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JANUARY.

- Jan. 12.—Southend-on-Sea: Monthly Medals.
Seaford: Monthly Medal.
Crookham: "Bogey" Competition.
Hayling: Monthly Medal.
Mid-Surrey: Monthly Medal (Junior).
Cumbrae: Monthly Medal.
Southport: Monthly Competition (Final).
Moseley: "Bogey" Handicap.
Macclesfield: Mr. Hall's Prize.
Wilmslow: Fourth Winter Competition.
Ranelagh: Monthly Medal.
Saltburn: Monthly Medal.
Enfield: Monthly Handicap.
Kenilworth: Kenilworth Cup.
Sutton Coldfield: Monthly Cup.
- Jan. 15.—Cumbrae Ladies: Monthly Medal.
Canterbury: Monthly Medal.
- Jan. 16.—East Finchley: Annual Dinner, 6 30 p.m. (Holborn Restaurant).
- Jan. 17.—Woodbridge: Ladies; Monthly Medal.
- Jan. 19.—Harrogate: Monthly Medal.
Rochester: Monthly Medal.
Worlington and Newmarket: Monthly Medal.
Mid-Surrey: Monthly Medal (1st and 2nd Class Senior).
Royal Wimbledon: Monthly Medal.
Rochester Ladies: Monthly Medal.
Macclesfield: Mr. Cameron's Bowl.
East Finchley: Monthly Medal.
North-West Club (Londonderry): Ladies; Monthly Medal.
King's Norton: "Bogey" Competition.
Royal Epping Forest: Quarterly Medals (First and Second Class).
Charnwood Forest v. Leicester.
Kenilworth: Albert Jones Prize and Ashford Cup.
Disley: Winter Silver Medal.
- Jan. 22.—Cambridge University v. Royal Blackheath (at Blackheath, eight a-side).

- Jan. 23.—Morecambe and Heysham: Captain's Prize.
Cambridge University: Linskill Cup (scratch); St. Andrews Medal; and Prize Memento.
- Jan. 26.—Chislehurst: Monthly Medal.
Sidcup: Monthly Medal.
Huddersfield: Monthly Medal.
Royal Wimbledon: Monthly Medal.
Dumfries and Galloway: Monthly Medal.
Crookham: Monthly Medal.
Marple: Club Medal and Captain's Cup.
Warminster: Monthly Medal.
Alfreton: Bronze Medal.
Alfreton: Ladies; Silver Spoon.
Warwickshire: Monthly Competition for a Cup.
Cinque Ports: Monthly Medal.
Knutsford: Monthly Competition.
Willesden: Monthly Medal.
Neasden: Monthly Medal.
Royal North Devon: Monthly Medal.
Lytham and St. Anne's: Captain's Cup.
Royal West Norfolk: Monthly Medal.
Royal Epping Forest: Gordon Cup; Captain's Prize; Monthly Medal.
Kettering v. Leicester.
City of Newcastle: "Bogey" Competition.
Eltham Ladies: Monthly Medal.
Kemp Town: Monthly Medal.
Kenilworth v. Coventry (at Kenilworth).
Disley: Annual Silver Cup and Annual Meeting.
Wanstead: Monthly "Bogey" Competition.
- Jan. 28.—Pau: Captain's Prize.
- Jan. 29.—Moseley: Monthly Medal.
Waveney Valley: Monthly Medal.
Burnham (Somerset): Monthly Gold and Silver Medals.
- Jan. 31.—Woodbridge: Annual General Meeting.
Royal Guernsey: Monthly Medal.
Cambridge University: Barrow Medal.
Bentley Green: Monthly Medal.
Wellingborough: Monthly Medal.

"MARCH 5TH, 1894, 'HALCYON,' NEAR CROYDON.—SIR,—It may interest Golfers to know where to get the best club for playing those most difficult, yet most paying, approach shots, either 'full' or 'half,' over which so many of us have experienced such bitter disappointment and annoyance after good play through the green. I speak from personal experience, having had my handicap considerably lowered since using one of Wilson's Mashie Cleeks, which may be obtained from Wilson, the Professional, at South Street, St. Andrews. I believe Rolland used one of these delightful clubs in his recent marvellous match against Tom Dunn at Furzedown, and could not say enough in its praise.—Yours truly, S. ELLIVAN."

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LADIES' GOLF IN 1894.

The past year has been a busy one among lady-golfers. New Ladies' Golf Clubs have been opened all over the world; the ladies have made rapid progress in the game, and several interesting competitions have been held. Foremost, of course, is the Ladies' Championship Contest, held under the Ladies' Golf Union, which has now become a recognised authority controlling this annual event. The Links chosen for 1894, are comparatively new, but Littlestone has so many advantages, and was, moreover, so excellently prepared, that the choice of this course was amply justified. Once more Lady Margaret Scott held her own—with something to spare—against all comers; but Miss Issette Pearson played a finer game in the finals than she did in 1893. Of the bronze medallists, Miss Starkie-Bence showed the best form, and thoroughly deserved her decoration; while Miss May Mugliston beat Miss Lena Thomson for the same honour, but played an exceedingly disappointing game in the semi-finals. Of the newer players, Mrs. Tennent played the finest Golf. Her match with Miss Pearson astonished all the spectators. With a considerable run of ill-luck against her, notably when her caddie failed to find her ball in quite a playable spot, she never lost heart, but steadily and skilfully fought hole by hole, being beaten at the eighteenth by 1 stroke, after a display of Golf in every way worthy of her opponent. Mrs. Wilson-Hoare and Mrs. H. C. Willock (the latter a winner of two prizes given by the Union, and also a new player) also showed fine form, the Westward Ho! lady winning her match by one stroke only at the twentieth hole. Miss E. Ramsay and Miss D. Jeffreys were among the younger players noticeable for their promising play. The Ladies' Golf Union have also made a mark in 1894 by their publication of a "Ladies' Golf Annual," edited by Miss Issette Pearson, and containing the rules and *raison d'être* of the Union, together with an account of each club in the Union, and a list of the members. The Honorary Treasurer of the Union, Miss Blanche Martin, contributed a special article on lady golfers. The publication of this "Annual" will be of the greatest interest and use to lady-golfers, and is one of the many good results likely to be attained by the Ladies' Golf Union.

The next competition of interest was that managed by the Golf correspondent of the *Gentlewoman* on behalf of the editor and proprietors, this being the second competition of the kind. Throughout the preceding months secretaries of Ladies' Clubs sent in the monthly medal scores as they were played, an average was struck for each course, and a careful handicap was given. The system was experimental, but the result proved satisfactory, except in the cases of the Wimbledon, Blackheath, Ashdown Forest, and Cheltenham Ladies' Clubs, where no special scores were sent in, and the handicaps were therefore given on the scores returned in the previous competition. The six scores sent in by the many competitors from their various clubs were, in the cases of the prize-winners, extremely steady, differing only in three or four points from best to worst, while the total number of competitors doubled those of a previous year. The scores returned by the Blackheath ladies deserve especial praise, though none of them ranked among the prize-winners.

Miss Starkie-Bence, with Miss Blanche Martin as assistant-secretary, formed a Ladies' Golf Club Association for Sussex and Kent, the rules of which have already been given in full. The trophy consists of a handsome solid silver cup, on an ebony plinth, and was won for the first time by the ladies of the Royal Eastbourne Ladies' Golf Club, who were closely followed by the ladies of Ashdown Forest. Miss Bence arranged the competition with great care, and carried it out in the most successful and creditable manner.

During the autumn of 1894 the Ashdown Forest ladies organised an open meeting, which proved one of the most enjoyable events of the year. All the best known lady-golfers of the South assembled to enjoy the hospitality of this most generous club, which ranks second to none for good management in Sussex.

A similar competition, given by the Huddersfield ladies, proved equally successful and popular in the North. The large, open ladies' meeting, organised at Ranelagh, closed the ladies' doings in 1894. In spite of recent floods and present fogs, the meeting was an immense success. The Ranelagh Club has great advantages, and the course is well adapted for ladies. Throughout the spring and summer of 1895 we shall probably hear that the club is the most popular and the most in demand of any similar institutions near London.

Among many of the lady-golfers, who, for energy and hard work, deserve the very greatest praise, Mrs. Barry and Miss Walker must be mentioned. They have ruled the affairs of the Brighton and Hove Ladies' Golf Club with energy, tact, and pluck, against all difficulties, and the success of their club is now well assured.

It is a matter of regret that the amalgamation of the Southdown and

Pyecombe Ladies' Clubs did not take place, to crown the hard work of Miss Blanche Martin, hon. treasurer of the Ladies' Golf Union, at whose initiation the former club was started, under very unpromising conditions. There is doubtless room for two clubs, however, and we heartily wish all success to both.

Of Northern lady-golfers, whose fame has been well sustained throughout 1894, we must not forget the Misses Ord, whose names we hope will appear among the competitors for the Championship in 1895.

Golf has flourished apace among lady-golfers in the Emerald Isle, and the scene of the New Year's Ladies' Championship will be the time-honoured and glorious links of Portrush.

Not only at home, but in the Colonies, are ladies showing very marked interest in the game. For example, the first Open Championship for the ladies of Australia was played in August last, and called forth a great deal of interest. The match was played against "Mrs. Bogey," and was won by Miss E. B. Mackenzie, of Geelong. The trophy is a very handsome claret jug, value twenty-eight guineas. Fresh ladies' clubs are springing up everywhere in Australia. Mrs. Lillies is the hon. secretary of the Melbourne Ladies' Golf Club.

In conclusion, let us hope that the excellent record of lady-golfers in 1894 will be sustained, and, if possible, surpassed in 1895.

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LEICESTER GOLF CLUB.

The second annual dinner of this club took place at the County Assembly Rooms, Leicester, on December 10th, when about fifty members and guests were present, the president of the club, Mr. J. A. Corah being in the chair. The very artistic menu was designed by Mr. H. L. Goddard, a former hon. secretary, and represented the pretty new Club-house, and also the seventh tee, a spot where many a good driver has gone wrong.

The toast of "The Leicester Golf Club" was proposed in an able speech by Mr. J. C. Warren, the captain of the Notts Golf Club, and in responding, Mr. J. A. Corah gave a very interesting account of the development and present position of the game in Leicester. During the evening a number of songs were sung, including "The Song of the Putter," a golfing lyric written by Mr. C. J. Billson, one of the hon. secretaries of the Leicester Golf Club, the music being composed by Mr. Robert Harvey, of Leicester, who was also present at the dinner. This song was enthusiastically encored, all present joining heartily in the chorus. For the benefit of musical golfers, we may add that "The Song of the Putter" is published by Reid Brothers, 436, Oxford Street, W. Other toasts proposed were "The Patron (the Marquis of Granby, M.P.,) and Honorary Members," proposed by Mr. J. B. Everard, and replied to by Mr. T. H. Burroughes; and "The President," proposed by Mr. H. Simpson Gee. Altogether a very pleasant evening was spent, and there can be no doubt that the wholesome madness of Golf is becoming epidemic amongst the more enlightened inhabitants of this district.

On Wednesday, December 26th, a handsome silver cup, presented by Mr. G. H. Hodges, was played for in a thirty-six hole competition against "Bogey," under handicap. The recent wet weather had made the putting-greens extremely sticky and difficult, and Mr. H. L. Goddard, who was the winner of the cup, is to be congratulated on his good score. A large number of players competed, and the best scores returned were the following:—Mr. H. L. Goddard (14), 8 down; Mr. C. Pegg (18), 13 down; Mr. A. Lorrimer (7), 14 down; Mr. A. E. Thompson (9), 14 down; Mr. T. B. Jones (11), 15 down; Mr. B. W. Russell (14), 15 down; Mr. F. M. Pope (13), 17 down; Mr. J. A. Corah (11), 18 down; Mr. C. J. Billson (15), 20 down; Mr. O. J. Taylor (14), 20 down; Mr. E. W. Beale (16), 21 down; H. S. Elliott (16), 28 down; Mr. W. N. Toller (17), 28 down.

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BALHAM GOLF CLUB.

The newest addition to the numerous Golf courses in the vicinity of the metropolis is that of Balham, which was formally opened for play on New Year's Day. It is now some six months since the question of forming a club in this locality arose. The resident population comprises many golfers. Not a few of these are members of clubs, but cannot always upon weekdays find the time required to visit and play over their links. There are others, too, whose names have figured for many a day on the waiting list of established clubs, with no prospect apparently of getting within the charmed circle before their yearnings to indulge in the game died away. To meet these two distinctly-felt wants, action was taken about the time we have indicated. The open space known as Hyde Farm, lying between Clapham Park and Tooting Common in one direction, and Balham and Streatham Hill in the other, long associated with South London athletics, naturally attracted attention, as supplying the first necessity. Negotiations with the owner took place, which, in the end, led to the formation of the club, to their obtaining a seven year's lease of fifty-five acres, the acquisition of an adjacent building as a club-house, and the laying-out of a nine-hole course. The work of preparing the links was only entered upon in the early part of December, and, though the level, open sward presented no real difficulty, it must be admitted that great energy has been exhibited, judging by the wonderfully complete condition of the tees, greens, and artificial bunkers. The course, as may be expected, is as yet somewhat rough. The ground in parts is, as a rule, silt, and carries loose, rough grass. The heavy roller has been liberally applied, but the intervention of the frost, and here and there the footmarks of contending footballers, who cannot be dispossessed until the close of this season, naturally militate against a very speedy transformation to the ideal turf. A few natural hazards exist, in the shape of hedgerows with trees, and either faced or backed by the customary grass-grown ditches. These have been made the most of, and have been supplemented by artificial bunkers and hurdles. The bunkers are of the average height, but being erected with perpendicular faces, though with sloping backs, they have a somewhat forbidding aspect. They are places from which it will be the better policy of the unfortunate to play back or to the side, rather than to attempt to play over. In extent the course exceeds a mile and a half; a mile and three-quarters would be about the mark. The distances have not yet been accurately taken, but the holes vary from 140 to over 450 yards, two of the nine holes being above 400. There is a fair amount of variety throughout, and no crossing. The laying-out was done by the green committee, amongst them being the captain, Mr. W. R. Dockrell, and Mr. S. Chick (the former a golfer of long standing, and the latter comparatively new to the game, though, like the captain, a strong and skilful player), Mr. T. G. Taylor, and Mr. Arthur Cole. In Mr. Arthur Cole the club have secured an energetic secretary. The professional is Alfred Covington, who was trained by Tom Dunn and Paxton at Fuzedown, and who is already a player of considerable merit and promise.

