old penalties for out of bounds, then let as many leading amateurs as possible (or professionals, too, for that matter) have a chance of showing whether or not they are the equals of past heroes whose performances have come down to us. We have little doubt that any reasonable sum of money would be forthcoming on behalf of our modern Champions, if the cavillers will take this practical view of the matter, and, in sporting phrase, are prepared to back their opinions. If not so prepared, habitual silence would be at least as becoming as the carping criticisms they are ever so ready to make.

H. S. C. EVERARD.



PROPOSAL FOR A GRAND MATCH.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—The thirty-six holes match at Furzedown on Saturday last, between Douglas Rolland and Tom Dunn, was a sight to be remembered by all who witnessed it.

Among the many players and admirers of the game of Golf a handsome purse might be subscribed, which would induce Douglas Rolland and Jack Simpson to play a foursome against any other two professionals, or any two amateurs.

The match to be thirty-six holes, on three different greens—say, St. Andrews, Sandwich, and Hayling Island.

If such a match could be arranged to be played when the greens are in good condition, there would be hundreds of on-lookers, and the golfing world would be abundantly gratified.

I am, Sir, &c.,
AN OLD GOLFER.

February 26th.

MR. LAIDLAY'S PROTOTYPE.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In your issue of the 9th February, Mr. H. G. Hutchinson is at a loss to know from whom Mr. Laidlay could have learned his style of playing Golf. I should think that about the time Mr. Laidlay was at Loretto School he may have seen a member of the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers who played regularly on the links of Musselburgh in very much the same style as he himself does now. This gentleman was the late Robert Cowan, of Edinburgh, who hailed originally from Leith, in the days when those links turned out some of the finest players in Scotland, such as John Wood, Goddard, Hardie, and many others. Mr. Cowan was a very neat player, and his position was the same as Mr. Laidlay adopts now. He was, I think, more than once captain of the Honourable Company, and died a few years ago.

I am, Sir, &c.,
B. B.

SHAPE OF CLUBS AND POSITION.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I have seen a letter in your valuable paper from Mr. Purves, from which it appears that he considers it necessary to add to the laws of Golf two new rules, one to define the shape of the clubs that may be used, and another to say in what position the player is to stand when striking.

I think I am right in supposing that most experienced golfers consider the clubs now used the best that can be produced for their different purposes, and, moreover, that the positions generally adopted by the leading players are those most likely to lead to a successful stroke. I conclude too that the theory of the game is to force the ball from the tee into the hole with the fewest possible strokes, and with the clubs that

will do it best. This being so, perhaps Mr. Purves will tell us what difficulties he can foresee for any committee to contend with.

If a player uses a club of a peculiar shape, or stands in a peculiar position, he will be the only one to suffer for it; and it is not likely the game will deteriorate from young players copying an unsuccessful style. If, on the other hand, the peculiar club, or the peculiar position be effective, there is surely the possibility of the club being better than those now used for its special purpose, and of the position being the correct one; it appears to me the disease, if there be one, will remedy itself without the assistance of a prescription from the authorities.

The laws already provide that a ball must be struck, not pushed, thus doing away with the argument that a club could be used like a billiard cue, but they wisely leave it to the player's own judgment to stand in any position it suits him, and to strike the ball with any club with which he finds he can best regulate its flight; if he chooses to play sitting down or standing on his head, he may do so, and will be the only loser by his "innovation."

I understand Mr. Hilton, when putting, grasps his club almost at the head, his hands a few inches from the ground, his body bent double; this is an "innovation," and a new position, and possibly might be against a new rule, but the question is, does it injure the game?

The old school of golfers, men who have played all their lives, whom I used to see as boys at St. Andrews and elsewhere in the North, are deservedly proud of the laws of the game, which in their present simple state have been proved to work so excellently; these men are now far outnumbered by the new school, men who have mostly begun to play in the last few years, and capital players many of them are; but though the new players are welcomed, I question whether the new rules would be; in fact, a very strong reason should be proved before any attempt is made to alter or add to the present code.

I am, Sir, &c.,
SENEX.

SOLUTION FOR PRESERVING CLUBS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I saw in a lately published work on Golf that the writer recommends the use of a fluid composed of gutta-percha, dissolved in ether, for preserving wooden clubs in wet weather, and he gives some seemingly plain directions for the manufacture thereof.

Now, I have tried two or three different kinds of gutta-percha and a couple of sorts of ether, but I have failed to make the required solution. Can some of your readers tell me how it is done?

I am, Sir, &c.

ALEX. W. SHAW,
President and Captain.

Limerick Golf Club, Limerick,
February 19th.

INNOVATIONS IN SCORING.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—All old golfers must indeed deplore the all-round and bold-faced innovations which are almost daily being thrust upon their Royal and Ancient Game. But, Sir, we must move with the times. We all, or at any rate most of us (excepting perhaps "A Conservative Player"), have got our bread to earn. Nevertheless, despite this, I for one can sympathise with "A Conservative Player," as I love Golf, and, to use a school-boy expression, I hate "cribbing." But has not he cried out rather before he was hurt? After all, the "innovation in scoring" which has somewhat upset him, only applies to ladies' matches under the Ladies' Golf Union, and, surely, what ladies decide to do amongst themselves cannot possibly hurt him, nor can it affect the game of Golf. I have

out of curiosity, however, carefully analysed Dr. Purves' theory, and it appears to me to be utterly illogical. His remedy for "jockeying" in matches (which be it be remembered is diplomacy only, and liable to come to hopeless grief) is by jockeying the score, thus making the remedy far worse than the disease. But, joking apart, if my Brummagem brothers are not content with the game of Golf as laid down by the St. Andrews Club, why do not they leave it alone, or at any rate follow my example and call the game of their fancy by some other name? I hope before long to introduce several excellent games to be played with Golf Clubs and Balls. They will, as each is introduced, receive the most fashionable name (other than "Golf"), my brain can concoct, and will be duly patented. Dr. Purves' game may be very good, and will no doubt be popular and fashionable, but I would (of course without prejudice) suggest "Rubicon Golf," as the most appropriate name, for it is no more "Golf" than "Cork Pool" or "Snooker" are Billiards.

Sir,
I COME FROM SHEFFIELD.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

EXMOUTH.—Assuming that the play is under the St. Andrews Rules, a rabbit-scraps comes within the definition of a "hazard," and the player must play the ball in match play where it lies, or give up the hole. In medal play he is allowed to lift and tee, counting two as the penalty. The match play rule is somewhat hard and unfair; and this fact has been recognised by some of our leading clubs, which have adopted local by-laws dealing with this particular form of hazard alone, and a drop of a club-length behind, with the penalty of a stroke, is imposed. At Wimbledon, lifting out of a rabbit-scraps is permitted without penalty. The St. Andrews Rules allow a player to drop as far behind the hazard as he pleases. It is a question suitable for local treatment, and the club-length limit is the more just distance.

SOUTHDOWN AND BRIGHTON LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The annual general meeting took place on Thursday, February 22nd, and was well attended; among those present being, Mrs. Campbell, in the chair, Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Bridge, Mrs. Gordon Dill, Mrs. Sanderson, Miss Sherlock, and Miss Blanche Martin. Owing to his health, Major Campbell has been obliged to resign his post as manager of the greens, but continues kindly to act as hon. treasurer. A green committee will be formed, and in consequence of Major Campbell's resignation a more expensive ground-man will be engaged. The subscription of the residents has been raised to meet this additional expense, and donations from non-resident members will be gratefully received by Miss Blanche Martin, hon. secretary, South View, Hassocks. A vote of cordial thanks was passed to Major Campbell for all his interest and hard work in connection with the links. Mrs. J. Gordon Dill was elected to be captain of the club in 1894, and Miss M. Fair to be vice-captain. The links will be opened in April, and the balance of last year's account will be expended in improvements.

BULWOOD GOLF CLUB, RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—The committee of this club have decided to admit the first one hundred members at an annual subscription of one guinea only, and without entrance fee. The Easter meeting of the club takes place on Monday, March 26th next. For the information of our readers who are unacquainted with this part of the country, we may mention that Rayleigh is about six miles from Southend, and is reached from London by a capital service of fast trains in about sixty minutes, the return fare being only 4s. 4d., available for four days. The course consists of eighteen holes, and a great feature is that there is no crossing. The links are situated on a private estate, the ground being of a very undulating nature, and from every part of the course the most delightful views are obtained, extending to the sea. The honorary secretary is Mr. Arthur Green, 9, Warwick Court, Grays Inn, London, from whom all information, &c., can be obtained. A full description of the links will be found in the "Golfing Annual" for the current year.

"SCOTSMAN" CLUB.—The monthly medal of this club was played for on February 21st, and was won by Mr. H. Arnott with the score of 86, less 3=83. Mr. H. Neilson was second with 91, less 5=86.



If Rolland does not win the Championship this year it will not be for lack of playing capability. Nothing finer has been done, even by this fine player, than his first round in the match against Tom Dunn on Saturday. He admitted to the writer that he was at present playing a third better than he had ever done before. His balls off the tee in the crisp, sunny breeze of the morning hurtled through the air with that musical rush of far and sure which is sweetest sound to the golfing ear. His prodigious carries raised murmurs of astonishment among many Southern golfers who had never seen any of our leading professionals play before, while his cleek shots out of heavy lies were heartbreaking to witness, so clean and far were they hit. Twice in the round he must have carried over 200 yards; and the green, being a little heavy, was all in favour of his abundant muscular power.

Dunn, therefore, had no ordinary everyday task to try and clip the wings of such an antagonist. To be compelled to play the odd after every tee shot, and until the hole-side is reached, is, to use the words of a spectator of the match on Saturday, "enough to drag the heart out of a lion." But all the same, it was interesting to watch the two styles of play, the one (to use Mr. Everard's happy phrase) typical of the wood age, and the other of the iron age. Dunn's style recalls the days of his father and uncle, of Jamie Anderson, and of old Willie Park—neatness of finish, grace and precision. Rolland has enormous power combined with a high degree of skill; but he has not the same poise and finish of the older school of players. Rolland, too, has been playing lately a series of tough matches against brother-professionals, and is in the pink of playing condition. Dunn has only played one or two singles of note at intervals since he beat Dave Strath, the formidable opponent of Young Tom. Rolland, too, must be reckoned with by "blithe billies who drive at the ba," in another department of the game besides driving. He used to be notoriously casual at the hole-side, and had difficulty in holing comparatively easy putts. Recently his putting has improved immensely, and many times on Saturday he holed putts quite confidently with a wooden putter, the distance of a club, or a club and a half, off the hole. In this way he neutralised Dunn's efforts to keep hold of him, because Dunn had to depend on his fine approaching and sure putting (also with a wooden putter) as a method of counteracting the fifty additional yards of his opponent's tee shot.

The gathering of the professionals at the Open Championship at Sandwich in June, will afford metropolitan clubs an unexampled opportunity of arranging a few matches over their home greens. There will be the Kirkaldies, Rolland, Willie

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Park, Fernie, Herd, Taylor, and many more; so that if clubs with private courses wish to show their members, in the words of the song, that "The airt o't 's the pairt o't whaur gowffin' is seen," there ought not to be much difficulty in getting a small purse together for a match, say, between Rolland and Willie Park, or Fernie and A. Kirkaldy.

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Among the Golf clubs recently opened, the Neasden Golf Club deserves a word of notice. It is an eighteen-hole course on land belong to Mr. South, veterinary-surgeon, at Neasden House. The green is five minutes' walk from the railway station, and the trains to and from Baker Street are frequent. In the first few months of the club's existence, the membership already numbers 200, and though the accommodation in the mansion house for members is at present ample and well appointed, the proprietor contemplates making certain alterations in order to place further facilities within the reach of members. With careful and judicious open-trench drainage and the raising of some of the low lying putting-greens, and liberally sanded thereafter, the course will improve very rapidly. Not many finer views are to be had on any Golf course than the view of the country surrounding Hendon and the Welsh Harp to be had from some of the holes on the top of the hill. Milne, a good player from Montrose, is the professional attached to the club.

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"English Commons and Forests" is the title of Mr. Shaw Lefevre's book just published, in which he gives an account of his great victory all along the line in the conflict which for thirty years he has waged on behalf of the public rights and interests in commons. There is now, he alleges, no danger of these being filched away as they have so often been in the past by Lords of the Manor, the Statute of Merton of 1235, under which this was so often done, being repealed by an Act of the past Session of Parliament. In justice, Mr. Shaw Lefevre ought to point out that we are indebted to the House of Lords, whose dealing, in the Copyhold Act of 1887, with the privilege usually exercised by Lords of the Manor of making grants of common land in new copyhold, called attention to the best method of dealing with the larger question of statutory right under the Merton Statute. No new copyhold tenure of the kind can now be granted, and grants in freshhold can only take place with the consent of the Land Commissioners now represented by the Board of Agriculture, and on evidence that they will be for the public benefit. In the history of his struggle, Mr. Shaw Lefevre gives particular notice to Epping Forest, Berkhamstead, Wanstead, Tooting, Coulsdon, Dartford, Banstead, Wigley, Malverna, and Walton, and claims that the Commons Preservation Society, of which, since its formation in 1865, he has generally been president, has the credit of victory in regard to each as against the claims of the Lords of Manors. It is a pity the good work was not begun sooner. In England and in Scotland many commons have gone from the people because the Lords of the Manor bought up the common rights very often after getting their owners hopelessly into debt when they were helpless. Now their poor descendants have to pay the piper if they want, say, a day's Golf.

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Messrs. D. McEwan and Sons have done a spirited thing in issuing an illustrated guide to Edinburgh. It is capitally done, and as an advertisement we hope it will be a great success. The name of McEwan does not, however, need advertising. It is perhaps the best known of all names in the Edinburgh district, and many there are who, after all the new developments, swear firmly by McEwan. Now, when the firm is established not only at the old Bruntfield "howff"—Wright's Houses—where they began in 1770, in the palmy Bruntfield days of Golf, but also at Musselburgh, at Chingford in Essex, and Formby in Lancashire, golfers may see what work they can turn out and test it for themselves. No more gentlemanly specimen of humanity can be found than the senior partner of the firm, and as a proof of his good feeling we have heard the promoter of the Gullane famous Tournament tell how quietly he slipped a sovereign into his hand to help the object for which the tournament was held—doing good by stealth—the best feature of all. Young Douglas is coming to the front as a

player who will keep up the reputation of the firm. Hutchison, the successful club-maker at North Berwick, is also by marriage one of this noted family.

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Not the least interesting portion of the book is the page in which Messrs. McEwan give a modest history of their remarkable club-making business. The firm was founded so far back as 1770, by Mr. James McEwan, near Bruntsfield Links (whose glories, alas! have departed since the opening of the Braids). This branch of the business is still open, under the capable management of W. Doleman, who has seen a long generation of golfers come in and out of his modest workshop at Wright's Houses. The business has passed through five generations of McEwans, the present representatives being Mr. Peter McEwan and Mr. Douglas McEwan, both splendid players. There are also members of the McEwan family attached as club-makers to the Royal Epping Forest Golf Club at Chingford, and at Formby in Lancashire. May it long continue to flourish! The book is published by Robinson, Son and Pike, 38, Duke Street, Brighton; and we advise golfers to send for a copy.

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The great sensation caused by the sale of the Eglinton family jewels, which at Christie, Manson, and Wood's, last week, realised £6,050, was not without a certain interest to those who know the history of Golf, and its claim to ancient royal patronage. The second "sensation" of the sale was the disposal of a suite consisting of a necklace, earrings, and brooch, which, according to tradition, formerly belonged to Mary Queen of Scots. The necklace is composed of fourteen enamelled gold clusters, set with pearls, rubies, and enamels, and is said to have been given, together with a picture by Holbein, which now hangs in Eglinton Castle, to Mary Seton by Mary Queen of Scots. The necklace and picture were brought into the Eglinton family by the marriage of a Montgomery with the heir of the Setons in or about the year 1611. The father of the late Lord Eglinton found the Mary Stuart necklace and the Holbein in the muniment room at Eglinton Castle. The lot was put up at £300, and knocked down to Mr. Phillips at £365. It was expected to bring a much larger sum, but among the experts it got whispered about that the necklace contained only a small portion of the original ornaments which were in it, and that the bulk of the jewels had been skilfully made to match those which were genuine.

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How does Golf have a "look in" at this sensation? In this way. Mary Seton (one of the Queen's Maries) to whom the necklace was presented, was either the half-sister or the daughter of the fifth Earl of Seton, whose devotion to the unfortunate Queen of Scots Sir Walter Scott has portrayed in "The Abbot." After Darnley's murder, the Queen spent some days at Seton Castle in East Lothian, one of the mansions of her devoted adherent, and Bothwell, a connection of the Setons, appears to have been there at the same time, and there it is said their marriage contract was signed. As showing Mary's indifference to the fate of Darnley, it was stated that she was seen *playing Golf* and Pall Mall in the fields beside Seton (not St. Andrews, as Andrew Lang says in the "Badminton" Golf volume). No doubt Mary Seton knew the game, and played with the Scots Queen at the time, and the necklace may have been given in memory of some lost Golf match, as well as a proof of affection. That is only conjecture; but that Mary was a golfer, and that Golf was played at the famous residence of the Seton family in East Lothian at that time are historical facts.

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The Rothesay Golf Club, of which Mr. A. Graham Murray, Q.C., M.P., is captain, is to have a Bazaar in the first week of April, to liquidate the debt existing against the Club, and to raise funds further to improve the Westland course. "Golf," say the promoters, "has of late become so popular a game that a good course is practically essential for every holiday resort. The Committee therefore hope that in their endeavour to provide proper facilities for a game which is such a source of attraction to so many of our visitors they will meet with the hearty support and co-operation not only of golfers, but

also of all interested in maintaining the popularity of Rothesay." We cordially support their appeal, and recommend all who love this favourite Scottish watering-place to send their contributions to Mr. A. M'Millan, Bank of Scotland, treasurer of the scheme, or to Mr. D. Munro, 5, Albert Place, Rothesay, the secretary. The Glenburn Hydropathic, which is near the Golf Course and was burned down some years ago, has recently been rebuilt at a cost of £40,000. It is a splendid residence.

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The members of the Edinburgh Golf Clubs held their fifth annual dance last Wednesday, in the Assembly Rooms, George Street. Over a hundred couples took part in the dancing, and the assembly proved a great success, dancing being carried on, to the music of Mr. Shepperd's band, till a late hour in the morning. The gathering was of a representative character, all the principal Edinburgh Clubs being represented, there being over a hundred couples present. Dr. Squire Allen (Mortonhall Club) officiated as master of ceremonies, and was assisted by Messrs. Sinclair (Burgess), Holmes (Viewforth), W. M'Niven (Licensed Victuallers), and H. Craigie (Braids), the hon. secretary. A noticeable feature in connection with the dance was the tasteful decoration of the Music Hall, in which supper was served, the walls and front of the gallery being draped in chocolate and blue. Mr. J. B. Strahan purveyed, and the music was supplied by Mr. Shepperd's orchestra.

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Messrs. Anderson and Sons, Edinburgh, have introduced an improved facing for their clubs, which is likely to supersede leather. In appearance it is like ordinary bone, but it makes the ball go much farther, and is used also in place of the bone itself. Some who have tried it pronounce strongly in its favour.

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Mr. A. Stuart, the ex-Champion of Ireland, addressed a political meeting in the Assembly Rooms, Glasgow, on Thursday last, and had a good reception. He is likely again to stand for one of the Glasgow Divisions at the forthcoming general election, which, as not only the glue but also the *whipping*, appears to be giving way, is likely to be soon.

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Mr. George Smith, a well-known Portobello builder, has just died in his eighty-third year. He was very delicate when young, and on his doctor's advice went in for Golf and other outdoor sports, and his long life has been a testimony that the doctor was right. Mr. Smith took a keen interest in Golf at Portobello, and was a well-known figure on Luffness and other greens.

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The Edinburgh Company of the Volunteer Medical Staff Corps are this year to form a spring camp in the grounds of Archerfield, kindly granted to them by Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton-Ogilvy. The camp will continue from Wednesday, 23rd May, till Thursday, the 28th. Mr. Law has again taken Archerfield for the summer months, and enters on the 22nd May. Mr. John Penn, M.P., resumes possession in August, and under both gentlemen Adam Johnstone is to continue in charge of the Golf green, which requires a good deal of attention. The local Archerfield Club have just decided to spend a good sum on the repair of the putting-greens and Golf course.

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Filial respect does not affect the result of Golf competitions. At the last competition of the Haddington Golf Club, Mr. G. McNeill won the Ross medal. His father had won it twice

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previously, and had he won it on this occasion it would have become his absolute property. Thanks to the son's score, the medal still remains the property of the club.

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Mr. Aikman, who is known to golfers as a Golf artist, has, in the 'Royal Scottish Academy (No. 331) an excellent picture showing the negotiation of a stimy.

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Messrs. Wm. Currie and Co., Caledonian Rubber Works, Edinburgh, are the patentees of an admirable india-rubber golf grip which was noticed in these columns some time ago. Though greatly appreciated by golfers, one of the drawbacks connected with its more extensive use was the great difficulty in putting it on the shaft of the club. This difficulty has now been overcome owing to the firm making the grip in a spiral form. The result is that a player can fix the grips on the shafts with ease, as the spiral form of the construction clings naturally round the handle of the club. When wrapped tightly round, a piece of whipping at the top and the bottom, as in the leather grip, is all that is needed to fix the rubber. The grip is not only smooth and soft, preventing the blistering tendency in unhardened hands, but it guarantees security from slipping. The grip is made in red and black, one thick and the other thin, the retail price for the thin grip being ninepence each, and for the thick a shilling. These grips ought to supply a much felt want.