The course has a very convenient situation. It is about five minutes' walk from the Balham Station of the Brighton and South Coast Railway, and an equal distance from the tramway lines running from Westminster, Blackfriars, and the Borough. The club-house is the dwelling known as "Homelands," situated on the other side of Cavendish Road from the course, and a few paces from the first tee. Considerable pains have been taken to make the building suitable for a Golf club-house, and the committee appear to have achieved a marked success in that respect, more particularly in the arrangements made for the comfort of lady members.

There are already over one hundred members, and an entrance-fee has been imposed. It is proposed to limit the membership to 200 or 220, which number will, we believe, also include the lady members, of whom there is now a fair proportion, and for whom a shorter course is in contemplation.

The keen frost which prevailed on the Monday was continued on the following day, rendering the ground unfit for proper play. The weather was, however, not too cold, and the formal opening, which consisted of the captain driving the first ball in a foursome, was witnessed by a number of ladies and gentlemen. In this match, Mr. Dockrell partnered Mr. Chick against the secretary and Covington, and, notwithstanding the state of the course, they went the round in 44, or one under an average of 5. It goes without saying that this record will be substantially lowered in open weather, and both Mr. Dockrell and Mr. Chick estimate that when the course has been got into better condition, 36 to 38 should be the scratch figure. Mr. Chick and the professional subsequently played a single of eighteen

holes, in the first half of which Covington had the advantage of his able opponent, who had very bad luck.

The first green is about 200 yards distant from the tee. The drive, if a long one, will clear a hurdle hazard, and, afterwards, a short approach should reach the green, which is faced by a bunker. The course to the second hole is somewhat similar. The distance is over 200 yards. The third hole is somewhat shorter. A hedge, with trees, lies in the line, a short distance from the tee, and a bunker has been erected close to the green. A good drive leaves a short second for the green. The fourth is the longest of the nine, being over 450 yards.

The tee is right in the open, and a very long, clean drive is indispensable to a low figure. Such a shot would probably carry a somewhat high hedge, with trees and thickly-grassed ditches. A full second, either with brassy or cleek, should land near the green, but it must be straight. The fifth hole is a cleek shot, being the shortest of the course. Care, however, must be taken, as a sliced ball will probably land out of bounds in the shrubbery of some Grove Road residence, while too strong an effort may be penalised, as was the case on New Year's Day, by bringing up in some small enclosed vegetable beds. The line to the sixth, over 400 yards, goes obliquely back almost parallel with that to the fourth. The same hedge has to be cleared, and this should be done with a full second, with iron or cleek, after a good drive. There should remain only a short approach. The course to the seventh green turns at right angles towards the club-house, crossing the natural hazard of hedge and ditch encountered in going to the third. Here a topped ball is fatal, the tee being but fifteen or twenty yards from the hazard. This once cleared with a good drive, an artificial bunker, guarding the green, has to be negotiated, and that may readily be done with a fairly strong iron or mashie shot. The eighth is nearly 200 yards away, and requires a fair drive and medium iron shot. Two hurdles intervene at present, and play must be straight. It is in contemplation to cut in this part of the course a series of grips, as additional hazards. The "Home" hole is a short one, being about 150 yards, and it can easily be reached with the cleek. A hurdle before it is the only hazard at present; but a sliced or a too strong ball runs the risk of clearing the fence, and landing in the roadway, out of bounds.

WEST MIDDLESEX GOLF CLUB.

The half-yearly putting competition for the Peel silver challenge putter took place on Saturday, December 29th. In spite of a bad light and high wind, the putting was decidedly good, and showed great improvement on that of last June, and it should be a matter of congratulation to the club that its members are thus improving in this most important part of the game. Putting began at a distance of three yards from the hole, but it was not until twenty-seven yards had been reached that Mr. W. E. Newbury was found to be the winner; Dr. Routh and Mr. Hart both failing to hole their second putts at that distance by half an inch.

There has been a good deal of play on the links this Christmas, and on Christmas Eve an interesting professional foursome was played between Braid of Elie and Pearson of Brockenhurst, and Smith of Taplow and the club professional, Marks. Braid and Pearson, who both played extremely well, won both their matches by 3 up and 2 to play, their scores for the eighteen holes being 84 and 79, 81 and 73. The play was a great awakening for some of the members, particularly Braid's driving, which was magnificent; his best drive is said to have been 260 yards. We only wish the course had been in better condition for their game, but owing to the previous wet weather it was very soft, and putting was very difficult.

CLUB-MAKER SENT TO PRISON.—At the Cambridge Divisional Petty Sessions on Saturday, George Parry Hobley, Golf club-maker's apprentice, Searle Street, Chesterton, was charged with stealing between November 3rd, and December 31st, at Chesterton, forty Golf club heads, six Golf balls, twenty-six brass plates, twenty-seven horns, fourteen shafts, one patent head, value £3, the property of Messrs. H. J. Gray and Sons, the well-known Cambridge club-makers; W. Fairful, James Beveridge, and J. D. Warner identified club heads and shafts found in the possession of the prisoner which were their workmanship. The prisoner pleaded not guilty to stealing the whole of the articles, but guilty to stealing a part of the property. The prisoner was next charged with stealing seventeen shillings, the property of Harriet Hunt, at Chesterton, during the month of December. The prisoner had lodged with Mrs. Hunt for eight weeks. The money was taken from the chiffonier one evening while she was at church, the prisoner representing to her that the theft had been the act of burglars. He pleaded guilty to this charge, and asked to be leniently dealt with. The Bench sentenced the prisoner to one month's imprisonment with hard labour for each offence.

THE UNDERCUT.

"WHY is it"—I asked the other day—"that it is so much easier to pitch a full iron shot dead than a half-iron shot? Why are the half-shots so much more apt to run, after pitching, than the full, though they be cut never so shrewdly?" I had often asked this question before, and the answer had always been, "Yes; funny thing, by Jove! It is so, certainly; but can't quite make out why."

So one had begun to put this problem down in the number of those "things that no fellow can understand"—not even Professor Tait. And then, on the occasion of which I write, someone in the company answered, quite casually, "Oh! of course it is quite simple why it is so. You hit the full shots a quicker, sharper blow, that makes the club go through after the ball better, and so puts more under-spin on, presuming that the ball be hit below the centre."

There seems to be nothing amiss with this as an account of the matter, though the answer did not seem to cause the answerer a moment's thought or pain; and, though in all the weighty treatises that we read and write—or, does anybody read them?—about the great and good game, the point does not seem to have been attacked at all. Probably there is no general doubt about the fact—that it is easier to pitch a full iron shot, or full mashie shot, comparatively dead than a half-iron shot or half-mashie shot. Certainly, to most people it is easier; but that is not to say that there may not be singular exceptions who can pitch the ball deader off the half than off the full shot. There are paradoxical exceptions to every rule that is worth stating, and for every one real exception there are a score of persons who believe themselves to be exceptions. The reason of the deader fall off the full shot, however, has always hitherto seemed obscure to the present writer; therefore, it is possible that it may also have been obscure to others, who will be grateful perhaps for a little light thrown upon it. The writer does not answer for the quality of the light; it may be only a Will-o'-the-wisp, and no true light or account at all; but, at all events, it seems to fulfil certainly one condition of a workable hypothesis, namely, that it explains the effects. If any other hypothesis will explain them equally well, I am sure we shall all greet it with gratitude. There is, I think, a certain interest in understanding the "why" of a ball's behaviour, though whether the understanding of the theory will result in our being able to better our practice is quite another matter. Often in these matters ignorance is bliss, and a little knowledge a dangerous thing, to the golfer; but the reasonable human being (quite another person) likes to know reasons, and, after all, it is not impossible that he, understanding that it is helpful to dead pitching to hit the ball sharply under the centre, may help us to achieve the dead pitching in practice.

Observation, I fancy, confirms the deduction. Taylor, for instance, who pitches his ball very dead off his mashie, seems to strike the ball more sharply than most strike it. Sayers, on the other hand, seems to get the same result of a dead pitch by other methods, namely by clubs so lofted that the ball goes very high and has very little way on when it pitches. Of course, other things being equal, the ball which has least way on—which describes the steepest parabola—will fall the deadeast. But then, other things are not always equal; for instance, the amount of cut on a ball sent up to the hole by Taylor, and one scuffled along with a sort of putt with the iron by the ordinary

duffer. The queer thing about Taylor's approaches is that they fall so dead, although they fly comparatively so low; and if anyone can suggest a better theory to account for it than that of my friend which I have quoted above, I think many of us will be obliged to him. I wonder if, after reading this, we shall all go out and approach like Taylor? At all events it seems to me that my friend's answer has started a good hare. I wonder who will catch him.

H. G. HUTCHINSON.

COUNTY DOWN GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the valuable cup presented to the above club by the County Down Ladies' Golf Club, took place at Newcastle on the 5th inst. There was a very large and representative entry, and the trophy was finally carried off by Mr. W. J. MacGeagh, who played a very steady and reliable game throughout the entire competition. Mr. J. S. Reade secured the second prize value £5. The following are the details of the play:—

First round.—Mr. J. S. Reade (4), bye; Mr. F. E. Cuming (3), absent; Mr. T. Dickson (1), bye; Mr. F. B. Newett (9), absent; Mr. P. Trousdale (9) beat Mr. S. Brown (6), 4 up and 2 to play; Mr. W. J. Hurst (9), bye; Mr. H. J. Johnston (3), absent; Mr. S. C. Kelly (2) beat Mr. H. C. Kelly (5), 4 up and 2 to play; Mr. A. S. Matier (8), bye; Mr. E. H. Johns (5), absent; Mr. G. Combe (1), bye; Mr. J. T. Richardson (9), absent; Mr. L. Campbell (7) beat Mr. R. Magill (6), 2 up; Mr. Claude Brownlow (5), bye; Mr. E. Williams (5), absent.

Second Round.—Mr. A. R. Brush (9) beat Mr. H. Shaw (scratch), 1 up; Mr. F. F. Figgis (4), bye; Mr. R. M'Ilwaine (9), absent; Mr. A. N. Charley (3), bye; Mr. T. Ferguson (5), absent; Mr. J. M'Cormac (6) beat Mr. H. Agnew (6), 1 up; Mr. H. Gregg (1) beat Mr. F. L. Heyn (9), 4 up and 3 to play; Rev. J. Forbes (7) beat Mr. G. S. S. Clarke (3), 1 up; Mr. W. J. MacGeagh (5) beat Mr. H. Herdman (6), 4 up and 2 to play; Mr. J. H. Richardson (3), absent; Rev. D. Hadden (9), absent; Mr. C. Hopkinson (5), bye; Mr. J. Hurst (9), absent; Mr. R. Margill, jun. (1) beat Mr. A. A. Ussher (9), 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. H. E. Richardson (7), bye; Mr. A. Duffin (6), absent; Mr. J. S. Reade, bye; Mr. J. H. Pigot (3), absent; Mr. Trousdale beat Mr. Dickson, 3 up and 1 to play; Mr. S. C. Kelly beat Mr. Hurst, 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. Combe beat Mr. Matier, 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. Brownlow beat Mr. Campbell.

Third round.—Mr. Figgis beat Mr. Brush, 3 up and 1 to play; Mr. Charley beat Mr. M'Cormac, 4 up and 2 to play; Mr. Gregg beat Rev. J. Forbes, 2 up; Mr. MacGeagh, bye; Mr. Richardson, absent; Mr. Magill beat Mr. Hopkinson, 1 up, after tie; Mr. Reade beat Mr. Richardson, 1 up, after tie; Mr. Kelly beat Mr. Trousdale, 1 up; Mr. Brownlow beat Mr. Combe, 2 up.

Fourth round.—Mr. Figgis beat Mr. Charley, 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. MacGeagh beat Mr. Gregg, 2 up; Mr. Reade beat Mr. Magill, 2 up; Mr. Kelly beat Mr. Brownlow, 2 up.

Semi-final.—Mr. MacGeagh beat Mr. Figgis, 5 up and 3 to play; Mr. Reade beat Mr. Kelly, 2 up.

Final.—Mr. MacGeagh beat Mr. Reade, 3 up and 2 to play, and won the prize.

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Mr. BALL AND TAYLOR AGAINST THE WORLD.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I observe in your last week's issue, that it has now been arranged by the Committee of Management of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, that the contest for the Amateur Championship, of which Mr. John Ball, jun., of the Royal Liverpool Club, is the holder, shall commence on Tuesday, May 7th; and the Open Championship (for Amateurs and Professionals), won at Sandwich, in June last, by J. H. Taylor, of Winchester, will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, June 12th and 13th, and that both Championships will be decided on the St. Andrew's Links.

The two Champions above mentioned occupy a high and honourable position in the golfing world of the present day, no out-of-door game having ever before acquired such an amount of popularity in so short a time, as shown by the number of Golf Clubs, and the number of playing members all the world over.

The two present Champions are English players, and there are many other first-class players in England, and Scotland, who will be unable to be in St. Andrews when the next Championship struggles take place. Possibly the Champions may be prevented from being present.

There are many golfers who want to see a grand match at our popular game, and on their behalf, permit me to suggest, that two of our best men (amateurs or professionals) should be selected, or invited, to send a challenge to Mr. John Ball, jun., and J. H. Taylor, to play a foursome, consisting of 144 holes, on four links, viz., St. Andrews, North Berwick, Hoylake, and Sandwich, being thirty-six holes on each links, for a prize of one hundred guineas.

Such a match would afford many persons an opportunity of seeing Golf played *well*, and would add greatly to the present marvellous popularity of the game among both men and women.

I am, Sir, &c.,

AN HONORARY MEMBER OF THE ROYAL AND ANCIENT GOLF CLUB OF ST. ANDREWS.

Hayling Island, January 1st.