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The hon. secretary of the Cinque Ports Golf Club, Deal, writes with reference to the verses of poetry which we published last week from a Deal caddie.—“You will be pleased to learn that Wm. Brown, the Deal caddie, whose capital verses you published in your last issue, is a player of great promise. He won a caddie's competition at Deal with the very good score of 90.”

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In the competition in last week's issue headed Colchester Garrison v. the Rest, the heading Bentley Green Golf Club was inadvertently omitted.

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A correspondent writes:—“There were recently inquiries in your journal as to the existence of a Golf course at Weymouth. Since then the links have been opened on a very lovely spot, one and a-half miles from the town (East Chickerell), to which visitors will be admitted on payment of a shilling a day. Play has already begun; there is splendid turf, and almost every green is well bunkered. Preparations are being made to erect a club-house, and refreshments will be provided. The links are approached either by the banks of the Blackwater on either shore, or by the Dorchester Road, through Radipole, five minutes' walk from the village. The links at present consist of nine holes, but there is ground for eighteen holes.”

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The following six have been chosen to represent Oxford against Cambridge on Saturday next at Sandwick. The other two places are not yet filled:—Mr. F. H. Stewart, captain (Magdalen); Mr. R. B. Pearson (Brazenose); Mr. R. H. Mitchell (Balliol); Mr. R. B. R. Main (Queen's); Mr. A. J. Boger (Magdalen); Mr. H. E. Atkinson (Exeter). Messrs. R. L. Proudfoot (Balliol) and C. F. Balfour (Corpus) will be, unfortunately, unable to play.

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The Cambridge University team, to play against Oxford at Sandwick on Saturday, March 3rd, is as follows:—Mr. John L. Low (Clare); Mr. A. M. Chance (Trinity); Mr. H. M. Siddall (Queen's); Mr. F. R. Upcher (Clare); M. H. Glasier (Emmanuel); Mr. E. K. Le Fleming (Clare); Mr. K. M. Marshall (Trinity); Mr. F. H. Marigold (Trinity). Played strictly under the rules of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, St. Andrews.

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Mr. J. L. Low, in one round at Cambridge on Monday, defeated Hugh Kirkaldy, ex-Champion, by 5 up and 4 to play—18 holes.

A LADIES' COUNTY CHALLENGE CUP.—It has been proposed that the Ladies' Golf Clubs of Sussex and Kent should combine to purchase a county challenge cup, which shall be played for throughout the season, under conditions that shall be decided upon by a Committee of Lady Golfers formed from each of the subscribing ladies' clubs. The subscription towards this object will be optional for every club. It is hoped that the scheme may be the means of introducing lady golfers to each other, and of inducing players to try their skill on links hitherto unknown to them. Miss Starkie-Bence, “Castlegate,” Lewes, Sussex, is the hon. secretary, *pro tem*, and Miss Blanche Martin has kindly undertaken to assist her in the work.

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The South-Eastern Railway Company is to be commended upon its enterprise in arranging, experimentally, a fast train from Littlestone on Sunday evenings, whereby town can be reached in time for dinner, the journey occupying less than two hours. Last Sunday, nearly thirty golfers availed themselves of this boon.

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Mr. John Dun, ex-president of the Royal North Devon, and ex-captain of the Royal Liverpool Golf Clubs, and Mr. Arthur Marshall, of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, St. Andrews, have just been elected members of the committee of the Eltham Golf Club.

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Mr. E. A. Hambro, ex-captain of the Royal Eastbourne Golf Club, has generously given a challenge bowl to be competed for over the Eastbourne Links, under handicap, by holes, open to members of any Sussex Golf Club.

FORFARSHIRE.

The annual competition amongst the members of the Broughtly Club for the Miller cup took place on Monifieth links on Saturday. There was a large turn-out, thirty-seven members starting, and the weather was bright and breezy. When the cards had been totalled it was found that the winner of the cup was Mr. William Douglas, with a score of 96, being most below his average. In the first class Mr. John S. Croudace won the scratch and first average prizes at 84, being 7 below. In the second class Mr. John Green won the scratch and first average prizes at 94, 6 below average; and in the third class Mr. William Douglas was scratch at 96.

The monthly competition of the *Dundee Advertiser* Club was played on Monifieth on Saturday. The attendance of members was rather less than usual. Few good scores were returned. The prize-winners were:—First Class—1st, Mr. John Macrae, 2nd, Mr. Arthur Forsyth, 3rd, Mr. W. F. Black, 4th, Mr. Thomas Knox. Second class—Mr. John Clark. Third class—Mr. Finlay Currie. Messrs. John Macrae and Arthur Forsyth returned cards of 89.

The annual general meeting of the Monifieth Club was held on Saturday evening in the Foundry Hall—Mr. David Anderson, The Grange, the retiring captain, presiding. There was a very large attendance. The treasurer submitted his financial statement, which showed a considerable balance to the credit of the club, and which was approved of. He reported that thirty new members had joined during the year, the total membership now being 149. The meeting proceeded to the election of office-bearers. The chairman proposed Mr. William Low, jun., of Balmakewan, for the captaincy, and he was unanimously elected. Mr. Andrew Walker, who has filled the offices of secretary and treasurer to the entire satisfaction of the club for the past twenty-eight years, on being again proposed for that office, stated he was very sorry that he did not see his way to accept, but would continue to give the club the benefit of his experience as heretofore. Mr. W. Young was appointed to the vacancy. The committee were appointed as follows:—Messrs. David Dempster, Thomas Brimer, James Young, and James C. Burns. Messrs. James Young and Alexander Johnston were re-elected auditors. Mr. David Anderson intimated his intention to present a challenge trophy to each of the three classes, for the best aggregate of four out of the five medal competitions. The donor was cordially thanked. Votes of thanks to the retiring office-bearers closed the meeting.

DUMFRIES.—The monthly medal of Dumfries and Galloway Club was played for on Saturday in stormy weather, and won by Mr. H. Graves with a net score of 95, less 10=85.



ABERDEEN.

RECORD SCORE.—Robbie Mearns, one of the local professionals, playing against Mr. W. F. Orr on the Balgowrie course on Tuesday, the 20th ult., succeeded in lowering his own record of 74 for the extended course to 72, made up as follows:—4 4 3 4 4 3 6 4=36; 4 4 4 4 5 2 4 4 5=36.

BON-ACCORD CLUB.—The members of this club held a competition on Saturday over the links course for Mr. Ducat's prize, and on comparing the cards Mr. James Florence was found to be the winner with 88, less 8=80. Mr. R. Reid, 95, less 13=82, and Mr. A. Thomson, 96, less 14=82, tied for second and third places. Other scores handed in were Mr. W. Smart 90, Mr. J. Ogilvie 91, Mr. F. Watt 94, Mr. H. Glass 94, Mr. J. Fraser 95, Mr. A. Jaffray 96, Mr. D. Hutchison 96, Mr. J. Greig, sen., 96, Mr. W. Leslie 97, Mr. J. Twigg 97, and Mr. J. Moir 98.

VICTORIA CLUB.—The members of this club held their second competition for the scratch and handicap prizes on Wednesday and Saturday of last week over the links course. The weather was favourable on both days, and there was a large turn-out of competitors, some twenty couples in all starting. On comparing the cards handed in, it was found that Mr. A. Mitchell, with a score of 81, had won the scratch prize, and also carried off the handicap prize for first-class players with 81, less 2=79. The handicap prize for second-class players was won by Mr. A. Lamont, who came in with a score of 95, less 12=83. The following were next in order, viz., Mr. L. Anderson, 84; Mr. R. Anderson, 85; Mr. D. B. Leslie, 89; Mr. A. Cooper, 90; Mr. J. Innes, Mr. D. Jessiman, and Mr. J. Webster, 92; Mr. J. Russell and Mr. J. H. Shepherd, 93; Mr. J. Hazelwood, Mr. J. A. Ross, and Mr. G. G. Cameron, sen., 94; Mr. D. Gann and Mr. G. Souter, 98; and Mr. J. Grant, 99.

ARDEN GOLF CLUB.

The final competition for the monthly silver cup was played off on Saturday, February 17th. Considering the state of the ground, some of the holes being under water, the scores were good. The winner was the Rev. Dr. Wilson. Scores as follows:—Rev. Dr. Wilson, 99, less 12=87; Mr. P. Wilson-Browne, 99, less 11=88; Mr. J. F. Wright, 95, less 7=88; Mr. H. H. Wright, 101, less 9=92; Dr. G. D. Ballance, 106, less 11=95; Mr. E. P. Wright, 107, less 7=100; Mr. O. Airy, 109, less 5=104.

BENTLEY GREEN GOLF CLUB.

The monthly handicap competition took place on Thursday, February 22nd, and was won for the second time by Lieut.-Col. W. T. McLeod. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Lieut.-Col. W. T. McLeod ...	99	15	84	Capt. L. P. Ditmas ...	113	20	93
Lieut.-Col. W. R. Houson-Craufurd	95	10	85	Mr. C. H. Morton ...	105	10	95
Mr. E. T. Dampier ...	106	18	88	Mr. E. H. E. Morgan	107	12	95
Rev. L. A. Cockerell	106	16	90	Col. W. Merriman ...	114	18	96
Col. S. Parr-Lynes, R.A. ...	114	22	92	Lieut.-Col. J. E. Harden ...	120	20	100
				Capt. C. L. Keith ...	127	22	105

Capt. Patten, and Mr. H. H. Morgan-Brown, made no return.

TONBRIDGE GOLF CLUB.—The February monthly medal and sweepstakes were played for on the 24th ult. The weather was highly favourable, but the course had suffered somewhat from the recent frosts and rain, and was very soft. Twenty-two members competed for the medal, and fifteen for the sweepstakes. Mr. W. Marchant proved to be the winner of the medal and first sweepstake with 108, less 10=98, Mr. J. Le Fleming, jun., being runner up, and winning the second sweepstake with 115, less 14=101.

BLACKPOOL GOLF CLUB.

On Tuesday evening, February 20th, a meeting, summoned by Messrs. W. H. Hampson and A. H. Doleman, was held in the Blackpool Town Hall, with a view of forming a Golf Club for the district. Dr. G. C. Kingsbury was voted to the chair, and supported by upwards of fifty gentlemen who decided to form a Blackpool Golf Club. A committee was appointed consisting of Messrs. A. H. Hampson, W. J. Read, A. H. Doleman, W. C. Thompson (treasurer), Rev. W. Evans, G. C. Kingsbury, M.D., and Harry Haworth, secretary *pro tem*, to view several sites for the playing ground, draw up rules and lay their suggestions before an adjourned meeting to be held on Tuesday week. The subscription was fixed at 21s., with an entrance fee after the first 100 members. As showing the enthusiastic way the club has been taken in hand by golfers all over Lancashire, there are now 120 written applications for membership.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.