CLEARING HEATH LAND.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Can any of your readers advise as to the best way of clearing heath land covered with furze bushes, better and cheaper than grubbing them up by hand?

Is there any strong implement that can be recommended for the purpose that will thoroughly eradicate them?

I am, Sir, &c.,

NEW GOLF LINKS.

GOLF AT PARIS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I notice that one of your correspondents asks whether Golf can be played in Paris. I fear the answer must be in the negative. Attempts have been made, and will, no doubt, be continued, to find a suitable course near Paris, but so far, I believe, they have been without success. The difficulty seems to be the great value of land which might otherwise be available for for such a purpose.

I am, Sir, &c.,

JOHN BOIT.

Paris, January 5th.

THE COURTESY OF THE GREEN.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Your ruling and suggestions are respectfully invited on the following matter :—

Two players have been waiting on the tee of a short hole for several minutes, to allow the players in front to hole out, as is customary. One of the players in front, after playing a large number of strokes, comes hopelessly to grief in a bunker and gives up the hole. The players on the tee, seeing the hole given up, call "Fore!" and play. This is followed by a vigorous protest from the other player in front, who claims the right to continue playing alone, and to hole out before the players waiting, drive off. The players behind declining to recognise that as a single player he has such right, the first player reports matter to committee, who rule that the players following (1), Committed a breach of the rules of play, inasmuch as they should have first obtained the single player's permission to play, (thus admitting by implication that he had the right to refuse such permission); and (2), A breach of the courtesies of the green.

Such a ruling seems a very extraordinary one, and is contrary to the opinion of a very large number of golfers, who think it desirable to submit the matter to you, and they would like your opinion on the following points :—1st, Has a player in match play, the right to keep back the "field" until he holes out, after the hole has been given up by his opponent? Your reply to this will also answer whether the committee's first ruling is a correct one; and 2nd, Which players, those following, or those in front, committed a breach of the courtesies of the game?

It should be stated with reference to the first question that the play was match play (there is no question about medal or "Bogey" play), and as regards the second question, the time was three o'clock in a dark afternoon in December, a rapidly failing light, about two-thirds of the holes to play, and several couples desirous of finishing their matches before dark.

It would be interesting to know what is the status of a player in match play after his opponent has given up the hole.

I am, Sir, &c.,

ENQUIRER.

[It is one of the customs established by the etiquette of the game that no players have the power, *as a right*, to force their way past other players who are playing the game in every way legitimately. Where that right comes into play is in the following instances (1), players looking for a lost ball; (2), a three-ball match; (3), a match which does not play the full round, but leaves out several holes, and "cuts in" at some other teeing ground before players who have gone the complete round. Local legislation on many greens has added to these three primary customs (1) players playing medal rounds, or for important prizes, may pass ordinary matches; (2), players with caddies may pass those carrying their own clubs. Courtesy and mutual toleration among players alone make it possible for the game to be played advantageously on any course, and particularly in these days of crowded courses. "Do unto others as ye would that they should do unto you," is a golden maxim in another creed which should be borrowed and incorporated in the creed of every golfer. The strong and vigorous player should have toleration for the weak and unskillful foolzer; the slow and errant player should think equally of the perfervid rush of the skilled players chafing behind on the tee. Courtesy, indeed, is the lubricant which admits of the game being played without friction; and

if our correspondent had remembered this we are sure that this unpleasant incident would not have arisen. In the circumstances, his impatience was natural, but a gentle remonstrance to the offending players, or a specific request to be allowed to pass, would have been more successful than an attempt to force his way *au bout du fusil*. On the other hand, the two offending players ought to have had some consideration for others coming up behind, and should have done their utmost not to create a congestion. Looking at all the circumstances, however, we think that the committee took the correct view in the interest of all the members of the club, for unless some wide restraining view of this kind were taken, much angry friction would arise, and a round might degenerate into a chaotic war in which all the stronger players of a club would entirely abrogate and destroy the playing rights of the weak and unskilful.—ED.]

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C. E. S. GILLIES (Auckland, N.Z.).—Yes; B has the right to remove the flag, if he can, in the circumstances you describe, though he must not interfere with the roll of A's ball. It was not the etiquette of the game for A to putt at the hole with the flag in it.

FORFARSHIRE.

A special meeting of the Dalhousie Club was held in the club-house, Carnoustie, on Saturday, December 29th, to receive and consider the report of the Committee anent the proposed alteration of the Golf courses. Mr. David Anderson, the Grange, presided. The Committee's report was submitted on the proposed alterations, which mainly consist in forming the present nine-hole course, which as yet is rather uncouth, into a first-class short course. The committee reported that they had met on the ground along with the Commissioner W. F. Soutar, the Convener of the Recreation Ground Committee, as representing the Police Commission, and adjusted the holes. Mr. Soutar, who was present, offered, subject to the approval of the other members of his Committee, to hand over the £100 to the club as voted by the Police Commission, provided that labour, but not material, be provided out of the fund for propping up the burn where absolutely necessary. It was paoposed by the chairman, and seconded and agreed to, to carry out any alterations on the above lines which might be found necessary, the Commission to pay the first cost to the extent of £100. The Special Committee were thanked for their services. It was remitted to the Green Committee, along with Mr. Sharp and Bob Simpson, to see the alterations carried out, as also the laying out of any new hazards advisable.

The Rowan medal of the Broughty Club, played for under handicap, was competed for at Monifieth. The links were covered with snow, and the balls were lost in wreaths almost every shot. All the scores were exceptionally high, the best being:—Mr. W. R. Lorimer, 106; Mr. George Malcolm, 106; Mr. Alexander Bowman, 108. The medal was won by Mr. James Wilson, at 117, being 7 above average.

The Kirk medal, a scratch monthly trophy, was played for by the members of the Broughty Club on Saturday, January 5th. Snow lay heavily on the course. Mr. William Harris, who had a couple of 3's on his card, won the medal, at 92; Mr. Frank A. Begg came next, at 93; Mr. Allan Bell, at 94; and Mr. Alexander Bowman, at 97. Mr. Harris also gained the scratch club prize; and the average prize went to Mr. Bell, who came in exactly at his registered number.

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Much regret was felt by the members of the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers on hearing of the sudden death of Mr. G. Fitzjohn, who for about sixteen years has been club-master to the Company. Fitzjohn was struck down with paralysis on Wednesday night after doing some of the Company's business at Gullane, and died early on Thursday morning. The greatest sympathy is felt with his family, for the event was very unexpected, and, after a severe attack of influenza some years ago, which weakened his health for a time, they were hoping that he had made a complete recovery; indeed, he was never in better spirits than the week before his death. Originally, Fitzjohn hailed from Brighton, his father having been for sixty years a worthy servant of the Earl of Westmoreland. He was for some years in the Edinburgh Police force, where he was a thoroughly capable officer, and in 1877 he received a medal for bravery in rescuing life at the Greenside fire. Fitzjohn leaves a widow and family of four sons and two daughters. Three of his sons follow the business of Golf club-makers, and the fourth has for some time assisted his father in the club-house. The funeral, which was largely attended, took place at Dirleton on Sunday last. At his death Fitzjohn was only fifty-four years of age. It will not be easy to fill his place, as he was a most obliging and efficient club-master.

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The question of Sunday or no Sunday play has been stirring the depths of the Seaford Golf Club. At one of the meetings held, the club decided to have none of it: then it was asserted that this resolution was subsequently overthrown by a snatch vote at a club meeting held later on. A poll of the members for and against was demanded; and while this is in progress a temperately worded circular in favour of Sunday play has been issued by an influential section of the club. It is pointed out that at the annual general meeting of the club, held in October last, new rules were submitted for the approval of the club, as the old rules had never been sanctioned by a general meeting. Formerly it was necessary to have a rule against Sunday play, because the terms of the tenancy under which the club held the links forbade such play; but now the club has a lease of the links for fourteen years which contains no condition against Sunday play.

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At the meeting, which was in no way a packed one, all the proposed new rules were discussed and largely amended. When the rule against Sunday play was proposed, a motion was carried to omit the rule. It has been represented that local feeling is strongly against Sunday play. In the opinion of those framing the circular this is not the case. The so-called local feeling against Sunday play is entirely due to misconception of its results, and to pressure brought to bear by a few of the better class of inhabitants. Boating, fishing, and driving, are largely indulged in on Sunday at Seaford,

both by visitors and inhabitants, and there is no local feeling against these amusements.

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The club is, in fact, a London club, for out of the 270 members, about twenty-seven are resident in Seaford, whereas about 170 live in London and its suburbs. The links are private property, and the public have only a right of way over certain defined footpaths. Care would be taken not to play on Sundays such holes as would interfere with the public use of these footpaths. There is no intention of employing caddies or other labour on the links on Sunday. The question, it is urged, should be left to the conscience of every member—truly the best solution of the difficulty.

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The Tooting Bec Golf Club gave their annual supper to the caddies at Furzedown on Wednesday, the 2nd inst. At this time of the year, when days are short and weather very uncertain, employment for caddies everywhere is very much diminished, and in a very real sense this is truly the winter of their discontent. Almost since the foundation of the club seven years ago, a supper has been given to the caddies employed at Tooting, and when frost and snow have made play impossible, a small grant has been made to each deserving caddie out of the Benefit Fund, just to enable him to tide over the roughest stress of the weather. This Benefit Fund is wholly subscribed by members of the club. It ought, however, to be an essential feature of the Fund, that the caddies themselves should be invited to subscribe a penny or twopence a week towards it, in order to admit of a more substantial grant being made, and above all, to familiarise the mind of every man and boy with the needful and necessary elementary truth of thrift and forethought. A few generous members of the club have invariably made gifts towards the supper, one contributing the beef, another the beer, another pipes, another tobacco; and the club has given each caddie, on leaving, a small grant from the Fund.

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On this occasion about sixty caddies, in charge of Buck, the excellent and popular caddie-master, assembled in the dining-hall of the club, which wore a seasonably festive look from the decorations made by Mr. and Mrs. Higgs, the club's energetic steward and stewardess. The committee were represented by Mr. T. W. Tamplin, the hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. D. Matthew, the Secretary, Dr. Donald, and Mr. A. J. Robertson; the other members present being Mr. J. B. Carr and Mr. Stanley Roberts. The men employed on the green were also invited, and Paxton, the professional, came in later to hear the songs and music. The gentlemen above-named were occupied for nearly an hour in cutting and carving 127 pounds of beef and serving plum pudding, and it was gratifying to see how each of the guests enjoyed himself without stint and without reluctance. In this Mr. and Mrs. Higgs had an excellent testimony afforded to them of the excellence of their cooking and of the admirable arrangements they had made for the evening's entertainment.

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When the pipes were lighted, Mr. J. B. Carr took his place at the piano as accompanist, and greatly was his playing appreciated. The programme opened with a general singing of "God Save the Queen," and then Mr. Millward teed off with "He don't know where 'e are"; Alfred Gardner, on behalf of the caddies, played the like by singing "Tommy Atkins"; Arthur Gardner, "Daisy Bell"; A. Hazel, "The Rose of Tralee"; Chandler, some excellent clog-step dancing; John Hazel, song and dance; A. Scott, a dramatic rendering of the "Twa Dogs" and "Tam o'Shanter," from Burns, an elocutionary effort which was highly appreciated, though possibly the musical Scot's Doric was a little beyond the bulk of his audience. The other caddies who sang or danced were—W. Atkinson, F. Hazel, G. Chapman, J. Wagdon, E. Osborne, C. Ward, and E. Armstrong; Mr. Stanley Roberts and Mr. Millward also sang a number of capital chorus songs, which afforded the caddies immense enjoyment. Mr. Tamplin made a brief and excellently-conceived speech, in which he impressed upon the caddies the desirableness of doing as much as they

could to help themselves, and of aiding the committee by fostering a strong spirit of *esprit de corps* among the body in maintaining the high standard of good behaviour they had, as a rule, hitherto maintained. The reputation of the club, as well as the interests of the caddies themselves, depended upon a strict observance of this rule of good conduct. Scott, on behalf of the caddies, in a capitally-worded little speech, echoed the sentiments of the hon. treasurer, and expressed the appreciation of the caddies, as a whole, for the kindly forethought of the members in providing the evening's entertainment.

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The latest picturesque development is Golf on skates. Two enthusiastic members of a suburban club on the south-western outskirts of London had made a match, which, according to the articles, had to be played last Thursday afternoon. The snow that had fallen in the morning, and been half-melted by the mid-day sun, had become hard ice before the two players made their appearance. A more unlikely day for Golf could scarcely be imagined. But the undaunted Southern golfers determined to have their game. By the means of bonfires they thawed the ice in the holes, and by the aid of skates they were able to follow the balls. The strokes were rather difficult to deliver in such circumstances; but they only added to the interest of the contest.

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We have received from Messrs. Burroughs, Wellcome & Co., the well-known manufacturing chemists, a sample of their tabloids of pure compressed tea. These tabloids are small brown lozenges, each containing sufficient tea to make an invigorating cup at breakfast time, or between lunch and dinner, by simply dropping one or two tabloids in a cup of boiling water and then stirring. Woody fibre and inferior leaf found in common tea have been eliminated, and as each tabloid contains an exact and uniform quantity the infusion is of uniform strength, with no waste. This is a boon which regular tea drinkers will appreciate. While the tabloid possesses the charm of purity and freshness, golfers and others will appreciate the fact of its portability when it is stated that one hundred cups of tea can be carried in the waistcoat pocket.

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Mr. J. M. Barrie, the novelist, contributes to this month's *Bookman* a characteristic memorial tribute to the memory of Robert Louis Stevenson, of which the last three stanzas are as follows:—

Now out the lights went stime by stime,
The towns crept closer round the kirk;
Now all the firths were smored in rime,
Last winds went wailing through the mirk.

A star that shot across the night
Struck fire on Pala's mourning head.
And left for aye a steadfast light,
By which the mother guards her dead.

"The lad was mine!" Erect she stands,
No more by vain regrets oppress't;
Once more her eyes are clear; her hands
Are proudly crossed upon her breast.