Barrow medal, played for by "Bogey" score. The score was fixed at 81. Day fine and cold. Two-thirds usual handicap. Result:—Mr. H. Glasier (3), halved; Mr. G. R. Barstow (13), 3 down; Mr. J. H. J. Webb (13), 4 down; Mr. C. E. S. Innes (11), 4 down; Mr. W. F. Fosbery (18), 4 down; Mr. C. G. Nix (5), 5 down; Mr. F. W. Beckford (7), 5 down; Mr. W. Waterhouse (5), 5 down; Mr. C. Pigg (2), 5 down; Mr. A. M. Chance (scratch), 6 down; Mr. W. Watson (3), 7 down; Mr. F. E. G. Johnson (2), 7 down; Mr. H. M. Siddall (3), 7 down; Mr. F. H. Marigold (3), 8 down; Mr. E. K. Le Fleming (2), 8 down; Mr. W. R. Crum-Ewing (8), 8 down; Mr. W. L. De B. Thorold (5), 8 down; Mr. C. G. L. Cator (7), 8 down; Mr. T. Leese (13), 9 down; Mr. A. P. Whitwell (6), 9 down; Mr. G. B. Shirres (10), 9 down; Mr. E. H. C. Craig (12), 10 down; Mr. B. Macleod (13), 12 down. A large number of players made no returns.

February 23rd.—Played at Coldham Common:—

ROYAL BLACKHEATH.		CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. A. E. Schacht ...	0	Mr. J. L. Low ...	0
Mr. F. S. Ireland ...	0	Mr. A. M. Chance ...	4
Mr. J. G. Gibson ...	6	Mr. H. Glasier ...	0
Mr. Robert Whyte ...	0	Mr. C. Pigg ...	1
Mr. W. A. Richardson ...	6	Mr. F. R. Upcher ...	0
Mr. "I de Maurice" ...	0	Mr. H. M. Siddall ...	0
Mr. W. E. Hughes ...	0	Mr. E. K. le Fleming ...	0
	12		5

Blackheath won by 7 holes. Day fine and cold.

February 24th:—

ROYAL YARMOUTH.		CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. P. M. Lucas ...	0	Mr. J. L. Low ...	6
Mr. F. S. Ireland ...	0	Mr. A. M. Chance ...	3
Mr. J. G. Gibson ...	0	Mr. D. D. Robertson ...	0
Mr. L. Horner ...	3	Mr. H. Glasier ...	0
Mr. "I de Maurice" ...	6	Mr. F. R. Upcher ...	0
Mr. R. Whyte ...	0	Mr. C. Pigg ...	3
Mr. E. G. Ashton ...	0	Mr. H. M. Siddall ...	6
Mr. H. Mann ...	0	Mr. K. M. Marshall ...	0
Mr. W. E. Hughes ...	0	Mr. E. K. le Fleming ...	0
Mr. Chas. Hope ...	0	Mr. F. E. G. Johnson ...	2
Mr. C. Young ...	0	Mr. W. L. de B. Thorold ...	0
	9		20

Cambridge University won by 11 holes.

CANTERBURY GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal competition, Wednesday, February 21st.—Dr. B. C. Manly, 86, less 4=82; Mr. E. S. London, 112, less 30=82; Mr. A. J. Lancaster, 100, less 14=86; Dr. W. Smith, 107, less 20=87; Col. C. E. Reeves, 118, less 30=88; Mr. A. J. Macfarlane, 99, less 10=89; Dr. J. H. Joyce, 111, less 20=91; Mr. S. H. Oyler, 100, less 8=92; Dr. E. Morris, 101, less 8=93; Mr. C. Igglesden, 107, less 12=95. Others over 100 net or no return.

CHEADLE GOLF CLUB.

The above club held their fifth winter competition on Saturday last. The weather in the morning was very fine, but windy, and in the afternoon there were one or two heavy hailstorms, which materially interfered with the play, and about a dozen players were disqualified for sheltering. Mr. J. H. Milne won the first sweepstake, Mr. C. D. Milne the second sweepstake, and Mr. H. Mosley put in a win for the silver medal (both Messrs. Milne having previously put in a win), and Mr. C. Hopkinson put in a win for the bronze medal. Scores:—Mr.

J. H. Milne, 93, less 9=84; Mr. C. D. Milne, 94, less 9=85; Mr. C. Hopkinson, 105, less 17=88; Mr. C. P. Ritson, 111, less 20=91; Mr. H. W. Carlton, 108, less 15=93; Mr. H. Mosley, 110, less 13=97; Mr. F. J. Norbury, 122, less 24=98; Mr. J. M. Eaton, 109, less 9=100. About twenty members returned no cards, or were disqualified for sheltering.

CANNES GOLF CLUB.

Mr. Pitt-Taylor's prize, 17th February:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Capt. Whigham ...	79 scr. 79	Hon. W. Vernon ...	114 20 94
*Mr. J. W. Allen ...	92 13 79	Mr. J. B. Dugdale ...	122 28 94
Mr. H. G. Walker ...	87 2 85	Col. Woodward ...	111 15 96
Mr. J. Roberts ...	105 15 90	Capt. Swinford ...	103 6 97
Sir A. Clarke-Jer-		Mr. A. Keen ...	116 18 98
voise ...	107 16 91	The Grand Duke	
Mr. G. W. Hillyard	100 9 91	Michael of Russia	129 30 99

* Tied. Won by Mr. J. W. Allen.

Eight others made no returns, or were over 100 net.

La dies:—*Mrs. Stubbs, 59, less 9=50; *Miss Sudlow, 77, less 27=50; Lady Meysey Thompson, 73, less 20=53; Hon. Mrs. Murray, 61, less 4=57; Miss Bowring, 77, less 20=57; Miss Duncombe, 63, less 6=57; Miss F. Halford, 70, less 9=61; Mrs. Shelton, 76, less 14=62.

* Mrs. Stubbs retired in favour of Miss Sudlow.

Lady Scott's prize, 26th February:—

Gross Hcp. Net.		Gross Hcp. Net.	
Mr. W. M. Allen ...	100 19 81	Mr. H. G. Walker ...	95 2 93
Mr. J. W. Allen ...	93 9 84	Mr. J. B. Dugdale ...	123 28 95
Mr. J. Roberts ...	101 15 86	Mr. F. Pitt-Taylor ...	117 20 97
Capt. Whigham ...	86 +2 88	Capt. Philip Green ...	129 32 97
Col. Woodward ...	104 15 89	Mr. A. Keen ...	116 18 98
Mr. E. Hewetson ...	122 30 92	Capt. Haggard ...	111 12 99

Twelve others made no returns or were over 100 net.

Mr. Ogden Goelet's prize, 20th February:—Mrs. Shelton, 56, less 14=42; Lady Milne, 64, less 20=44; Mrs. Stubbs, 61, less 7=54; Miss F. Halford, 63, less 9=54; Mrs. Tennent, 53, plus 4=57; Miss G. Willoughby, 81, less 24=57; Countess de Torby, 60, less 2=58; Miss Duncombe, 67, less 7=60; Mrs. Keen, 64, less 4=60.

CINQUE PORTS GOLF CLUB, DEAL.

Fifty players competed for the monthly medal and optional sweepstake at Deal on Saturday last in fine weather. Results:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Mr. G. G. Smith ...	87 scr. 87	Colonel E. Jee ...	111 18 93
†Mr. H. M. Leggatt ...	101 12 89	Capt. Stanton, R.A. ...	110 16 94
†Mr. S. S. Schultz ...	97 7 90	Mr. T. H. Miller ...	104 8 96
†Major Darby, R.A. ...	105 15 90	Mr. G. Struthers ...	114 16 98
†Mr. A. T. Kent ...	106 16 90	Mr. W. H. Peto ...	116 18 98
Mr. W. P. Matthews ...	100 9 91	Mr. H. Paine, jun. ...	113 13 100
Captain Cochrane,		Mr. E. P. Barlow ...	114 14 100
R.M.L.I. ...	107 16 91		

* Wins first money in sweepstake (not eligible for medal)

† Wins medal and second money in sweepstake.

‡ Divide third money in sweepstake.

The others made no return.

A caddies' competition, the first which has been held on these links, took place, in perfect weather, on Tuesday, February 20th. The young competitors thoroughly appreciated the event, their play being watched with great interest by the members who scored for them. The following prizes were subscribed for by the members:—First prize, 15s.; second, 10s.; third, 5s. 6d.; fourth, 2s. 6d.; fifth, 2s.; all others receiving a shilling. W. Brown took the first prize with a capital score of 90, and was closely followed by W. Payne and J. Roberts, who took second and third prizes with 93 and 94 respectively. Below we give particulars of the scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
William Brown ...	90 scr. 90	Fred Cribben ...	126 7 119
William Payne ...	93 scr. 93	Tom Adams ...	127 7 120
John Roberts ...	94 scr. 94	Wall ...	132 12 120
Geo. Goodban ...	105 7 98	Fred Brown ...	126 3 123
Edwd. Chawner ...	99 scr. 99	Hoile ...	132 9 123
Harry Baker ...	104 scr. 104	Watts, jun. ...	134 9 126
George Cribben ...	108 3 105	Roberts, jun. ...	142 12 130
Ernest Spicer ...	114 7 107	Hall ...	142 9 133
Spicer, jun. ...	119 9 110	Arthur Norris ...	150 7 143

BUXTON GOLF CLUB.—Monthly medal, February 24th:—Mr. H. Shipton, 103, less 6=97; Mr. E. M. Owen, 116, less 14=102. Five players made no returns.

CLAPHAM COMMON GOLF CLUB.

The spring meeting of this club was held on Thursday, 22nd February, under very disadvantageous conditions for low scoring, the greens being frozen hard, and the atmosphere raw and foggy. The following were the scores:—Mr. J. J. Hayes, 99, less 13=86; Dr. Woodhead, 101, less 14=87; Mr. G. H. Gill, 102, less 10=92; Mr. E. J. Hunt, 104, less 12=92; Mr. T. R. Pace, 110, less 15=95; Mr. E. L. Arnold, 113, less 14=99; Mr. J. W. Pace, 112, less 11=101; Mr. T. Ravenhill, 117, less 16=101; Mr. W. J. Saunders, 123, less 20=103; Mr. D. F. Russell, 119, less 11=108. Mr. J. J. Hayes takes the Fairlie gold challenge medal with memento from club, Dr. Woodhead the second prize, and Mr. G. H. Gill and Mr. E. J. Hunt tied for the third and fourth prize.

COVENTRY LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

On Monday, February 19th, in beautiful golfing weather, a match was played by the Coventry ladies, married v. single, which resulted in a victory for the married.

MARRIED.

MARRIED.		SINGLE.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mrs. Blackburne ...	0	Miss A. Rotherham ...	4
Mrs. P. Pridmore ...	3	Miss Ratliff ...	0
Mrs. Wyley ...	5	Miss Rotherham ...	0
Mrs. K. Rotherham ...	5	Miss Gardiner ...	0
Mrs. Vickers ...	0	Miss Hill ...	1
Mrs. S. Cash ...	0	Miss L. Seymour ...	2
Mrs. Fred. Twist ...	0	Miss Verrall ...	1
	13		8

COVENTRY v. KENILWORTH.

Played on February 19th:—

COVENTRY.		KENILWORTH.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Capt. F. B. Johnstone ...	5	Mr. F. M. G. Abell ...	0
Mr. H. Rotherham ...	4	Mr. T. Latham ...	0
Mr. F. C. Hunter Blair ...	1	Mr. H. Edmunds ...	0
Mr. A. Rotherham ...	10	Mr. V. Jepson ...	0
Mr. H. W. Bainbridge ...	9	Mr. M. T. Brown ...	0
Mr. A. P. Pridmore ...	5	Mr. B. Cross ...	0
Mr. G. G. Brodie ...	2	Mr. G. Watson ...	0
Mr. F. Smith ...	0	Mr. W. Stead ...	1
Mr. H. J. Nutt ...	9	Mr. T. Kinmond ...	0
Mr. O. Petre ...	2	Mr. W. H. Mitchell ...	0
Mr. R. A. Rotherham ...	10	Mr. J. Kinmond ...	0
Mr. W. Wyley ...	5	Mr. T. Day ...	0
	62		1

DOUGLAS (ISLE OF MAN) GOLF CLUB.

The return match between the Ramsey and Douglas clubs was played on the Douglas links, on Thursday, February 15th. The contest was keenly fought out; Ramsey won by 8 holes.

RAMSEY.

RAMSEY.		DOUGLAS.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. E. H. Dawson ...	1	Mr. T. Kneen, H.K. ...	0
Mr. J. Milns ...	0	Mr. J. H. Quine ...	5
Mr. D. Johnson ...	7	Mr. W. F. Dickinson ...	0
Mr. E. L. Craigie ...	0	Mr. C. Hughes-Games ...	1
Mr. F. M. LaMothe ...	3	Rev. R. B. Baron ...	0
Mr. W. Worrall ...	0	Mr. T. S. Atkinson ...	5
Mr. J. C. Crellin, H.K. ...	6	Dr. Farrell ...	0
Dr. Gell ...	6	Mr. W. K. Kermod ...	0
Mr. J. M. Cruickshank ...	4	Mr. W. A. Gell ...	0
Mr. W. O. Roose ...	0	Mr. G. Drinkwater ...	2
Mr. J. Pallister ...	3	Mr. J. T. Killey ...	0
Mr. T. H. Midwood ...	0	Mr. John Cubbon ...	9
	30		22

On the Douglas links the "Bogey" Competitions have resulted as follows:—December handicap.—Mr. C. Hughes-Games and Mr. H. Farrell, equal; Rev. R. B. Baron, third; Mr. R. S. Baron, fourth.

January handicap.—Dr. Farrell, first; Mr. W. K. Kermod, second; Mr. J. H. Quine and Mr. W. A. Gell, equal.

It is intended to open a medal handicap on the last Thursday in each month. Arrangements are being made for a home-and-home match against the Castletown Golf Club.

PALACE LADIES' GOLF CLUB.—February medal: Miss M. G. Cheetham, 71, less 2=69; Mrs. Tyrer, 92, less 20=72; Miss F. Coney, 79, less 4=75; Miss E. Pyke, 107, less 30=77; Miss E. Lowndes, 93, less 12=81; Miss E. Mayall, 99, less 18=81; Miss Coney, 110, less 25=85.

DIDSBURY GOLF CLUB.

The fifth round of the winter competition was played on Saturday, the 24th ult., at Didsbury. The ground, though wet, was perhaps better than could have been expected, and, saving one shower of sleet, the afternoon was fine. Some thirty members started, and mostly returned cards:—Mr. C. W. Foster scored a win-in with 99, less 22=77. Mr. C. W. Adamson being second with 88, less 10=78. They also divided the optional sweepstake.

The following members returned cards under 99 net:—Mr. C. W. Foster, 99, less 22=77; Mr. W. C. Adamson, 88, less 10=78; Mr. E. A. Russell, 102, less 18=84; Mr. H. Ross Coabrough, 92, less 9=83; Mr. A. Lyall, 92, less 9=83; Mr. J. G. Fleming, 98, less 14=84; Mr. W. E. Fairlie, 83, plus 2=85; Mr. J. W. Hulse, 97, less 11=86; Mr. J. Gell, 105, less 19=86; Mr. Bythway, 102, less 15=87; Mr. W. Cownie, 102, less 15=87.

ELTHAM LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the monthly medal was held on Saturday, February the 24th, it was won by Mrs. Mackern, with a good scratch score of 81. This is the lowest score yet made by a lady on these links. A good number of players competed, but comparatively few made any returns.

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mrs. Mackern ... 81 scr. 81	Miss Loveless ... 102 6 96
Miss F. Paine ... 93 10 83	Mrs. McArthur ... 102 13 96
Mrs. Poland ... 92 6 86	Mrs. G. Spurling ... 116 20 96
Mrs. Hedderwick ... 102 9 93	Miss Maud Richard-son ... 103 6 97
Mrs. Laird ... 104 11 93	Mrs. Whyte ... 125 17 108
Mrs. Massey ... 110 16 94	Miss Lethbridge ... 124 12 112
Miss V. Fraser ... 113 18 95	
Mrs. Meredith ... 97 1 96	

HUDDERSFIELD GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal.—These competitions are becoming more and more popular, and there was on Saturday the largest entry there has yet been. The disappearance of the snow and the succession of previous bad Saturdays would account for this in some measure. It was a good day for low scoring, but there were no gross returns of much excellence. In the first class, Mr. A. F. Firth lead the twenty-six players with the excellent net score of 79, and there was no one very close on his heels. The following were the returns:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. A. F. Firth ... 91 12 79	Mr. J. Oliver ... 105 16 89
Mr. T. B. Keighley 95 13 82	Mr. A. E. Learoyd ... 93 3 90
Mr. A. L. Woodhead 90 5 85	Mr. Fred. Huth ... 99 9 90
Mr. R. Holliday ... 96 9 87	Mr. G. T. Crosland 103 9 94
Mr. Arthur Shaw ... 105 18 87	Mr. G. S. Brook ... 107 9 98
Mr. J. H. Exley ... 92 3 89	Mr. E. D. Holmes... 112 13 99

No returns from fourteen others.

The entries were not so large in the second class, nor the returns quite so good. Of the twenty-one who took out cards, the following ten players made returns.

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. R. Nelson ... 100 19 81	Mr. J. Hirst ... 124 36 88
Dr. W. R. Carter ... 104 21 83	Mr. J. Wilkinson ... 116 19 97
Mr. H. Ferry, jun... 106 23 83	Mr. Frank Huth ... 118 21 97
Mr. G. C. H. Willans 108 21 87	Mr. M. Woolger ... 139 36 103
Mr. T. Heron ... 122 34 88	Mr. A. Todd ... 135 29 106

HYÈRES GOLF CLUB.

Weekly Handicap, February 17th.—A strong westerly wind made low scoring difficult and the greens played very fast. The following are the scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Capt. Slazenger ... 118 36 82	Mr. Bryce Allen ... 119 18 101
Mr. F. J. Patton ... 92 scr. 92	Mr. W. Peel ... 136 36 100
Mr. Carpenter Rowe 110 12 98	Mr. G. R. Corbett... 120 20 100
Colonel Barne ... 134 26 108	Mr. J. R. Corbett... 148 24 124

LYTHAM AND ST. ANNE'S GOLF CLUB.

THE CAPTAIN'S CUP.

The New York gale telegraphed to cross the Atlantic, and to strike the British coast between Friday and Sunday, came up to date, but had fortunately to some extent blown itself out when the members went out for the fifth competition for the Captain's Cup, on the links of the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club, at St. Anne's-on-the-Sea, on Saturday. There was, however, a very strong breeze from the westward and the ground was still on the soft side, owing to the heavy rain of the previous day, and consequently the scoring was certainly not up to Lytham and St. Anne's form. Seventy-three players went out, and a striking feature of the competition was the large propor-

tion of members who did not return their cards (no fewer than forty-nine players thus keeping their scores—good or bad—quite secret), and the large number of entries for the optional sweepstakes. The best gross score, and the only one under 100, was 97, by Mr. G. F. Smith, Bolton. The best net scores up to 100 were:—

	Gross. Hcp. Net.
Mr. John E. King, Manchester ...	109 17 92
Mr. F. E. Rowe, Rossall ...	107 13 94
Mr. S. F. Butcher, Bury ...	103 7 96
F. H. Smith, Bolton ...	105 9 96
Mr. E. Harrison, St. Anne's ...	111 15 96
Mr. S. Gask, Lytham ...	111 14 97
Mr. J. Jones, Manchester ...	102 4 98
Mr. J. A. F. Eltoft, St. Anne's ...	104 6 98
Mr. H. Gregg, Belfast ...	105 7 98
Mr. E. M. Whipp, St. Anne's ...	111 13 98
Mr. R. S. Boddington, Manchester ...	112 14 98
Mr. G. F. Smith, Bolton ...	97 +2 99
Mr. E. Redfern, St. Anne's ...	114 15 99
Mr. James Mellor, St. Anne's ...	107 7 100
Mr. N. Macbeth, jun., St. Anne's ...	113 13 100

The win was therefore put in by Mr. John E. King, who received the silver memento. The first optional sweepstakes was won by Mr. John E. King; the second by Mr. F. E. Rowe; and the third was divided between Messrs. S. F. Butcher and F. H. Smith. The winners of the competition for the cup now are:—Dr. Eason, Mr. J. Eccles, Mr. H. N. Brown, Rev. C. Billington, and Mr. John E. King. The final competition will take place next month, and the six winners will play off for possession at the spring meeting.

MID-SURREY GOLF CLUB.

Competition, February 10th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	Gross. Hcp. Net.
*Mr. A. Fyson ... 99 23 76	Mr. A. Jenner ... 112 20 92
†Mr. T. A. Evans... 109 27 82	Mr. J. C. Lark-worthy ... 113 21 92
Mr. J. Orrell ... 106 21 85	Mr. A. Benson ... 114 20 94
Capt. Taunton Collins 113 27 86	Mr. W. Wallington 115 21 94
Mr. H. F. Cotton ... 113 27 86	Mr. S. G. Budd ... 125 27 98
†Mr. H. Edenborough ... 112 22 90	Mr. H. Tomlinson ... 123 24 99

* Winner of junior medal. † Winner of first sweepstakes.