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The Luffness secretary, Mr. Congalton, has issued his card of club fixtures for 1895, from which it appears that the Handsel Monday competition has been given up, the reason, no doubt, being that Mr. Hope, of Luffness, has given the set of clubs to be played for on that day over the new Luffness Green. The most important competition for the year—that for the County cup—takes place on July 27th, and the Hope challenge medal and gold pendant, open to members of any county club, are to be competed for on August 10th.

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The new Luffness Club has secured in its list of original members quite an array of first-class players, so that its competitions will be certain to bring out, perhaps, the finest play in East Lothian, when the sporting nature of the course is on-

sidered. In the list we have the following:—Mr. Stuart Anderson, Mr. W. T. Armour, the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, Dr. R. H. Blaikie, Mr. W. G. Bloxson, Mr. H. B. Bryden, Mr. St. Clair Cunningham, Mr. W. H. Hadow, Mr. David Lyell, Mr. A. M. Ross, Mr. F. G. Tait, Mr. A. G. Tait, and Mr. A. J. Robertson. Among the second hundred we have Dr. L. R. Gray and Mr. T. T. Gray, both well-known Musselburgh players. In the lists there are three Lords of Session, viz., Lord Stormonth Darling, Lord Kingsburgh, and Lord Trayner, and three Professors of the University of Edinburgh—Tait, Goodhart, and Prothero. The Lord Advocate, Lord Elcho and Lord Leconfield are members, the last being captain. The lists include three clergymen—the Rev. F. L. M. Anderson (North Berwick), the Rev. J. Kerr (Dirleton), and the Rev. W. B. Stevenson (Athelstaneford).

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The Edinburgh authorities are evidently getting alarmed at the demands of the golfers, and determined to call a halt in their concessions. After carefully considering the matter—so they put it—and having in view the fact that large sums of money have recently been spent on improving the present Braids course, and laying out a relief course which has not been taken full advantage of, the Sub-Committee of Public Parks have refused to recommend that the request of the deputation anent the extension of the Braids should be granted. "Congestion" has therefore a high time in store yet on that course.

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Curling has had an innings in Scotland during the last week which Golf cannot grudge the other old national game. The ice generally was in capital condition, and the "boom" of the channel stane was heard in every corner of the land. On the pond of the Whitehouse and Grange Curling club. Mr. Thomas Binning, now in his ninety-first year, was again able to put the "channel stane" up to the "tee." This veteran curler, who enjoys a green old age, has taken part in the "roaring game" for seventy-six years, and still delights to fight his battles over again. He attributes his long life and good health to his love of outdoor games, such as bowling in summer and curling in winter. He still has the use of all his faculties, and it may be said of him that "his eye is not dim, nor his natural force abated." That is what curling can do for a man, and Golf more than bowling has the same effect.

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Mr. B. Hall Blyth, the well-known golfer, has been writing in favour of the construction of Light Railways in agricultural or sparsely-populated districts, and for the removal of the present restrictions on these made by the Board of Trade. Such railways, he thinks, can be constructed in very many districts in Great Britain at a cost of from £3,000 to £3,500 per mile. There are many golfing districts which might certainly be opened up by such railways, where the present outlay required cannot be faced. Perhaps a beginning might be made with that to Gullane, which for the time is at a standstill.

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Mr. St. Clair Cunningham, the popular secretary of the East Lothian Club, has taken the farm of Hedderwick, near Dunbar.

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Dr. Bannerman, at a dinner in Hawick last week, stated that the tennis club was in process of liquidation—a circumstance brought about by many causes, the chief of which was that the gentlemen had taken to Golf, and the ladies who used to play tennis had forsaken the courts. He believed, however, that the ladies had taken to Golf not to make love to the golfers, but out of pure love of the game. (Laughter.) In any case they had taken to Golf, and the tennis club was all but defunct.

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John Martin, a Musselburgh Golf caddie, began the New Year very foolishly by drinking "not wisely but too well," and died from the effects of alcohol.

Golf is always prolific in cultivating a large crop of inventions. One of the latest is a Golf scorer, patented by Mr. Page, London, and supplied by Mr. Duncan Mackenzie, 87, Leith Street, Edinburgh, which may be found useful by those who cannot keep their scores in the usual way. It is as good as anything else of the same nature.

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The Stanmore Club has now a membership of 300, with a waiting list.

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We are all reminded from time to time, to turn the sword into the ploughshare; but a new use has been found for the reaper's hook. Last summer a golfing visitor appeared at Cromer, and the greenkeeper was filled with uneasy dread to see the player's caddie bearing a bag of clubs with a reaper's hook attached to it. The greenkeeper was interested to see what use the hook would be put to, and he watched the gentleman for a few holes. The mystery was soon solved. When the player got his ball into the whins, he called for the hook and carved his way to a clear lie! The incident was reported to the committee, one of the leading members of which remonstrated with the player for destroying the landlord's property. The player innocently pleaded that he did not know what else to do when his ball got into the "beastly jungle," and he was quite unconscious of the fact that every time the hook was used a hole was lost! That reaper's hook must have been sold for old iron long ere this, and it is now well on its way to aid in the legitimate calls of husbandry.

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The finance committee of Glasgow Town Council has recommended that the lands of Blackhill and Smithycroft be leased to the Glasgow Golf Club from Whit Sunday, 1895, at a rent of £160 for the first two years, and £176 thereafter, if the annual lease be renewed. The corporation is to be free to feu the ground.

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At a general meeting of the Doncaster Golf Club on December 7th Mr. H. Cockill was elected president, Messrs. Chrimes, Clark, Matthews, and Wilkie to the committee, and Captain Grosvenor and Mr. Young hon. secretary and treasurer. The subscription for 1895 was fixed at twenty-one shillings, and entrance fee for new members, of whom several were elected, twenty-one shillings. Previously the club was a private one, and the membership strictly limited. The links are a nine-hole course of sporting character, in the grounds of Green House, Doncaster.

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The Mayor of Sandwich, on behalf of the Corporation, presented the St. George's Golf Club, on New Year's Day, with a handsome trophy, value 100 guineas, subscribed for by the town. The captain of the St. George's Club received the cup, and afterwards the members of the Corporation and a large party of golfers were entertained to luncheon at the club-house.

THE MITCHAM WHIN'S REPLY.

Golfer, O golfer! now tell me I pray,
Why you deplore that I stand in the way?
Is it but fiction, or is it a fact,
That oncoming balls I am bound to attract?

Golfer, O golfer! pray do not me blame,
If I some interest lend to the game;
Only consider how dull it would be,
If ways were all smooth between tee and tee.

Lo! ask of the lynx-eyed caddies around,
The fate of the balls that cannot be found;
For though with "gutties" galore I am fed,
These urchins return and "bone" them for bread

MELFORT.



ALDEBURGH GOLF CLUB.

The Christmas meeting of this club, which was well attended, commenced on Monday with a competition for the monthly medal (final). Mr. W. F. Thompson was successful in winning the medal, Mr. S. R. Bastard, not having been a winner for the past twelve months of the monthly medal, took the first prize in the sweepstake only. The scores were as under:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. S. R. Bastard...	83 2 81	Mr. A. Allfrey ...	100 7 93
Mr. W. F. Thompson ...	100 12 88	Dr. Wrightson ...	110 17 93
Mr. C. E. Pearson...	99 9 90	Mr. Sam. Garrett ...	106 12 94
Mr. H. L. Garrett...	109 18 91	Mr. F. D. Bright ...	111 17 94
Mr. J. Sherwood ...	109 18 91	Mr. W. F. Gorton...	103 5 98
Mr. J. B. Pettit ...	90 +2 92	Mr. A. F. Stewart...	107 9 98
Mr. E. J. Cheney...	99 6 93	Mr. S. T. Gooden	123 20 103

No cards from Messrs. J. V. Thompson, G. S. Gibb, C. E. Salmon, C. G. Salmon, G. O. Jacob, E. V. Longstaffe, Dr. Francis, J. Fry, and N. E. Thompson.

On Boxing Day the competition for the silver cup presented by the late Mr. Newson Garrett took place. Mr. W. F. Thompson was also successful in winning the cup, and was heartily congratulated on his excellent play. The scores were as under:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. W. F. Thompson ...	89 12 77	Mr. A. H. Browne	106 15 91
Mr. S. R. Bastard...	86 2 84	Mr. W. W. Bury ...	101 9 92
Mr. A. Allfrey ...	91 7 84	Mr. J. V. Thompson ...	104 12 92
Mr. F. J. Cheney ...	91 6 85	Mr. C. E. Salmon...	105 13 92
Mr. A. F. Stewart...	94 9 85	Mr. S. Payne-Gallwey ...	107 12 94
Mr. J. B. Pettit ...	84 +2 86	Mr. E. V. Longstaffe ...	106 12 94
Mr. C. G. Salmon...	96 8 88	Mr. John Fry ...	112 17 95
Mr. W. F. Gorton ...	94 5 89		
Mr. C. E. Pearson...	98 9 89		

No returns from Messrs. W. G. Thompson, W. J. Bowyer, Sam Garrett, G. O. Jacob, Dr. Francis, H. Stevenson, A. C. Stevenson, R. G. Stevenson, J. Sherwood, H. L. Garrett, and others.

ASHDOWN FOREST AND TUNBRIDGE WELLS LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

On Wednesday, January 2nd, a sweepstake match, ladies and gentlemen's foursomes, medal play, took place on the short links. Eleven couples returned their scores, several others who were expected failing to put in an appearance, probably owing to a slight fall of snow in the early morning, which, however, had melted by twelve o'clock. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Miss Meyrick and Mr. S. Russell ...	102 27½ 74½
Miss Green and Mr. Hyde ...	88 9 79
Miss E. S. Reade and Mr. Reade ...	86 2 84
Mrs. S. Russell and Mr. Meyrick ...	98 14 84
Miss E. Banister and Dr. McNeill ...	103 18½ 84½
Miss Birch and Mr. H. M. Braybrooke...	84 +1 85
Mrs. Green and Mr. F. Lee ...	92 7 85
Miss Lee and Mr. C. Green ...	111 24 87
Miss R. Malden and Mr. L. Andrews ...	94 3 91
Mrs. Peckham and Dr. Flanagan ...	117 23½ 93½
Miss Collins and Mr. Ronald ...	120 8 112

The competition for the gold and silver medals, and the quarterly silver scratch dishes, was held on Saturday, January 5th, the first time it has been possible to play the match in January since the medal was started in 1890. A cold wind was blowing, accompanied by showers of sleet, so fourteen players was not a bad muster. Two rounds of nine holes are always played on these links, the distance being from 2,530 to 2,560 yards. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Miss Andrews ...	81 2 79	Mrs. Hessenberg ...	108 14 94
Miss S. Green ...	101 18 83	Miss M. Parsons ...	114 14 100
Miss Birch ...	89 1 88	Miss Collins ...	119 16 103
Mrs. C. Green (capt.)	93 3 90	Miss E. Reade ...	112 not hcp.
Miss J. Curteis ...	103 12 91	Miss R. Malden ...	133 not hcp.
† Miss Lee ...	116 22 94		

* Gold medal, Greenhall scratch brooch, silver dishes.

† Junior medal, silver cup.

No returns from Miss E. B. Curteis, Mrs. S. Whitfeld, and Miss Reade.

BARHAM DOWNS GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, December 27th. Gentlemen:—Mr. J. W. Jeffery, 92, less 6=86; Mr. H. Hirst, 92, less 4=88; Mr. W. J. Haughton, 96, less 7=89; Mr. R. Leigh, 104, less 12=92; Col. H. W. Parker, 92, plus 1=93; Mr. F. W. Morris, 105, less 10=95. Seven others made no return.

Ladies:—Miss E. Ramsay won with a score of 104, plus 3=107. Six others entered.

BENTLEY GREEN GOLF CLUB.

The monthly handicap competition took place on Thursday, December 27th, with the following result:—Mr. C. H. Morton, 95, less 7=88; Capt. C. H. W. Donovan, 113, less 20=93; Lieut.-Colonel Gower, 112, less 18=94; Lieut.-Colonel W. T. McLeod, 109, less 11=98; Capt. L. P. Dittmas, 113, less 15=98; Capt. C. S. Keith, 127, less 20=107; Mr. R. S. Standen, 127, less 18=109. No returns from Lieut.-Colonel F. S. Openshaw, Rev. L. A. Cockerell, Mr. E. J. Dampier, Lieut.-Colonel J. E. Harden, and Capt. E. O. Smith.

BIRKDALE GOLF CLUB.

For the previous two weeks the high winds had not permitted play, and on Saturday, arrears had to be made up on the links of the Birkdale Golf Club. In the first class medal competition Mr. F. W. H. Campbell, 94, less 10=84, recorded a win, the only better gross score being by Mr. G. D. S. Crowther, whose card read 87, plus 3=90. For the second class medal, Mr. K. Jones put in the best gross and the best net card, 106, less 22=84, but as he had already secured a win, Mr. K. D. Mackenzie, 113, less 28=85, was added to the winners. The second class medal play also counted for the Campbell prize. Mr. R. Jones will play off, under match play, with Mr. F. W. Price for this prize, which was limited to two winners in and to second class medalists. Chief scores:—First class medal—Mr. F. W. H. Campbell, 94, less 10=84; Mr. W. W. P. Shatwell, 97, less 10=87; Mr. G. D. S. Crowther, 87, plus 3=90; Mr. J. C. F. Conolly, 102, less 10=92; Mr. W. Bowker, 108, less 14=94; Mr. W. J. Drewett, 117, less 18=99.

Second class medal:—Mr. R. Jones, 106, less 22=84; Mr. K. D. Mackenzie, 113, less 28=85; Mr. F. W. Price, 108, less 23=85; Mr. T. S. Hughes, 118, less 30=88; Mr. E. H. Sheldon, 115, less 25=90; Rev. W. Scott, 111, less 20=91; Mr. G. Kilver, 119, less 28=91; Mr. A. Gilmour, 115, less 23=92; Mr. G. Brown, 129, less 30=99. Mr. Price retired in favour of Mr. Mackenzie for the medal win.