‡ Winner of second sweepstakes.

And others over 100.

Competition, February 17th:—Senior medal (first class).—Mr. S. F. Higgins, 91, less 8=83 (winner of senior medal, first class, and best gross score); Mr. G. K. Hext, 96, less 9=87 (winner of second prize sweepstakes); Mr. A. Anderson, 93, less 1=92; Mr. L. W. Evans, 105, less 10=95; and others over 100.

Senior medal (second class).—Mr. J. S. Worthington, 94, less 13=81 (winner of senior medal, second class); Mr. H. R. Morrison, 98, less 16=82 (winner of first prize sweepstakes); Mr. F. R. Leftwich, 104, less 20=84; Mr. J. Clapp, 100, less 14=86; Mr. A. Radford, 101, less 14=87; Mr. F. E. Gripper, 105, less 18=87; Mr. E. F. Green, 104, less 12=92; and others over 100.

NEASDEN GOLF CLUB.

Monthly handicap, February 24th.—Senior medal.—Mr. J. S. Crawford, 102, less 12=90; Mr. A. Oliphant, 112, less 10=102; Mr. J. J. W. Deuchar, 113, less 4=109. Junior medal.—Mr. A. L. Foley, 94, less 21=73; Mr. W. J. Ketley, 100, less 18=82; Mr. V. E. Lewis, 104, less 20=84; Mr. E. J. Lewis, 105, less 18=88; Mr. A. Beard, 111, less 16=95; Mr. W. J. Shaw, 118, less 21=97. The heavy frost and subsequent rain and thaw, had rendered the greens very difficult.

NEEDLES GOLF CLUB.

A match between Southampton and the Needles Club was played on the Needles links on Thursday, February 22nd, which ended in a win for the home team by 17 holes. Mr. Tankard (Needles) lost to Mr. Scott (Southampton) by 3 holes; Mr. Nelson (Needles) beat Mr. Hill (Southampton) by 6 holes; Mr. Anderson (Needles) tied with Mr. Harvey (Southampton); Mr. Inglis (Needles) tied with Mr. Dickson (Southampton); Mr. Cuming (Needles) beat Mr. Wharton (Southampton) by 3 holes; Mr. Dover (Needles) beat Mr. Greenor (Southampton) by 11 holes; Mr. Hoblyn (Needles) tied with Mr. Pilcher (Southampton). Needles won by 17 holes.

MARPLE GOLF CLUB.—Mr. C. H. Roth was the winner of the club monthly medal on Saturday last, with 121, less 25=96, also putting in a win for the captain's cup. For Mr. W. J. Johnson's prize, a silver flask—conditions, two lowest scores (three rounds)—Mr. H. P. Hill made the best record—120, less 14=106; 107, less 14=103.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.

Weekly handicap, Friday, February 23rd:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. J. P. Mayo ...	93	24	69	Mr. F. Leveson-Gower ...	94	12	82
Mr. E. C. Clay ...	94	24	70	Mr. M. Waterlow ...	96	14	82
Mr. M. Balfour ...	85	13	72	Mr. R. Marett ...	106	24	82
Mr. G. C. Jobling ...	86	10	76	Mr. G. Lubbock ...	92	9	83
Mr. A. B. Sanders ...	82	5	77	Mr. R. W. Macan ...	93	9	84
Mr. R. B. R. Mair ...	81	2	79	Mr. J. E. Talbot ...	98	14	84
Mr. P. A. Lushington ...	85	5	80	Mr. W. W. Lew-chars ...	105	20	85
Mr. J. Robson ...	88	8	80	Mr. C. R. Jelf ...	108	22	86
Mr. F. H. Stewart ...	81	scr.	81	Mr. J. E. B. Livingstone ...	111	24	87
Mr. H. Nicholls ...	85	4	81				
Mr. W. H. Abell ...	99	18	81				
Mr. H. E. Atkinson ...	86	4	82				
Mr. G. B. Grundy ...	88	6	82				

Thirty-one entries, no returns from the rest.

PAST v. PRESENT.

This match was played at Hincksey, in fine weather, on Saturday, February 24th, when the links were, on the whole, in a better state than might have been expected after the frost and subsequent thaw. Mr. Lodge, who took a great deal of trouble in getting up the last team, experienced several disappointments at the last minute, while two or three of the Present, notably Messrs. R. L. Proudfoot and C. F. Balfour, were also prevented from playing. Still, two fairly strong sides were got together, and the match was well contested throughout. Everyone was very glad to see Mr. A. R. Paterson sufficiently recovered from his severe illness to play. In the evening both teams were the guests of Messrs. H. Nicholls (treasurer of the club) and W. R. Hardie, who entertained them to dinner in the hall of Wadham College, kindly lent for the occasion by the Warden and Fellows. Several of the players, Mr. Buckle in particular, were unfortunately prevented from attending, but a most enjoyable evening was spent, among the toasts being "The Queen," given by the chairman, Mr. Nicholls; "The Visitors" (proposed by Mr. Hardie, for whom Mr. R. A. H. Mitchell replied; "Prosperity to the O.U.G.C.," proposed by Mr. Mitchell, and responded to by the president of the club (the Rev. the Vice-Chancellor), who described himself as one of its original members; "The Officers of the Club," for whom Messrs. Stewart (captain) and Boger (hon. secretary) acknowledged; Mr. A. R. Paterson's toast, "The Wadham and Fellows of Wadham," responded to by Mr. Henderson, and "The Hosts," given by Mr. Lodge, and replied to by Messrs. Nicholls and Hardie. Messrs. Winch, Waterlow and Boger subsequently made music, and the proceedings terminated with "Auld Lang Syne." The result of the match was as follows:—

PRESENT.

PAST.

PRESENT.		PAST.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. F. H. Stewart (capt.) ...	0	Mr. E. H. Buckland ...	0
Mr. R. B. Pearson ...	0	Mr. R. A. H. Mitchell ...	1
Mr. R. H. Mitchell ...	4	Mr. A. H. Higgins ...	0
Mr. R. B. R. Mair ...	3	Mr. A. N. Cumming ...	0
Mr. A. J. Boger ...	5	Mr. C. L. Anstruther ...	0
Mr. H. E. Atkinson ...	0	Mr. P. V. Broke ...	6
Mr. G. M. T. Smyth ...	0	Mr. H. Nicholls ...	1
Mr. F. H. Campion ...	0	Mr. F. F. Liddell ...	0
Mr. J. Robson ...	0	Mr. A. R. Paterson ...	1
Mr. G. Lubbock ...	0	Mr. R. Lodge (capt.) ...	2
Mr. P. A. Lushington ...	0	Mr. G. B. Grundy ...	0
Mr. A. B. Sanders ...	0	Mr. A. C. M. Croomie ...	6
Mr. C. W. W. Surridge ...	5	Mr. R. W. Macan ...	0
Mr. J. B. Wood ...	2	Mr. W. R. Hardie ...	0
Mr. T. M. Winch ...	0	Rev. P. A. W. Henderson ...	0
Mr. B. A. L. Batchelor ...	0	Mr. G. E. Buckle ...	3
Mr. M. Waterlow ...	0	Rev. F. H. Hall ...	3
Mr. R. P. Lewis ...	0	Mr. J. A. R. Munro ...	1

OXFORD UNIVERSITY v. WARWICKSHIRE.

Played at Hincksey, Wednesday, February 21st, in beautiful weather, though the greens were greasy on top from the hard frost, and resulted in a victory for Oxford by 22 holes.

OXFORD.

WARWICKSHIRE.

OXFORD.		WARWICKSHIRE.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. F. H. Stewart ...	5	Mr. A. Rotherham ...	0
Mr. R. H. Mitchell ...	8	Mr. A. B. Sanders ...	0
Mr. R. B. R. Mair ...	2	Mr. H. Rotherham ...	0
Mr. A. J. Boger ...	6	Mr. F. M. G. Abell ...	0
Mr. H. G. B. Ellis ...	2	Mr. J. A. F. Moncreiff ...	0
Mr. H. E. Atkinson ...	0	Mr. F. C. Hunter Blair ...	1
Mr. F. H. Campion ...	2	Mr. T. Latham ...	0
Mr. G. M. T. Smyth ...	0	Mr. O. T. P. Nelson ...	2

OLD MANCHESTER GOLF CLUB.

The monthly gold medal was won by Mr. H. A. Dods, who also took the first sweepstakes, the second being divided between Messrs. J. S. Dods and W. F. Rollinshaw.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. H. A. Dods ...	92	+3	95	Mr. D. Hayne ...	115	9	106
Mr. J. S. Dods ...	111	9	102	Mr. J. Barnes, jun. ...	125	18	107
Mr. W. F. Rollinshaw ...	114	12	102	Mr. A. Brookes, jun. ...	125	18	107
Mr. Ed. Broadhurst, jun. ...	109	5	104	Mr. F. N. Tweedale ...	122	15	107
Mr. A. Brookes ...	125	21	104	Mr. R. Bayley ...	120	12	108
Rev. T. N. Carter ...	113	9	104	Mr. C. R. Schofield ...	117	9	108
				Mr. C. Southern ...	118	9	109
				Mr. J. Barnes ...	132	18	114

ROCHESTER GOLF CLUB.

This Club held its usual monthly medal competition on Saturday, February 17th. A very wet day, and few players went round. Mr. Schacht, who won, played a very fine game, scoring a record for the course, beating his previous return by one; 85 is only one over the scratch score for the new course. The following were the best returns:—Mr. A. Schacht (scratch), 85; Mr. C. Lake, 99, less 5=94; Mr. B. H. Latter, 105, less 10=95.

ROYAL EASTBOURNE GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal competition, February 24th, 1894. Very fine day, but the course was very heavy and the greens bad, owing to the late frost:—Mr. C. H. Evill, 100, less 14=86, wins medal and two-thirds sweepstake; Dr. Bookless, 101, less 12=89, wins one-third sweepstake; Mr. F. M. Broadbent, 108, less 18=90; Mr. E. Spencer, 109, less 18=91; Mr. G. Carning, 101, less 7=94; Mr. T. H. B. Beresford, R.N., 107, less 12=95; Mr. G. H. Lawrence, J.P., 114, less 18=96; Major-General Hill, 114, less 18=96; Mr. E. O. Lingham, 103, 6=97; Dr. Gabbett, 113, less 15=98; Mr. H. Barber, 114, less 16=98.

ROYAL EPPING FOREST GOLF CLUB.

The following is the result of the competition for the Gordon cap, captain's prize, and monthly medal, played on Saturday:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. H. A. Gardom ...	92	4	88	Mr. F. H. Swinstead ...	115	12	103
Mr. A. A. Hannay ...	100	8	92	Mr. J. O. Milledge, jun. ...	117	14	103
Capt. R. L. Cowper-Coles ...	94	scr.	94	Rev. Ewart Barter ...	121	18	103
Mr. T. T. Cowell ...	105	9	96	Mr. W. G. MacGregor ...	120	16	104
Mr. J. Godwin ...	113	17	96	Mr. G. Whitley ...	115	11	104
Mr. J. Hax ...	114	16	98	Mr. A. W. Good ...	117	12	105
Mr. J. Badkin ...	111	13	98	Mr. W. E. Hall ...	115	8	107
Mr. J. B. Shaw ...	115	16	99	Mr. F. F. McKenzie ...	121	12	109
Mr. Ernest Flint ...	111	10	101	Lieut.-Col. Lockyer ...	125	16	109
Mr. H. W. Horner ...	115	14	101	Mr. W. Challice ...	132	18	114
Mr. J. W. Grieg ...	109	7	102	Mr. H. S. Harris ...	152	20	132
Mr. C. E. Greig ...	111	8	103				

ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition for the club prize took place on Wednesday, February 21st, with the following result:—Miss Craddock, 79, less 5=74; Miss Parratt, 101, less 21=80; Miss C. Allen, 97, less 14=83; Miss Ada Allen, 110, less 25=85; Miss Saunders (scratch), 89; Mrs. E. K. Bourne, 114, less 21=93. Miss M. Saunders and Miss N. Saunders made no return.

A competition for the Badger dish was played on Saturday, February 24th, and won by Miss Neva Saunders, 86, less 4=82. Five other players made no return.

ROYAL NORTH DEVON GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal and memento and an optional sweepstakes were played for on Saturday, a fine day but windy. There were fifty-three players out, but only forty competed.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. G. H. Reynolds ...	89	4	85	Mr. C. O. Walker ...	102	6	96
Mr. W. E. Dunsford ...	88	1	87	Mr. C. Winterscale ...	105	10	96
Hon. O. Scott ...	95	6	89	Mr. J. Muir Mac-kenzie ...	106	9	97
Mr. J. J. Harding ...	92	2	90	Col. Pearse ...	107	10	97
Major Harding ...	99	6	93	Major Winter ...	111	14	97
Major Wise ...	103	10	93	Col. S. Scott ...	109	11	98
Mr. J. Lillie ...	107	14	93	Dr. Reid ...	115	17	98
Mr. St. C. Stobart ...	94	scr.	94	Mr. J. C. McLaren ...	99	scr.	99
Mr. T. G. J. Heath-cote ...	96	1	95	Dr. Wood Cooke ...	113	13	100
Rev. R. W. Sealy ...	104	9	95				

The remainder were over 100, or made no returns.

ROYAL WIMBLEDON GOLF CLUB.

Monthly handicap challenge medal, February 24th.—

Gross. Hep. Net.			Gross. Hep. Net.				
Mr. H. Blake ...	97	18	79	Sir A. Moncrieff ...	109	15	94
Mr. J. J. Cater ...	102	18	84	Mr. J. A. C. Tanner ...	112	18	94
Mr. N. Lubbock ...	97	10	87	Mr. W. P. Crake ...	105	10	95
Mr. G. E. Jones ...	106	18	88	Mr. W. E. Martyn ...	105	10	95
Mr. E. A. Walker ...	93	4	89	Mr. R. Clutton ...	107	12	95
Mr. H. Peel ...	96	7	89	Mr. W. Morley ...	107	12	95
Mr. W. J. Cundell ...	101	11	90	Mr. W. M. Allport ...	109	14	95
Mr. G. F. Muir ...	102	12	90	Mr. W. C. Anderson ...	109	14	95
Mr. R. Browne ...	105	15	90	Mr. G. Clark ...	109	14	95
Mr. B. Howell ...	93	2	91	Mr. W. Muir ...	109	14	95
Mr. R. Thomson ...	95	4	91	Mr. R. H. Pringle ...	102	6	96
Mr. F. J. Walker ...	96	5	91	Mr. A. L. Tweedie ...	107	10	97
Mr. J. M. Kerr ...	100	9	91	Mr. H. T. Grundtvig ...	111	14	97
Mr. J. L. Ridpath ...	100	9	91	Mr. R. Durnford ...	108	10	98
Mr. C. W. Harrison ...	101	10	91	Mr. H. W. Horne ...	108	8	100
Mr. A. H. Boyd ...	97	4	93	Mr. S. G. Carlyll ...	114	14	100
Mr. W. D. Bovill ...	98	5	93	Mr. W. F. Lyon ...	117	17	100
Mr. D. Forde ...	105	12	93	Mr. H. T. Wright ...	107	5	102
Mr. H. W. Bradford ...	108	15	93	Rev. W. T. Houlds-			
Mr. C. Plummer ...	94	scr.	94	worth ...	114	10	104
Mr. H. P. Cumming ...	100	6	94	Mr. H. P. Paul ...	122	18	104
Mr. J. H. Driver ...	103	9	94	Mr. A. Robinson ...	105	not	hcapd.
Mr. H. H. Batten ...	108	14	94				

No returns from thirty players.

SEAFORD GOLF CLUB.

Match played here on February 24th between Ranelagh and Seaford. Scores:—

SEAFORD.		RANELAGH.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. C. A. S. Leggatt ...	1	Captain Beak ...	0
Mr. Duncan Furner ...	2	Rev. T. J. Filmer Bennett ...	0
Mr. H. E. Currey ...	0	Mr. A. Waldy ...	4
Mr. J. C. Tyler Smith ...	9	Mr. H. P. Munday ...	0
Mr. Wilford Cundell ...	6	Dr. Sheppard ...	0
Captain Nugent ...	3	Sir W. Russell ...	0
Mr. E. Bedford ...	0	Mr. L. E. G. Abney ...	2
Total ...	21	Total ...	6

Our first ladies' medal resulted as follows, on Wednesday, the 21st ult.:—Miss Farncombe, 132; Mrs. W. Lambe, 143; Mrs. Danby, 150; Mrs. Jack, 166. The others were over 200. This being the first ladies' medal there were no handicaps.

SINGAPORE GOLF CLUB.

The following is the result of the first monthly medal play of the year, which took place at the links on Saturday, January 13th, over a slightly-altered course:—

Gross. Hep. Net.			Gross. Hep. Net.				
Capt. Barter ...	100	4	96	Mr. P. A. Gillespie ...	109	6	103
Mr. R. Dunman ...	103	6	97	Mr. W. Fox ...	123	20	103
Dr. Kerr ...	99	scr.	99	Mr. H. Bryan ...	116	12	104
Mr. R. W. Crighton ...	105	6	99	Mr. J. C. D. Jones ...	112	8	104
Mr. J. M. Allinson ...	106	6	100	Mr. E. J. Nanson ...	125	20	105
Mr. F. M. Elliot ...	112	12	100	Mr. A. W. Stiven ...	106	scr.	106
Mr. R. H. Padday ...	120	20	100	Mr. A. Mackay ...	110	4	106
Mr. J. W. B. Mac-				Mr. W. A. Cadell ...	124	16	108
laren ...	109	8	101	Mr. H. E. Daunt ...	122	12	110
Mr. J. L. Jenkins ...	113	12	101	Mr. A. M. Rogers ...	159	18	141
Mr. H. V. W. Vade ...	111	8	103				

ST. NEOTS GOLF CLUB.

Ladies' competition, February 23rd:—Miss K. Meade, 56, less 20=36; Mrs. Tomson, 62, less 16=46; Miss Bower, 53, less 5=48; Miss Addington, 81, less 30=51.

Gentlemen's competition, February 24th:—Dr. Hillyer won the medal for players with handicap under 18; net score, 114; Mr. McLaren was successful in the second class; net score, 143.

SUTTON GOLF CLUB.

The second competition for a prize given by the club was played for on Saturday, the 24th inst., by the following ladies:—Miss F. E. Haines, 105, less 20=85; Miss Richardson, 100, less 14=86; Miss W. Fisher, 111, less 20=91; Miss Morton, 108, less 14=94; Miss M. Charrington, 126, less 27=99; Mrs. Moore, 164, less 36=128; Miss Charrington, 164, less 27=137.

The gentlemen's medal competition was played for on the same day, and resulted as follows:—Mr. R. W. Ker, 103, less 15=88; Mr. E. C. Morley, 123, less 35=88; Mr. H. Bawtree, 128, less 40=88; Mr.

H. E. Solly, 122, less 33=89; Mr. H. R. Cripps, 115, less 25=90; Mr. E. Sheppy, 113, less 20=93; Mr. H. J. Bowen, 129, less 35=94; Mr. F. Richardson, 117, less 18=99; Mr. G. Moore, 162, less 40=122. Mr. Scott made no return.

WAKEFIELD GOLF CLUB.

The February monthly medal was played for on Saturday, February 17th. Six competitors braved the thickly falling snow, and played a round of nine holes. Good play was not expected under the circumstances, and the best card returned was that of Dr. I. Murray, whose card was as follows, 69, less 5=64. Messrs. S. H. Hedley and F. Lee returned the next best cards.

Married v. Single.—February, 10th. The married were the winners by 1 hole.

MARRIED.		SINGLE.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Dr. J. Murray ...	3	Mr. M. H. Peacock ...	0
Mr. J. T. Hall ...	0	Mr. B. Waterhouse ...	0
Mr. J. L. Lee ...	0	Mr. R. Rowand ...	5
Rev. S. C. Walley ...	4	Mr. H. M. Briggs ...	0
Mr. S. H. Hedley ...	5	Mr. J. F. Warrington ...	0
Mr. R. H. Fennell ...	0	Mr. B. S. Briggs ...	6
	12		11

Leatham cup.—Fourteen competitors entered for this cup, and the winner was Mr. B. Waterhouse, who in tempestuous weather returned a card of 8 holes down against a round of 82 by "Col. Bogey."

WARMINSTER v. HOMINGTON DOWN.

Played on Wednesday at Salisbury in delightful weather, there being no wind, and the sun having thawed the surface of the ground sufficiently to make the chance of breaking clubs as remote as possible. Scores:—

WARMINSTER.		HOMINGTON DOWN.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Captain Whitehead ...	4	Rev. E. E. Dorling ...	0
Rev. H. A. Hickin ...	0	Rev. Canon Whiteford ...	1
Mr. F. J. N. Glass ...	3	Mr. D. J. K. Macdonald ...	0
Dr. Alcock ...	1	Rev. P. E. Miles ...	0
Mr. A. B. Gillett ...	5	Rev. G. Hill ...	0
Mr. D. R. Evans ...	0	Mr. Shorland ...	1
	13		2

Result:—Warminster, 11 holes up.