BIRKDALE LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The third medal competition has this week given Miss Thompson a win in with a capital card (87, less 20=67), the chief scores being:—Miss Thompson, 87, less 20=67; Miss Drewett, 105, less 26=79; Mrs. Williamson, 111, less 30=81; Miss M. Cheetham, 87, less 4=83; Mrs. Corkhill, 97, less 13=84; Mrs. Smyth, 116, less 30=86; Miss Hesketh, 103, less 15=88; Mrs. Wright, 99, less 4=95.

BOWDON GOLF CLUB.

The first of the six monthly preliminary competitions for the Captain's cup was played on the links of the above club at Dunham Village, on Saturday last, January 5th. Thirty-four members took out cards, but none of them succeeded in returning a gross score under the 100, in fact of the two scratch players competing Mr. Holden totalled 109, and Mr. Morgan tore up his card. The elements were favourable, but the ground was frost-bound, and low scoring was absolutely impossible, owing to the state of the putting-greens, which were simply sheets of ice. Mr. Smelt scored a creditable win under these adverse circumstances, his gross as well as his net score being the lowest of the day. The three prizes in the optional sweepstakes fell to Messrs. E. Withington, S. W. Gillett, and C. Hopkinson, in the order named. The following were the best returns:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. S. Smelt ...	102 8 94	Mr. S. W. Gillett ...	106 2 104
Mr. H. F. Ransome...	106 10 96	Mr. W. R. Craig ...	112 7 105
Mr. E. Withington..	105 6 99	Mr. C. Hopkinson..	122 16 106
Mr. R. Sykes ..	117 18 99	Mr. J. Pattison ...	122 16 106
Mr. Jas. Fildes ...	116 16 100		

BLACKHEATH LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, January 3rd. Length of course.—First hole, 170 yards; second hole, 81; third hole, 82; fourth hole, 230; fifth hole, 143; sixth hole, 134; seventh hole, 180; eighth hole, 180; ninth hole hole, 230; total for nine holes, 1,430 yards. Medal round of eighteen holes, 2,860 yards:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mrs. Whyte ...	89	13	76	Mrs F. S. Ireland ...	95	9	86
Miss Sillar ...	91	14	77	Mrs. Mead ...	102	16	86
Miss Dunn ...	104	24	80	Miss Loveless ...	96	9	87
Mrs. Edwards ...	93	12	81	Miss Gahan ...	97	10	87
Miss P. Webb ...	97	16	81	Miss G. Spurling ...	106	18	88
Mrs. MacArthur ...	96	12	84	Miss Knapping ...	101	10	91
Mrs. Penrose ...	88	3	85	Miss Farnall ...	101	7	94

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

BRIGHTON AND HOVE GOLF CLUB.

Saturday, January 5th, Berens monthly medal.—Thirty competed. Wind and weather unfavourable, and ground difficult:—Mr. C. O. Walker, 93, less 4=89; Mr. F. M. Luther, 112, less 20=92; Mr. H. F. de Paravicini, 97, less 4=93; Mr. F. H. Cripps, 108, less 14=94; Mr. J. F. Chance, 103, less 8=95; Mr. F. E. Badham, 104, less 9=95; Mr. H. C. Bunbury, 110, less 14=96; Mr. A. Radford, 112, less 16=96.

CHELTENHAM GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the Ladies' medal took place on the links at Cleeve Hill on Thursday, December 27th, over a course of fifteen holes. Mrs. C. W. Aylmer, with a net score of 94, won the medal:—Mrs. C. W. Aylmer, scratch 94; Miss Campbell, 110, less 15=95; Miss Rawlinson, 104, less 8=96; Miss M. Johnson, 105, less 5=100; Mrs. Babington, 130, less 30=100. Several others over 100 net.

The competition for the monthly medals took place on the links at Cleeve Hill on Saturday, December 29th, Mr. W. S. MacGowan, with a net score of 93, won the senior medal; Mr. W. Jopp, with a net score of 89, won the junior medal. Very boisterous weather:—Mr. W. Jopp, 111, less 22=89; Mr. W. S. MacGowan, 104, less 11=93; Mr. W. R. Porcher, 123, less 29=94; Mr. J. F. Campbell, 118, less 22=96; Mr. W. G. Johnson, 110, less 13=97; Mr. E. Jenner, Davies, 114, less 16=98; Mr. F. D. Longe, 116, less 16=100. Several others no returns, or over 100 net.

A match was played on the links at Malvern, between the ladies of the Malvern Golf Club, and the ladies of the Cheltenham Golf Club, on Saturday, December 8th. Cheltenham won by six holes.

MALVERN.		CHELTENHAM.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Miss Foster ...	0	Mrs. C. W. Aylmer ...	6
Miss E. Brown ...	0	Miss M. Johnson ...	2
Miss Toppin ...	0	Miss Bateman Champain ...	0
Miss J. Brown ...	0	Miss Rawlinson ...	8
Mrs. Neville ...	2	Miss Leighton ...	0
Miss Pike ...	8	Mrs Johnson ...	0
	10		16

A match was played on the 31st December, on the links at Cleeve Hill, between the Cotswold Golf Club and the Cheltenham Golf Club. Cotswold won by ten holes.

COTSWOLD.		CHELTENHAM.	
	Holes.		Holes.
The Earl of Eldon ...	1	Mr. C. C. Turnbull ...	0
Hon. E. Scott ...	3	Mr. W. S. Macgowan ...	0
Hon. D. Scott ...	10	Mr. A. A. Chester ...	0
Hon. O. Scott ...	0	Rev. W. D. Challice ...	0
Hon. M. Scott ...	0	Mr. A. A. Bourne ...	0
Mr. H. E. Rose ...	0	Mr. Mascie Taylor ...	3
Mr. G. W. Goodeve ...	0	Mr. E. Jenner Davies ...	1
	14		4

CHESTER GOLF CLUB.

On Boxing Day the fourth competition for the Rev. J. D. Best's prize took place. A great number of cards were taken out, but, owing to the very rough weather, only five cards were returned, viz.:—Mr. H. J. Gladstone, M.P., 105, less 15=90; Mr. D. Dobie, 100, less 6=94; Mr. T. Gibbons-Frost, 104, less 6=98; Mr. James G. Frost, 107, less 9=98; Capt. W. de C. Shetton, 116, less 18=98.

CLEVELAND GOLF CLUB.

The first competition of the new year for the club tankard took place over the links at Coatham on Friday and Saturday, the weather being calm and pleasant, the only drawback being a superfluity of

water in some parts of the course, and some odd patches of snow. Nevertheless, there was a good muster of players, and the scoring was good. The winner was Mr. A. Cholmley Cochrane, whose gross score was 94, which a liberal handicap reduced to 78. The scores were:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. A. C. Cochrane	94	16	78	Mr. Julius Wethey	94	6	88
Mr. John Walton ...	107	24	83	Mr. J. Lambert ...	103	14	89
Mr. C. E. Scott ...	90	5	85	Dr. W. Mackinlay	99	10	89
Mr. T. H. Wynn ...	95	9	86	Mr. J. L. Scott ...	96	4	92
Mr. D. Mackay ...	94	8	86	Mr Geo. Fidler ...	115	21	94
Mr. W. T. Mackay	106	18	88	Mr. A. Scott ...	123	27	96

The others made no returns.

At the same time the tie between the six winners of the Cochrane cup for the guinea medal was played off, the winner being Mr. T. H. Wynn.

CHISWICK GOLF CLUB.

The Ladies' competition for the monthly medal (twelve holes), was held on January 7th, with the following result:—Miss Castle, 90, less 26=64; Miss M. Castle, 82, less 12=70; Mrs. Finnis, 89, less 12=77; Mrs. Price, 106, less 26=80; Miss Anning, 93, less 12=81; Miss M. Malet, 104, less 10=94; Miss Sands, 111, less 10=101; Mrs. Donald Coles, 153, less 28=125.

CINQUE PORTS GOLF CLUB.

In half a gale of wind about forty players competed for the monthly medal at Deal on Saturday, with the following result:—Mr. H. D. Hirst, 102, less 11=91; Mr. W. P. Matthews, 100, less 8=92; Dr. Stone, R.N., 119, less 24=95; Capt. G. Austin, 101, less 5=96; Sir Bevan Edwards, 106, less 10=96; Mr. H. M. Leggatt, 107, less 8=99; Col. Blake, 123, less 24=99. The others made no return, or were over 100 net.

DOUGLAS (ISLE OF MAN) GOLF CLUB.

The return match between the Captain's team and the Treasurer's team was played on the morning of Boxing Day. A very good game resulted in a win for the Captain's team by 3 holes. Scores:—

CAPTAIN'S TEAM.		TREASURER'S TEAM.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. T. Kneen ...	0	Mr. T. S. Atkinson ...	3
Mr. A. W. Moore ...	3	Mr. W. F. Dickenson ...	0
Mr. R. D. Gelling ...	4	Rev. R. B. Baron ...	0
Mr. W. A. Gell ...	4	Rev. C. H. Leece ...	0
Mr. R. S. Baron ...	0	Mr. F. B. Fleming ...	4
Mr. J. Curphey, jun. ...	0	Mr. E. C. Kneen ...	2
Mr. W. A. Hutchinson ...	0	Mr. J. Layborn ...	5
Mr. G. W. Fleming ...	0	Mr. J. H. Cubbon ...	1
Mr. John Cubbon ...	3	Mr. Jos. Cubbon ...	0
Mr. J. A. Gelling ...	0	Mr. J. Groome ...	4
Mr. E. F. Gelling ...	7	Mr. R. H. Collister ...	0
Mr. H. B. C. Callow ...	1	Mr. T. Cubbon ...	0
	22		19

Lunch was provided in the club-house at one o'clock, and in the afternoon a foursome match was played between the two teams. This game resulted in a win for the Treasurer's team by 1 hole.

On Thursday, December 27th, in the morning, a one-club competition was played, of which Messrs. W. D. Corvin, E. C. Kneen, G. W. Fleming, and the Rev. C. H. Leece proved the winners; and in the afternoon of the same day the December monthly handicap for the Hutchinson cup was played, Mr. W. A. Gell and Mr. T. Cubbon, with net scores of 91 and 93, being respectively first and second.

A handicap competition for a number of prizes was played at Douglas on New Year's Day. The hard frost rather interfered with good scoring, but otherwise the game was very enjoyable:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. T. H. Royston ...	101	18	83	Mr. John Cubbon ...	114	18	96
Mr. T. Kneen ...	96	4	92	Mr. H. E. Farrell ...	107	10	97
Mr. D. Kaneen ...	102	10	92	Mr. A. W. Moore ...	110	10	100
Mr. W. A. Gell ...	104	12	92	Mr. W. D. Corvin ...	119	18	101
Mr. E. C. Kneen ...	109	16	93	Mr. W. K. Kermodie	121	18	103
Mr. W. Kissock ...	113	20	93	Mr. G. Drinkwater	122	18	104
Mr. T. S. Atkinson	102	8	94	Mr. F. B. Fleming	128	16	112
Mr. R. D. Gelling ...	109	14	95	Mr. J. A. Gelling ...	145	30	115
Rev. C. H. Leece ...	111	15	96				

Several made no returns.

ROYAL WEST NORFOLK GOLF CLUB.—At Braucaster links on Saturday, December 29th, Mr. Holcombe Ingleby, 113, less 9=104, won the medal; second, Rev. Charles Prangley, 123, less 18=105; third, Mr. H. H. Winterbottom, 127, less 17=110.

ENFIELD GOLF CLUB.

Ladies' "Bogey" competition, Friday, January 4th.—Mrs. F. Porter (12), 2 down (prize); Mrs. A. W. Hutt (14), 5 down; Mrs. Ernest Hunter (16), 6 down; Miss Smee (12), 7 down; Mrs. H. M. Bourne (23), 8 down.

Gentlemen's "Bogey" competition, Saturday, January 5th.—Mr. G. F. N. Beazley (11), 4 down (first prize); Mr. F. Porter (11), 5 down (second prize); Mr. H. M. Bourne (7), 6 down; Mr. R. G. Cather (6), 6 down; Mr. A. W. Hutt (7), 6 down; Mr. W. McNish Porter (8), 7 down; Mr. W. Gilbee Scott (14), 7 down.

FINCHLEY GOLF CLUB.

Competition for monthly medal, January 5th. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.						
Mr. A. A. Hannay	98	6	92	Mr. A. MacGregor	111	14	97		
*Mr. W. G. MacGregor	...	103	10	93	Mr. J. W. James	...	105	7	98
Mr. J. Hax	...	104	10	94	Mr. F. H. Swin-	...	110	10	100
Dr. Bryan	...	110	16	94	stead	...	118	16	102
Mr. J. Heal	...	115	20	95	Mr. A. F. Drew	...	128	20	108
					Mr. W. Howe	...			

* Winner of the medal.

FOLKESTONE GOLF CLUB.

The January medals were decided on the 2nd and 3rd under adverse circumstances, as there was a sprinkling of snow on the links sufficient to necessitate the use of red balls. Owing to the weather low scoring was impossible. The gentlemen's medal was taken by Capt. W. H. Eccles with a net score of 98, while a similar score won the ladies' silver medal for Miss Wood. This was the first occasion on which the ladies' medal was played for over a course of eighteen holes. Two new greens have been made, so that the ladies' course now consists of nine holes which are played twice, the total distance for the eighteen holes being two miles. The new greens are at present rough, but the course promises, in a short time, to be an excellent one.

HARRINGWORTH v. PETERBOROUGH.

Played on 3rd inst.

HARRINGWORTH.		PETERBOROUGH.			
Holes.	Holes.	Holes.	Holes.		
Rev. R. Waltham	...	4	Rev. W. P. Rigg	...	0
Col. T. Brindley	...	4	Mr. C. E. Thompson	...	0
Rev. E. Law	...	0	Mr. H. V. English	...	1
Rev. E. Ferguson	...	4	Mr. M. English	...	0
Mr. S. Edmonds	...	6	Mr. H. Clayton	...	0
Mr. L. Addison	...	2	Mr. A. Spence	...	0
	20			1	

HASTINGS AND ST. LEONARD'S GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, played January 2nd:—Dr. B. G. Frith, 101, less 18=83; Mr. L. Wilson, 99, less 9=90; Mr. A. R. Inskipp, 107, less 15=92; Mr. R. W. Smith, 114, less 18=96; Mr. M. Makalna, 111, less 14=97; Mr. J. H. Lansdell, 120, less 23=97; Mr. T. Blakemore, 128, less 30=98.