WEST HERTS GOLF CLUB.

The usual monthly medal "Bogey" competition was played at Bushey on Saturday last. Handicaps of 12 and under:—Mr. H. J. Cottam, 4 down; Mr. A. D. Walker, 6 down; Mr. H. H. Tankard, 7 down; Mr. O. W. F. Hill, 10 down; Mr. R. S. Clouston, 11 down; Mr. E. F. Jackson, 11 down.

Handicaps exceeding 12:—Mr. W. R. Carter, 9 down; Mr. C. David, 12 down; Mr. P. Coombe, 12 down; Mr. C. H. Carlisle, 15 down.

On February 22nd a match was played over the West Herts Club course at Bushey, between teams, twelve a side, representing the Royal Epping Forest Golf Club and the West Herts Golf Club. The sun, after frost, rendered the greens very sticky.

		Holes.	
Mr. E. Flint ...	0	Mr. S. Hirst ...	0
Capt. Cowper Coles ...	5	Mr. R. S. Clouston ...	0
Mr. S. A. Bastard ...	4	Mr. C. L. M. Pearson ...	0
Mr. W. M. Rhodes ...	0	Mr. O. W. F. Hill ...	2
Mr. J. Gould Smith ...	8	Mr. A. B. Chalmers ...	0
Mr. A. Anderson ...	7	Mr. B. M. Barton ...	0
Mr. G. H. Swinstead ...	4	Mr. A. H. Wallace ...	0
Mr. A. O. J. Dalmeyer ...	5	Mr. E. F. Maitland ...	0
Mr. J. W. Greig ...	3	Mr. A. G. Bradley ...	0
Mr. C. E. Greig ...	0	Mr. J. H. Whitehorn ...	1
Mr. W. E. Hall ...	0	Mr. J. L. Clark ...	2
Mr. A. H. Hanney ...	0	Mr. J. S. Crawford ...	0
	36		5

WALLASEY GOLF CLUB.—The last of the winter optional handicaps was played here on the 24th ult., and, like the preceding ones, occurred in bad weather, a strong westerly gale prevailing all day. The following are the scores returned:—Mr. R. W. Brown, scratch, 88; Mr. F. H. Pickworth, 95, less 5=90; Mr. T. W. Crowther, scratch, 92; Mr. A. Carson, 114, less 18=96; Mr. J. S. Graham, 113, less 16=97; Mr. J. M. Mumm, 116, less 18=98; Mr. Frankland Gaskell, 121, less 22=99. The remainder made no return.

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WEST WRATTING PARK (CAMBS.) GOLF CLUB.

The February competition for the monthly medal was played off on Thursday, February 22nd, and resulted as below:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. W. R. Gray ...	94	24	70	Mr. N. Morris ...	160	78	82
Mr. N. L. B. Hayter	101	30	71	Mr. N. A. Leslie ...	140	57	83
Mr. H. Marsden ...	113	42	71	Mr. R. Clapham ...	141	56	85
Mr. H. Tringham...	114	42	72	Mr. J. Wedgwood...	128	39	89
Mr. H. S. Cobbold.	101	24	77	Mr. C. W. Brown...	163	71	92
Mr. F. Nulton ...	120	42	78	Mr. A. Henderson .	130	36	94
Mr. W. N. Cobbold	103	24	79	Mr. M. Haggard ...	156	51	105

THE EDINBURGH GOLF CLUB.—This club held its first meeting over the Braids on Friday, February 9th. The club is to hold monthly meetings to compete for a fine medal, presented by the captain, Dr. Gibruth. The medal was gained by Mr. Peck; second prize, Dr. Gibruth; third prize, Mr. Brown; extra prize, Dr. Keiller. The following members also competed:—Messrs. Callender, Chisholm, Hugh Miller, Dall, and Dr. Baylis.

CUMBRAE GOLF CLUB.—The monthly competition for the gold medal presented by the vice-captain of the club, Mr. Duncan M'Kintosh, took place on the links at Millport, on Saturday afternoon. The course was a little soft. The following were the lowest scores:—Mr. John Houston, 99, less 5=94 (winner); Mr. Tom Macfarlane, 102, less 5=97; Mr. Archibald Cameron, 108, less 6=102; Mr. J. C. Sharpe, 105, less 2=103.

CROOKHAM GOLF CLUB.—Monthly medal, February 24th:—Mr. E. J. Maguire, 86, less 10=76; Mr. A. H. Evans, 83, less 1=82; Mr. S. S. Wollaston, 95, less 9=86; Mr. A. C. Bartholomew, 95, less 8=87; Mr. W. H. Belcher, 102, less 12=90; Rev. H. H. Skrine, 117, less 27=90; Rev. J. Stewart, 98, less 7=91; Mr. W. P. Godwin, 115, less 16=99; Mr. J. S. Woods, 120, less 15=105. No returns from Messrs. Rendall, Haviland, and Garry.

COPTHORNE GOLF CLUB.—In the February competition, played on the 15th and 17th, Mr. J. P. Elliot, last month's winner, again carried off the silver medal and first sweepstake with a score of 98, less 2=96. Mr. C. W. Nix taking second sweepstake with 102, less 5=97. The other scores handed in were, Mr. C. L. Reade (scratch), 99; Mr. H. G. Bateson, 112, less 12=100; Mr. M. Drummond, 105, less 4=101; and Mr. H. A. Hallett 116, less 12=104. The ladies' competition was played off on the 22nd and 24th, the prize club being won by Miss E. S. Reade with 67, less 14=53. Remaining scores:—Mrs. Burnard, 80, less 25=55; Miss M. C. Nix (scratch), 57; Mrs. S. Russell, 67, less 7=60. Four players making no returns.

CITY OF NEWCASTLE CLUB.—The ninth competition in connection with the winter handicap under the auspices of the above club took place on Saturday. Score:—Mr. G. W. Williams, 90, less 2=88; Mr. A. Richardson, 106, less 14=92; Mr. W. S. Carpenter, 125, less 30=93; Mr. H. Armstrong, 117, less 18=99; Capt. Todd, 119, less 20=99; Mr. N. S. Green, 116, less 15=101; Mr. W. M'Chiery, 118, less 17=101; Mr. C. D. Ismay, 124, less 22=102; Mr. R. Howden, 109, less 6=103; Mr. R. Dunlop, 129, less 25=104; Mr. A. Hedley, 110, less 3=107; Mr. J. W. Osborne, 121, less 8=113; Mr. S. F. Bates, 125, less 9=116; Mr. A. M. Carswell, 123, less 6=117. Messrs. R. T. Thompson, R. S. Ferguson, E. L. Orde, W. Cross, and W. J. Nimmo retired. The competition will be resumed on Saturday next.

LARGS.—The second competition on the new course of this club at Kilburne Castle took place on Saturday afternoon, when the monthly game for the club's handicap medal was played. The day was showery, cold, and disagreeable, but the new course was found to be nicely sheltered. The best cards made were:—Mr. John Orr, 51, less 9=42; Mr. Donald Miliar, 54, less 10=44; Mr. John M'Neill, 55, less 6=49; Mr. James Crawford, 62, less 10=52; Mr. T. Widdowson, 62, less 9=53; Mr. J. H. Boyd, 69, less 15=54; Mr. John Murray, 70, less 15=55; Mr. D. M'Kellar, 72, less 15=57; Mr. A. D. Ker, 72, less 15=57.

TROON.—The usual monthly competition for the Sandhills gold medal took place on Saturday. Notwithstanding the boisterous weather in the early part of the day, there was a large field in the afternoon, when the weather was more favourable. Mr. John Shaw secured first place with (scratch) 86. Mr. R. G. Campbell was second with 106, less 14=92.

PRESTWICK.—The members competed on Saturday for the monthly handicap gold medal, but with very boisterous weather, there was a small number of players. The following are the best scores recorded:—Mr. Douglas Reid, 101, less 13=88; Mr. R. Cassels, 106, less 15=91; Mr. J. T. Goudie, 101, less 9=92; Mr. D. Cowan, 110, less 18=92; Mr. J. Knox, 113, less 20=93; Mr. J. H. Wilson, 98, less 4=94. **ST. NICHOLAS.**—At a special meeting of this club on Saturday, the committee were empowered to obtain leases of the old links, and erect a club-house for the convenience of the ladies' club, which numbers eighty members.

HARTLEY WINTNEY GOLF CLUB.—The monthly "Bogey" competition was held on Monday, February 19th, with the following result:—Mr. C. R. Seymour (12), all square; Mr. H. Hollings (12), 2 down; Mr. F. G. Tuck (7), 3 down; Mr. E. W. M. Lloyd (14), 8 down; Rev. W. Claxton (12), 9 down; Mr. R. N. Smyth (17), 11 down; Mr. H. Bourdillon (13), 13 down. Six members made no return.

STAPLEFORD GOLF CLUB, SALISBURY.—The first monthly medal competition for this year was held on the 23rd ult., with the following results:—Mr. A. Maskay, 115, less 20=95; Mr. R. H. Yeo, 110, less 6=104; Mr. H. F. Low, 125, less 12=113; Rev. F. W. Macdonald (scratch), 118; Mr. H. E. Gurney, 152, less 25=127; Mr. W. A. Johnstone, 164, less 30=134. The very high wind greatly increased the scoring. No other cards were handed in.

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April 11th.—Competition for the best aggregate score of two rounds (thirty-six holes). Open to Amateurs only (as defined by the conditions of the Amateur Championship Competition). Prizes, value £15, £7, and £5. Entrance-fee, 10s.

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RULES.

1.—The Competitions shall be played in accordance with the Rules of the Machrihanish Golf Club.

2.—The draw for partners will take place each morning at 10 o'clock, when players shall at once start in the order ballotted for, starting in the same order for the second round at 2 p.m.

3.—Ties will be decided by another round, to be played either on the same or any following day in the discretion of the Committee.

4.—All entries shall be subject to the approval of the Committee of the Machrihanish Golf Club.

5.—It is requested that all entries be sent to the Secretary of the Machrihanish Golf Club not later than 7th April. Entrance-fees after that date will be doubled.

6.—The Committee of the Machrihanish Golf Club reserve the power to alter or amend all or any of the foregoing Rules, and their decision in all disputes shall be final.

By Order of the Committee,

DAVID COLVILLE,

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Campbeltown, 19th December, 1893.

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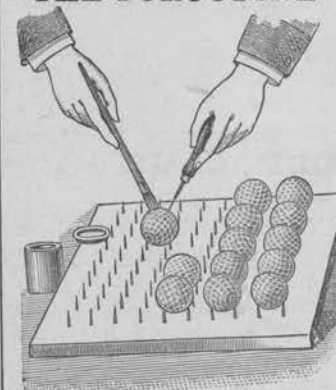
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