HYTHE GOLF CLUB.

This club, which was only started in October last, held its Christmas meeting on December 24th and 26th. Notwithstanding the recent heavy rains, the links were in excellent condition, and reflected great credit on the professional.

Twenty-four members entered for the competition (foursome under handicap). In the first round General Sir Bevan Edwards and Mr. A. Edwards were drawn against Messrs. J. W. Jeffrey and H. S. Wicks, had a hard fight, and only won at the twenty-first hole, having been all even at the fourth and halving the nineteenth and twentieth. In the final the same two met and defeated Messrs. C. Igglesden and T. H. Oyler, but again not until they had played twenty-one holes.

The monthly medal, on December 1st, was won by Mr. J. W. Jeffrey with a score of 94, less 7=37; after a tie with General Edwards.

The club now numbers 185 members, and the medal-day is the first Saturday, in the month.

ISLE OF WIGHT LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The winter meeting of this club was held on Boxing Day and December 28th, and following days. On the first day the scratch prize, a beautiful pearl and sapphire pin, presented by Mrs. Peek, was won by Miss Fisher (Bembridge), with the very creditable score of 85 (80 being considered the scratch of the green). The first handicap prize, a silver-backed brush, presented by the Rev. E. H. Francis, Vicar of Bembridge, was tied for by Miss Jessie Gordon (Shanklin) and Mrs. J. F. C. Hamilton (Ryde), which, on being played off, was

won by the former lady, the latter lady taking the second handicap prize, a silver stamp-box, presented by the club. These two ladies also divided the first and second of the sweep, the third of which was divided by Miss Fisher and Mrs. Denman Murray.

On the 28th December and following days mixed foursomes contended for Miss Fane's prize, a watch letter-weight, mounted in tortoiseshell, and, after many close and excellent matches, Mrs. and Major J. F. C. Hamilton proved the winners, Mrs. Bush and Mr. J. N. Bush, the runners-up, taking the entrance money.

H.R.H. the captain, Princess Henry of Battenburg, has intimated her wish to be present at a club competition before the Court leaves the island in February, upon which occasion she will present a prize. H.R.H. has not yet fixed the day, but as soon as this has been done members will be informed of the date. The committee have decided that the competition shall be "Bogey." Subjoined are the scores:—

Boxing Day.—		Gross Hcp. Net.		Gross Hcp. Net.					
Miss Jessie Gordon.	101	28	73	*Miss Fisher	...	85	scr.	85	
Mrs. J. F. C. Hamilton	...	109	36	73	Mrs. Bush	...	133	36	97
Miss Fisher	...	85	10	75	Miss H. Tabuteau	...	134	36	98
Mrs. Denman Murray	...	108	33	75	Miss Fane	...	130	25	105
Mrs. P. Frith	...	112	30	82	†Mrs. Jack Bush	...	129	14	115
Miss Evelyn Morton	118	36	82	Miss Blake	...	152	36	116	
Mrs. Becher	...	95	12	83	Mrs. Sapte Blake	...	158	36	122
					Miss Hayward	...	169	36	133

* Scratch prize.

† Visitor.

Miss Richards no return.

On the 28th and following days, mixed foursomes:—First Heat.—Miss Fisher (5) and Major Lamont (plus 5) beat Mrs. Beecher (12) and Capt. Beecher (6); Miss Fane (25) and Mr. H. Williams (12) beat Miss Livingstone (36) and Mr. Ashworth (9); Mrs. Hamilton (29) and Major Hamilton (5) beat Mrs. Frith (30) and Mr. Frith (12); Miss E. Moreton (36) and Mr. C. Tabuteau (12) beat Miss J. M. Gordon (36) and Mr. Knight (10); Miss Jessie Gordon (21) and Rev. C. Shilson (4) beat Mrs. Denman Murray (28) and Mr. Tabuteau (5); Mrs. Bulkley (34) and Mr. Powell (4) beat Miss Blake (36) and Col. Moreton (12); Miss Ashworth (36) and Mr. Berthon (8) beat Miss Hayward (36) and Capt. du Boulay (12); Mrs. Bush (36) and Mr. J. N. Bush (1) beat Miss Lumsden (30) and Mr. Lumsden (7).

Second Heat.—Miss Fisher beat Miss Fane; Mrs. Hamilton beat Miss Moreton; Mrs. Bulkley beat Miss Jessie Gordon; Mrs. Bush beat Miss Ashworth.

Third Heat.—Mrs. Hamilton beat Miss Fisher; Mrs. Bush beat Mrs. Bulkley.

Final.—Mrs. Hamilton beat Mrs. Bush.

KETTERING v. BEDFORD.

Played at Kettering, December 29th. Scores:—

KETTERING.		BEDFORD.			
Holes.	Holes.	Holes.	Holes.		
Mr. C. Saunders	...	1	Mr. H. E. Tredcroft	...	8
Mr. W. Meadows	...	0	Mr. W. Dasent	...	10
Mr. R. B. Wallis	...	0	Mr. A. S. Eve	...	0
Mr. F. Mobbs	...	8	Mr. S. Fuller	...	0
Mr. A. H. Bryan	...	0	Col. D. Boughton	...	0
Mr. H. A. Cooper	...	0	Mr. J. B. Forsythe	...	5
Mr. A. Barlow	...	5	Mr. C. F. G. Hervey	...	0
Mr. B. B. Muscott	...	5	Mr. C. J. Ennis	...	0
Mr. W. C. Henderson	...	13	Mr. W. R. Heneage	...	0
Mr. R. Abbott	...	7	Mr. N. R. Slater	...	0
Mr. A. Mackay	...	9	Mr. G. Clarke	...	0
Mr. J. P. Roughton	...	0	Rev. G. F. Apthorp	...	1
Mr. J. Thompson	...	2	Mr. Eve	...	0
Col. Brindley	...	12	Col. Biddy	...	0
	62			24	

LEASOWE GOLF CLUB.

At Leasowe, on December 26th, the competition for the Boxing Day sweepstakes took place. There was a good entry, but a strong wind and an almost continuous drizzle made playing decidedly unpleasant, and high scoring the order of the day:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.							
*Mr. J. Cromarty	...	100	16	84	Mr. T. P. Carr	...	99	9	93
†Mr. J. Ball (2)	...	80	+5	85	Mr. F. A. Ravens-	...	102	12	90
†Mr. G. V. Wall	...	101	10	85	croft	...	119	25	94
Mr. Donald Ball	...	84	+3	87	Mr. E. Harrison	...	114	18	96
Mr. C. H. Smith	...	94	6	88	Mr. W. Blackley	...	121	25	96
Mr. T. N. Philip	...	107	18	89	Mr. H. Ridler	...	108	10	98
Mr. J. Ball, jun.	...	80	+10	90	Mr. F. W. Carson	...			

* Won first sweepstake.

† Divided second sweepstake.

LITTLESTONE GOLF CLUB.

The Christmas meeting of this club was held on December 22nd, 24th, 25th, and 26th, during which days the right to hold the Wintle cleek for the ensuing year was contested. Owing to many members having to be in London on Monday, the number of entries was smaller than usual. Mr. J. A. Thomas, who played a consistently good game throughout, defeated Mr. Faithfull Begg in the final round by 2 holes. The green was in good playing order, which, considering the amount of rain which has fallen of late, speaks well for the green management. During the meeting the caddie benefit fund was distributed, many of the caddies receiving as much as 13s. 6d. Members will learn with regret that Mr. Wintle, who has so successfully filled the post of hon. secretary for the last two years, and who has been very largely instrumental in bringing the club to its present state of prosperity, has retired. His place will be taken by Mr. H. E. Johnson. The details of the competition for the Wintle cleek are appended.—

First Round.—Mr. A. J. Stanley (5) beat Mr. J. Fleming (10) by 7 up and 6 to play. The rest had byes.

Second Round.—Mr. A. J. Stanley beat Mr. R. Lawson (scratch), by 3 up and 1 to play; Mr. W. R. Dockrell (11) beat Mr. H. E. Johnson (8) by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. C. Webb (13) beat Mr. H. L. Hopkinson (18) by 7 up and 5 to play; Mr. A. Gibbings (14) beat Mr. C. H. Stanley (18) by 7 up and 6 to play; Mr. F. Faithfull Begg (13) beat Mr. F. A. Lyall (20) by 1 up; Mr. C. Wintle (12) beat Mr. J. Bannon (9) by 2 up; Mr. J. St. C. Campbell (20) beat Mr. O. B. Martyn (12) by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. J. A. Thomas (18) beat Mr. E. G. Finch (15) by 3 up and 1 to play.

Third Round.—Mr. C. Webb beat Mr. W. R. Dockrell by 4 up and 2 to play; Mr. F. Faithfull Begg beat Mr. A. Gibbings by 6 up and 4 to play; Mr. A. J. Stanley beat Mr. C. Wintle by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. J. A. Thomas beat Mr. J. St. C. Campbell by 3 up and 2 to play.

Fourth Round.—Mr. F. Faithfull Begg beat Mr. C. Webb by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. J. A. Thomas beat Mr. A. J. Stanley by 6 up and 5 to play.

Final.—Mr. J. A. Thomas beat Mr. F. Faithfull Begg by 2 up.

LYME REGIS GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on Wednesday, January 2nd, in a high wind. Mr. J. Schalch, 83 net; Mr. W. Maling Wynch, jun., 96; Mr. G. K. Watts, 107 net.

MACCLESFIELD GOLF CLUB.

The fourth monthly handicap competition was played on Saturday, January 5th, under most unfavourable conditions, the ground being covered with two inches of snow. The following are the scores returned:—Rev. J. H. Wilcockson, 114, less 16=98; Dr. Sheldon, 112, less 10=102; Mr. W. Mair, 128, less 26=102; Mr. F. Tylecote, 116, less 11=105; Mr. G. C. Greenwell, 115, less 4=111. Three cards withheld.

NEASDEN GOLF CLUB.

Result of monthly "Bogey" competition played, Saturday, January 5th:—Mr. V. Dicks, 2 up; Mr. R. Taubman, all even; Mr. H. J. Bowen, all even; Mr. L. A. Lawrence, 1 down; Mr. M. Woolf, 1 down; Mr. S. Clifford, 2 down; Mr. W. J. Ketley, 2 down; Mr. H. H. Tankard, 5 down; Mr. A. H. Beard, 5 down; Mr. R. H. Glasfield, 6 down; Mr. F. W. Watts, 10 down.

NORTH BEDS v. BELTON PARK.

Played at Biggleswade on Friday, December 28th, and resulting in a win for the visitors by 3 holes:—

NORTH BEDS.		BELTON PARK.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Capt. Kinloch...	0	Mr. A. N. C. Treadgold	7
Mr. W. J. Hughes	0	Mr. B. C. Thompson...	3
Mr. Horace Mann	1	Mr. A. H. Worrall	0
Mr. E. C. S. Innes	0	Mr. W. L. de B. Thorald	6
Mr. A. C. McNish	5	Mr. F. W. Thompson	0
Mr. J. Duberly	2	Mr. T. S. Pearson Gregory	0
Mr. A. C. Sweeting	5	Capt. Young	0
	13		16

NEEDLES GOLF CLUB.

The December sweepstakes were played for by the gentlemen on Wednesday, December 26th, and by the ladies the following day. Mrs. Walford again headed the list for the latter, and Miss Edith Nicholson became eligible to compete for the annual club prize.

Gentlemen:—Mr. G. Pickering, 118, less 26=92; Mr. J. Doon, 115, less 22=93; Major Walford, 117, less 23=94; Dr. C. H. Hands, 110, less 15=95; Commander Hamond Græme, 137, less 36=101. The rest sent in no returns.

Ladies:—Mrs. Walford, 125, less 30=95; Miss Edith Nicholson, 116, less 14=102; Miss Nicholson, 129, less 26=103; Miss Hamond Græme, 129, less 25=104; Miss Renton, 124, less 15=109. Miss Agnes Nicholson, Miss McCreery, and Miss E. McCreery started, but sent in no returns.

PETERBOROUGH GORDON GOLF CLUB.

The first competition by handicap of this newly constituted club took place on December 26th. The day was an ideal one for Golf, but at present the course is against low scoring. With care and attention the putting-greens may become very fair, but we fear that for some time to come the lies through the course will remain precarious, to say the least of it. A score of 90 would not admit of many mistakes. The committee are greatly to be commended for the way in which they have set about their work, and, under their fostering care, we can hopefully anticipate a bright future for the Gordon Golf Club. At present there are about 100 members. Handicap, December 26th. Names of the first six:—Rev. T. T. Peyton, 102, less 6=96; Rev. R. C. Faithfull, 107, less 6=101; Rev. W. P. Rigg, 115, less 13=102; Mr. P. H. English, 125, less 15=110; Mr. C. E. Thompson, 131, less 10=121; Mr. F. Bower, 146, less 20=126.

PRINCE'S LADIES' GOLF CLUB, MITCHAM.

The monthly medal was played for at Mitcham on Wednesday, January 2nd, with the result given below. A slight fall of snow necessitated red balls for the early rounds; but by twelve o'clock every trace of snow had disappeared, the course was in perfect order, and the greens particularly good.

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mrs. Lawrell	96	18	78	Miss Langley	93	1	92
Miss A. Pascoe	80	scr.	80	Mrs. G. Banbury	112	20	92
Miss Rutter	93	12	81	Mrs. H. C. Willock	98	3	95
Miss Marion Langley	109	20	89	Miss J. Trollope	117	18	99
Miss F. Herbert	93	3	90				

The remaining returns were over 100 net.

PYECOMBE GOLF CLUB.

In spite of most unfavourable weather for work, the eighteen-hole course for men, and separate nine-hole course for ladies, at Pyecombe, Sussex, are now ready for play. On January 19th, the club-house for the accommodation of both sexes will be opened, and there will be two competitions. The men will play for the silver challenge cup (scratch), presented by Mr. Walter Campion, captain of the club; and for the handicap silver bowl, given by Mr. A. J. Bridge, hon. treasurer; while the ladies will compete for the antique dish, presented by their president, Lady Louise Loder, and other prizes.

A break will leave 1, Denmark Terrace, Brighton, at 10.30 punctually, to convey golfers to the links. A club lunch will be provided on reasonable terms. The club numbers 120 members, while others are awaiting election.

RANELAGH GOLF CLUB.

The prize presented by the competitors at the recent open ladies' meeting, was played for on Saturday, January 5th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. Max G. Rooper	101	24	77	Mr. W. Sedgwick	108	18	90
Mr. F. Keen	92	10	82	Mr. A. Adams	95	6	90
Mr. T. M. White-house	108	24	84	Sir H. Bergne	108	16	92
Mr. R. Leigh	102	16	86	Mr. H. R. Troup	108	16	92
Mr. G. A. Williams	98	12	86	Sir Wm. Russell	98	5	93
Mr. A. Pearson	103	16	87	Mr. J. S. Satterthwaite	115	18	97
Mr. A. Waldy	95	8	87	Mr. C. Wyman	122	24	98
Mr. G. W. Rowe	108	20	88	Mr. V. D. O. Wintle	120	18	102
Mr. Woodbine-Parish	107	18	89	Mr. H. R. Laing	128	24	104
Mr. H. P. Munday	109	20	89	Mr. E. E. St. Quintin	124	18	106
Capt. Beak	102	12	90				

No returns from eleven players.

RHYL GOLF CLUB.

Owing to the gale the prize competition fixed to begin on December 29th, was postponed till New Year's Day, when the following events were brought off. "Bogey" handicap. For prize of £3, presented by Colonel Mainwaring, the President of the Club, entrance two shillings each, to go to second score, resulted as follows:—Mr. P. Plunkett, 4 down; Mr. J. Briscoe, 4 down; Mr. W. A. Watts, 6 down; Mr. J. D. Miller, 6 down; Mr. H. G. Stock, 6 down; Mr. J. Wild, 7 down; Colonel Mainwaring, 11 down; Mr. F. Briscoe, 11 down; Mr. C. G. Ellis, 13 down; Mr. V. Collins, 14 down. The ties, Messrs. Plunkett and Briscoe divided the £3, and the entrance money.

Foursome handicap, for prize of £3, presented by the captain of the club, Mr. H. G. Stock, entrance two shillings each, for second score:—Messrs. J. Briscoe and J. Wild, 108, less 13=95; Messrs. F. Briscoe and W. A. Watts, 118, less 13=105; Messrs. W. Thomas and H. Jones, 129, less 21=108; Messrs. C. Mainwaring and C. G. Ellis, 129, less 13=116. For each of the events there were several cards not returned.

The monthly medal competition was held on Saturday, January 5th, with the following result:—Mr. W. Thomas, 113, less 24=89; Mr. J. Wild, 98, less 4=94; Mr. W. A. Watts, 108, less 12=96; Mr. V. Collins, 126, less 30=96; Mr. C. S. Mainwaring, 113, less 14=99; Mr. J. Briscoe, 124, less 19=105; Mr. A. S. Day, 180, less 25=155. Several cards were not returned.

ROYAL ASHDOWN FOREST GOLF CLUB.

December 26th. The Forest Row cup, which is played for four times a year, was won on Wednesday by Mr. J. Mews. About forty entered, but the small handicap men did not come off somehow. Scores.—Forest Row cup:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. J. Mews ...	96	14	82	Mr. F. Hessenberg	108	20	88
Mr. Leonard Andrews	102	18	84	Rev. C. C. Woodland	94	5	89
Mr. E. L. Balcombe	93	8	85	Rev. A. Meyrick ...	99	10	89
Mr. W. R. Lee ...	100	14	86	Mr. A. F. White ...	102	13	89
Mr. C. C. Macklin	105	19	86	Mr. S. McCalmont			
Mr. H. A. Curteis...	88	1	87	Hill ...	103	13	90
Mr. Lawford Andrews	93	6	87	Dr. D. McNeill ...	101	9	92
Mr. J. Bigwood, M.P.	105	18	87	Mr. L. B. Burns ...	103	10	93
Mr. O. J. Trinder ...	108	21	87	Mr. S. Russell ...	118	25	93
Mr. T. Percy Fox...	110	23	87	Dr. G. F. Flanagan	113	17	96
Mr. Cecil Bigwood	96	8	88	Mr. R. Thompson...	125	25	100
Capt. P. E. Payne-Crawford	96	8	88				

December 27th. On Thursday a moderate team played against the Cantelupe Club, which is composed of working men resident in the neighbourhood. The senior club won, but the form shown by many of their opponents was excellent, and there were two or three very tight matches. Result:—

ROYAL ASHDOWN.		CANTELUPE.	
Holes.	Holes.	Holes.	Holes.
Mr. H. M. Braybrooke	6	Mr. W. Mitchell (captain)	0
Mr. H. A. Curteis	6	Mr. E. Mitchell	0
Rev. A. T. Scott (captain)	0	Mr. A. Padgham	0
Mr. Lawford Andrews	4	Mr. H. Mitchell	0
Capt. P. E. Payne-Crawford	0	Mr. W. Divall...	2
Mr. Cecil Bigwood	3	Mr. G. Mitchell	0
Rev. A. Meyrick	6	Mr. H. Horsey	0
Mr. N. Grieve	1	Mr. A. Stevens	0
Mr. W. R. Lee	1	Mr. W. Mitchell, jun.	0
Mr. Leonard Andrews	0	Mr. A. Mitchell	12
Mr. C. E. Green	0	Mr. M. Seymour	1
	27		15

Majority for Royal Ashdown twelve holes.

December 29th. The last monthly medal meeting for the year 1894 came off in a severe gale of wind, rendering play very difficult. About forty starters did not care to return their scores. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Rev. A. T. Scott ...	92	6	86	Mr. F. Bell	117	24	93
Mr. R. Chignell ...	102	12	90	Mr. S. Russell ...	118	25	93
Mr. T. Hyde ...	92	1	91	Mr. E. L. Balcombe	103	8	95
Mr. C. L. Reade ...	97	4	93	Mr. H. A. Curteis...	97	1	96
Rev. A. Meyrick ...	103	10	93	Mr. L. B. Burns ...	107	10	97
Mr. O. J. Trinder...	114	21	93				

The Rev. A. T. Scott thus wins the monthly medal and ties for the Yewhurst clubs with Mr. T. Hyde.

The following annual prizes fall as under:—The Tunbridge Wells prize, given for the two best net scores made at club meetings, to Mr. G. Gardner; a club prize for the greatest number of gross returns under 90 at monthly medal meetings, to Mr. H. M. Braybrooke; a club prize for the four best net scores at monthly medal meetings, to Mr. L. B. Burns.

CARLTON GOLF CLUB.—This club held their New Year's Day competition at Archerfield (kindly granted by Mr. John Penn, M.P.), when there was a good turn-out of members. The weather was all that could be desired, and the green in splendid condition. On cards being handed in, the following were found to be the prize-winners:—Gold medal and Oakdale bowl (scratch prize), Mr. John Taylor, 76; gold medal and first handicap, Mr. R. D. Croall, 97, less 18=79; second handicap, Mr. W. B. Taylor, 79, plus 4=83; third handicap, Mr. A. C. Robertson, 93, less 8=85.

ROYAL EASTBOURNE GOLF CLUB.

The winter meeting of this club was held on December 28th and 29th. Sixty members competed each day. On Friday the weather was bright and fine, but the course was heavy going, owing to the late rains. On Saturday it blew a gale all day. Friday:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*Mr. H. C. Barnes-Lawrence	93	9	84	Rev. H. Von E. Scott	98	4	94
†Mr. F. H. Mellor	101	16	85	Mr. T. B. Beresford	104	9	95
‡Mr. C. S. M. Mellor	95	8	87	Mr. G. H. Gouing	107	11	96
Mr. E. Spencer	102	14	88	Mr. A. Woodroffe	114	18	96
Mr. C. H. Evill	102	14	88	Dr. Bookless	109	12	97
Mr. J. H. Haviland	105	16	89	Mr. R. C. Lambert	115	18	97
Mr. H. F. Matheson	99	10	89	Mr. E. Matheson	109	12	97
Mr. C. Lethbridge	106	16	90	Mr. J. H. Wright...	117	20	97
Mr. R. A. Kyrke	107	15	92	Mr. H. G. S. Hughes	105	7	98
Rev. H. Salwey	107	15	92	Mr. J. S. Whitfield	111	13	98
Rev. A. Barnes Lawrence	109	16	93	Col. Frankland	125	25	100
				Mr. C. A. Leatham	116	16	100

* Wins aggregate prize, holds the Eaton challenge prize, scores a win for Langham prize, and wins two-thirds of sweepstake.

† Wins first club prize.

‡ Wins second club prize and one-third of sweepstake.

Saturday.—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*Mr. J. H. W. Johnstone	103	14	89	Mr. R. M. Tabor	103	8	95
†Mr. J. H. Haviland	107	16	91	Mr. J. Lee Warner	112	17	95
Mr. H. C. Barnes-Lawrence	100	8	92	Mr. R. A. Kyrke...	112	15	97
Rev. H. Salwey	108	15	93	Mr. G. Gardner	97	+1	98
Col. J. Fitzgerald	102	7	95	Dr. Bookless	110	12	98
Mr. J. C. Miller	102	7	95	Mr. T. S. Whitfield	111	13	98
				Mr. G. H. Gowring	113	11	102

* Wins first club prize, monthly medal, and two-thirds sweepstakes.

† Wins second club prize and one-third sweepstakes.

Aggregates.—

1st day.			2nd day.			Ag.		
Mr. H. C. Barnes-Lawrence	84	92	176	Mr. E. Spencer	88	104	192	
Mr. J. H. Haviland	89	91	180	Mr. S. M. Mellor...	87	107	194	
Rev. H. Salwey	92	93	185	Dr. Bookless	97	98	195	
Mr. R. A. Kyrke	92	97	189	Mr. T. G. Whitfield	98	98	196	
Mr. C. H. Evill	88	104	192	Mr. G. H. Gowring	96	102	198	

ROYAL LIVERPOOL GOLF CLUB.

The second competition for the winter optional subscription prizes was played on Saturday, January 5th. The greens were very hard after the frost of the previous night, which no doubt accounts for the high scores. Twenty-five couples only started, and the results are given below:—

First Class.—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*Mr. M. Rollo	92	8	84	Mr. R. L. Dalgliah	104	12	92
†Mr. H. J. Ryalls	99	14	85	Mr. I. B. Hunter	104	12	92
Mr. J. H. Wild	95	8	87	Mr. C. E. Dick	88	+5	93
Mr. W. W. Sandbrook	102	14	88	Mr. E. Evans, jun.	104	11	93
Mr. J. H. Knight	93	3	90	Mr. W. C. Aspinall	105	12	93
Mr. A. H. Higgins	94	3	91	Mr. J. R. Wells	99	5	94
Mr. St. Clare Byrne	104	13	91	Mr. R. Haigh	106	12	94
Mr. J. Royston	105	14	91	Mr. H. Keef	110	14	96
Mr. F. P. Crowther	90	+2	92	Mr. J. E. Pearson	98	1	97
Mr. T. W. Crowther	91	+1	92	Mr. A. Turpin	99	2	97

* Scores a win for the first class winter optional subscription prize and wins first sweepstake.

† Wins second sweepstake.

Second Class.—Mr. H. St. Clare Byrne, 104, less 17=87 (scores a win for the second class winter optional subscription prize and wins third sweepstake); Mr. H. S. Bower, 104, less 15=89; Mr. Rushton Parker, 112, less 22=90; Mr. A. Stuart, 111, less 18=93; Mr. W. Lowndes, 115, less 17=98.

ROYAL NORWICH GOLF CLUB.

December 24th to 29th.—No formal Christmas meeting has been held, but several interesting competitions have taken place during the week, and, throughout, the links at Helledon have been more crowded than they have ever been since this flourishing club was started in 1893. The course was extended, as is usual on such occasions, to its utmost limits. At the outset the weather was mild and

humid, but towards the end of the week it became clear and bright, with a strong wind blowing from the north-west. The play on the whole was decidedly below the usual level. A considerable number of members availed themselves of the opportunity afforded them by the holidays of playing off their matches in the American tournament, which is now in progress, and the first stage of which must be reached by the end of the month. This probably accounts for the comparatively few returns sent in for the three principal competitions fixed for Wednesday and Thursday, and the results of which are appended below:—

December 26th, silver monthly medal.—Rev. E. B. Pearse, 108, less 14=94; Mr. E. W. Everett, 116, less 20=96; Mr. E. Orams, 112, less 14=98; Mr. C. H. A. Lock, 110, less 10=100. Other returns over 100 net.

Bronze medal for handicaps over 20.—Rev. J. H. Shapescare, 129, less 25=104; Mr. E. M. Bolingbroke, 132, less 28=104; Mr. J. A. H. Harmer, 136, less 28=108; Rev. W. S. Wright, 135, less 25=110. The tie between Messrs. Shapescare and E. M. Bolingbroke was played off immediately, and resulted in a win for the former.

December 27th, foursome competitions:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. H. C. Bolingbroke and Mr. P. Gabbett...	116	16	100
Mr. H. Cooper Pattin and Mr. C. Steward ...	121	19	102
Mr. E. T. Boardman and Mr. J. C. Tingey ...	123	18½	104½
Mr. A. Harmer and Mr. A. E. Pollard ...	142	23	119
Mr. E. B. Page and Mr. W. D. Harmer ...	144	24	120
Mr. J. K. Howlett and Mr. R. Jewson ...	149	16½	123½
Mr. E. M. Bolingbroke and Mr. E. Orams ...	148	21	127

Mr. E. Nuthall and the Rev. J. F. Darrell, Captain Bertie Roberts and Mr. B. F. K. O'Malley, Mr. Edmund Reeve and Mr. W. T. Hartcup, Mr. E. Rice and Mr. T. Ireland, Mr. A. J. Clark and Mr. F. Jewson, Mr. A. W. Jones and Colonel Dawson, Mr. C. Chamberlin, and Mr. Davidson Walker were amongst those who made no returns.

Mr. John Penn, M.P., who has been staying in the neighbourhood, paid one or two visits to the links during the week, and expressed himself delighted with the sporting character of the course. On Wednesday he went round in 88, or 2 above the "Bogey" score for the green, and on the following day played a match with Dick Kelly, the Norwich professional, which attracted considerable interest. Mr. Penn, throughout, drove a long low and very straight ball, and his iron play with but one or two exceptions was irreproachable, whilst his accuracy of putting on the notoriously tricky greens was remarkable. Kelly at times played a brilliant game, holing out the "Bank out" in 3, the "Road out" in 4, and "Eastwood Ho" in 4. He ultimately won by 2 up, doing the round in an approximate 87, a most creditable score in view of the strong persistent wind that was blowing, while Mr. Penn took only 5 strokes more.

SHERINGHAM GOLF CLUB.

On Friday, December 28th, Willie Aveston, the Cromer professional, played over the links of this club with Mr. F. R. Upcher, when he made the remarkable score of two 34's for the nine holes. This is the record score for the course. Friday was a bad day.

Monthly medal.—On Saturday, December 29th, Mr. F. R. Upcher won the monthly medal with the scratch score of 90. The gale blowing at the time made play very difficult.

SOUTHWOLD GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition (match play) was held on January 5th. The following returns were made:—Mr. D. R. Gooding (13), 7 down; Mr. S. W. Woollett (10), 8 down. Mr. C. J. Waller (10), and Mr. J. B. Gooding (6), no returns.

ST. DAVID'S GOLF CLUB (HARLECH).

The monthly handicap was played in wintry weather, on January 5th. By the acquisition of additional land of a true golfing nature, the committee have been able to materially lengthen the fifth, sixth, and eighth holes, and the course, always a "sporting" one, is greatly improved by the inclusion of more bunkers and fair hazards. The altered course was played for the first time on Saturday. New greens and the frost-bound state of the ground were conditions averse to good scoring. The following scores were handed in:—Mr. W. Kerr, 97, less 7=90; Mr. J. D. Smith, 131, less 36=95; Mr. Osmond Williams, 106, less 7=99; Captain Corder, 134, less 35=99; Mr. H. J. Wright, 135, less 31=104; Rev. D. H. Williams, 127, less 20=107; Mr. P. Currey, 121, less 13=108.

TOOTING BEC GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, Saturday, January 5th. Greens sticky after the frost, and putting very difficult and uncertain. Mr. J. C. Baylton (winner), 103, less 14=89; Mr. O. E. Coles, 103, less 12=91; Mr. O. G. Langley, 105, less 13=92; Mr. R. Stewart Bain, 111, less 14=97. Others, 100 or over, or made no return.

WANSTEAD PARK GOLF CLUB.

The Christmas meeting was begun on Saturday, December 22nd, with a medal competition, for a prize, value £2, presented by the club. It was blowing a strong westerly gale, which made low scoring impossible:—Mr. Harold Smith, 108, less 12=96; Mr. N. Womersley, 107, less 10=97; Mr. A. H. Smith, 115, less 15=100; Mr. C. H. Fox, 112, less 10=102; Mr. J. W. M. Guy, 109, less 7=102. There were sixteen entries.

On Christmas Day a competition against "Bogey" was played in two classes, for clubs kindly presented by the professional. The wind had dropped, and a good deal of rain had fallen, which made the green very soft. Result:—Mr. C. H. Fox, 3 down (winner first class); Mr. Harold Smith, 4 down; Mr. R. L. Soper, 6 down; Mr. D. Winttingham Stable, 6 down (winner second class).

Boxing Day was a very busy one, no less than three competitions being played, viz., "Bogey" singles in the morning, "Bogey" foursomes in the afternoon, and a ladies' prize. The winner in the morning turned up in Capt. Bishop, 7 down, Mr. M. Womersley being second.

In the foursomes against "Bogey," Mr. H. A. Gardom and Mr. C. H. Fox, Mr. J. L. Godlee and Mr. G. Albright, and Mr. H. B. Gripper and Mr. H. E. Smith tied at 8 down. The tie was played off on Saturday, December 29th, when Messrs. Gardom and Fox won.

The ladies' competition was played over the nine-hole course, with the following result:—Miss Maude Soper (winner), 72, less 14=58; Mrs. Redwood, 66, less 4=62; Miss E. K. Smith, 80, less 16=64; Miss I. Walters, 81, less 16=65.

Monthly medal competition, Saturday, December 29th.—Played in a heavy westerly wind. Course very heavy. Accurate play impossible. Result:—Mr. R. B. Johnson, 107, less 12=95; Capt. Bishop, 113, less 16=97; Mr. H. B. Gripper, 112, less 12=100. Other returns over 100 net. Ten entries.

WEST MIDDLESEX LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The monthly club brooch was played for on Saturday, January 5th, under unadvantageous circumstances, wind and frost combining to make a low score difficult. Mrs. Walter Bartlett won with 104, less 15=89. Other returns were as follows:—Miss Alice Hart, 102, less 10=92; Miss Yeames, 110, less 15=95; Miss E. de B. Griffith, 120, less 22=98; Miss Griffith, 125, less 14=111.

WELLINGBOROUGH GOLF CLUB.

The following is the result for the December monthly medal (nine holes, scratch 50):—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. A. G. F. Forster	53	9	44	Mr. W. W. Robinson	67	13	54
Mr. W. H. Miller	65	18	47	Mr. W. F. Mills	80	25	55
Rev. Wynter	68	17	51	Mr. W. T. Brown	79	23	56
Mr. W. H. Hope	75	23	52	Mrs. Hope	90	33	57
Mr. C. Nicholson	63	10	53	Mr. J. C. Laycock	78	20	58
Mr. D. D. Chisholm	83	30	53	Mr. G. Henson	108	33	75

The competition for a club, kindly given by Mr. W. H. Hope, resulted in a good contest, under medal handicaps, on Boxing Day (eighteen holes, scratch 100):—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. J. Pendered	134	34	100	Mr. W. F. Mills	160	50	110
Mr. R. Wynter, jun.	150	50	100	Mr. C. Pell	146	32	114
Mr. F. Chamberlain	121	20	101	Mr. V. Wynter	166	50	116
Mr. W. W. Robinson	128	26	102	Mr. J. C. Laycock	158	40	118
Mrs. W. H. Hope	172	66	106	Mr. T. C. Knight	166	40	126
Mr. W. Bain	169	60	109	Mr. Ed. Head	171	40	131
Mr. A. G. F. Forster	128	18	110	Mr. G. L. Watkin	183	52	131

WOKING GOLF CLUB.

Monthly competition, Saturday, December 29th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. P. L. Waterlow	103	16	87	Capt. W. Knight	117	15	102
Mr. J. H. Lewis	105	12	94	Mr. W. E. Gordon	123	20	103
Mr. H. M. Johnson	106	12	94	Mr. O. L. Clare	122	15	107
Mr. C. O. Fawens	108	14	94	Mr. R. W. Crocroft	129	18	111
Mr. E. W. Hansell	121	25	96	Mr. R. R. Gibbs	117		no hep.
Mr. R. Brayn	118	18	100	Mr. G. J. Fowler	135		
Mr. D. N. Bethune	112	10	102				

WOODBRIDGE GOLF CLUB.

The first competition for the monthly medal took place January 7th, with the following result:—Major J. E. Howey, 104, less 12=92; Rev. A. Hewetson, 116, less 24=92, tie; Mr. C. Morley, 107, less 13=94; Mr. A. Morley, 105, less 10=95; Mr. L. W. Hayward, 113, less 18=95; Mr. R. Mumford, 117, less 18=99. Remainder over 100 net.

WOODFORD v. SEAFORD.

Played January 5th :-

SEAFORD.		WOODFORD.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. A. S. Johnston	...	Mr. H. A. Gardom	...
Mr. H. C. Stewart	...	Mr. R. Redwood	...
Mr. F. L. Rawson	...	Mr. H. E. Kaye	...
Mr. F. C. Bamfylde	...	Mr. E. A. Tewson	...
Mr. F. C. Tudor	...	Mr. W. P. Pechey	...
Mr. F. Easterbrook	...	Mr. C. J. Fox	...
Mr. J. E. Shaw	...	Mr. E. J. Morris	...
Mr. P. Read	...	Mr. W. Kemsley	...
Mr. T. J. Baillie	...	Mr. C. B. Hunt	...
Mr. A. W. Good	...	Mr. F. P. Pelfer	...
	22		29

Woodford won by seven holes.

TRON GOLF CLUB.—For the Sandhills gold medal the monthly competition took place on Saturday, December 29th. The weather was most unfavourable, as it blew a perfect hurricane all day, so very few players went round, and those who did made long scores. The following is the result:—Dr. Lawrie, 116, less 7=109; Mr. David Fullarton, 124, less 14=110; Mr. William Mackie, 129, less 14=115.

GLASGOW CLUB.—The monthly medal competition of the Glasgow Golf Club took place on Saturday at Alexandra Park. The whole course was literally a sheet of ice, and of the sixteen couples who competed only nine players returned their scores as follows:—Club medal (first class)—Mr. A. M. McDonald, 95, less 5=90; Mr. James Mack, 94, less 3=91; Mr. Robert Philp, 95, less 2=93; Mr. Alexander Bishop, 99, less 6=93. Wilson medal (second class)—Mr. Andrew Anderson, 101, less 9=92; Mr. R. A. Mackie, 110, less 12=98. Scott medal (third class)—Mr. J. R. Brownlee, 100, less 16=84; Mr. H. Cameron, 114, less 18=96; Mr. A. R. Brown, 116, less 18=98.

PRESTWICK ST. NICHOLAS.—On New Year's Day the members of St. Nicholas had their annual competition for the club medal and special prizes given by the captain. The weather was favourable for outing, but the keen frost of the previous days had rendered the links hard and unyielding. The putting-greens were in consequence uncertain, and several of the scratch players had scores over the average. The cards showed the following result:—Mr. R. Andrew, winner of the medal, 83; the next best cards being: Mr. E. D. Prothero, 87; Mr. A. Boon, 87; Mr. J. H. Andrew, 87; Mr. Jno. Thomson, 90; Mr. C. L. Randall, 90; Mr. Jas. Andrew, 90; Mr. W. Macfarlane, jun., 92. The first handicap prize was tied for at 83 by Mr. R. Andrew and Mr. J. Donaldson, the latter with 12 of odds, the second prize falling to Mr. Jas. R. Donaldson at 80, with 14 of odds.

BABERTON CLUB.—The New Year's Day sweepstake was played for on January 1st, although the snow interfered to some extent with good scoring. The winners were:—1, Mr. Peter Seton; 2, Mr. R. Millar, M.A.; 3, Mr. James Brown, sen.; 4, Messrs. J. Christie and W. Jenkins, tie.

CUMBRÆ.—The half-yearly competition for the Smart medal took place on January 2nd. The weather was rather disagreeable for the game, heavy showers occurring at intervals, and consequently the number of competitors was small. The course was in good order, though the greens were rather slippery owing to the frost, followed by the thaw. The winner proved to be Mr. J. Houston, with a score of 97, less 4=93.

ST. ANDREWS GOLF CLUB.—The members of this club played for the yearly prizes on the first day of the year. The course was covered with snow, but though not deep, low scoring was rendered impossible. The scores were 15 to 20 strokes above the average. Thirty players entered, and the results were as follows:—Mr. L. Auchterlonie (scratch), 97; Mr. D. S. Stewart, 105, less 7=98; Mr. P. C. Anderson (scratch), 98; Mr. P. Craig, 102, less 2=100; Mr. D. Auchterlonie (scratch), 100; Mr. C. Grant, 113, less 12=101; Mr. James Davidson, 105, less 4=101; Mr. W. Greig (scratch), 101; Mr. Andrew Bell, 123, less 20=103; Mr. R. Braid (scratch), 105; Mr. Thomas Stewart, 116, less 12=104; Mr. W. Alexander, 110, less 6=104; Mr. R. Anderson, 113, less 8=105; Mr. A. Drummond, 111, less 6=105; Mr. J. Pirie, 115, less 9=106; Mr. H. Pirie, 122, less 15=107; Mr. James Anderson (scratch), 108.

LONDON SCOTTISH GOLF CLUB.—The following were the chief returns for the medal at Wimbledon Common on Saturday, January 5th:—Capt. Boyd, 104, less 15=89 (winner of medal); Mr. A. E. Walker, 94, less 2=92; Mr. H. E. Fisher, 104, less 10=94; Mr. J. A. Greig, 101, less 5=96; Dr. Carter, 108, less 12=96; Mr. K. B. Brown, 96; Mr. A. Tait, 112, less 12=100.

WARWICKSHIRE GOLF CLUB.—There were eight players on Saturday, December 29th, for the club cup. Winner, Mr. A. F. Moncrieff, 97, less 6=91; second, Mr. H. Child, 108, less 14=94; third, Mr. C. W. Falcon, 108, less 12=96.

MINCHINHAMPTON GOLF CLUB.—The monthly medal meeting of this club was held on Saturday, Mr. G. T. Sotheran Estcourt won the gentlemen's senior medal, and Mr. A. J. Ritchie, the junior. Miss Blenkin takes the ladies' medal.

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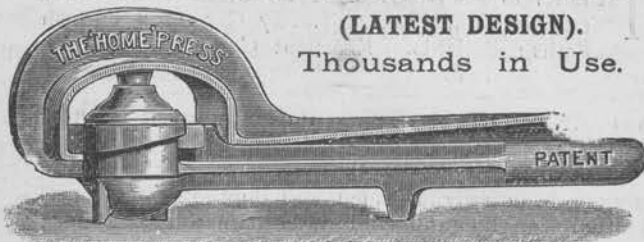
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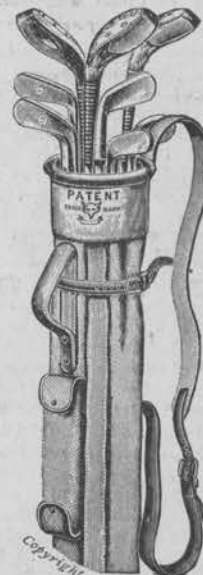
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