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MARCH.

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- Mar. 27.—Pau : Morris Post Prize ; Ridley Challenge Cup & Badge.
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- Mar. 28.—Bentley Green : Monthly Medal.
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Royal Guernsey : Monthly Medal.
Royal Cromer : Monthly Medal.
- Mar. 30.—Buxton and High Peak : Monthly Medal.
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Dundee Advertiser : Medal Day.
Moseley : Monthly Handicap.
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Marple : Club Medal and Captain's Prize.
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Prestwick St. Nicholas : Kilmarnock Trophy Prize.
Neasden : Monthly Medal.
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Royal West Norfolk : Monthly Medal.
Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Cup ; Captain's Prize ; Monthly Medal.
Manchester : Captain's Cup.
Ealing : Monthly Medal.
Eltham Ladies : Monthly Medal.
Glamorganshire : Monthly Medal.
Wanstead Park : Monthly Medal.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS.

A GOOD deal has been heard of late as to the desirableness or otherwise of instituting County Championships, on this side of the Border, at any rate. Inasmuch as the movement is all in the direction of allying Golf clubs more completely than they are at present, and of bringing golfers in various districts more thoroughly in touch with one another, we are all in favour of the movement. The idea was mooted in GOLF four years ago, but judging by the faint interest evinced in the proposal, it was evident that, in those early days, the fulness of time was not yet. The suggestion, however, has been simmering in the minds of golfers all this time; and though the credit of originating the idea is not due to Mr. Morton and his colleagues, yet they were the first to take steps towards the federation of Golf clubs in a county into an Association, while it is due to the Hants and Isle of Wight County Association to acknowledge that they are the first to take practical steps to test the opinion of county golfers, and to find out whether the scheme of county championships is a practicable one. With this object in view, a letter has been sent (*vide*, GOLF, March 1st, p. 422) to 140 Golf clubs; and we hope later on the Hon. Secretary of the Association will let golfers see how the average of opinion works out with reference to the scheme as a whole.

Various suggestions have been made as to the manner in which the competition should be conducted. Discussing the arrangements for conducting the tournament is like cooking your hare before you have caught him, for it is obvious that unless there is a general desire, as we believe there is, to push the movement forward by general acquiescence in its utility, no steps can be taken to say which principle of Golf tournament is the one, judged by general convenience, expedition and soundness of ultimate result, which ought to be adopted. But while county golfers are making up their minds whether to agree or to stand aloof from the movement, there can be no harm done in discussing, from an abstract point of view, the system to be finally adopted. As everyone knows, there are two systems—by score and by match play. The suggestion has been made that each county district should hold a scoring competition as near as possible on the same day, and under the same conditions, and that the two lowest scorers should play a match for the decision of the championship. Such a competition would not be a fair test. All greens differ very materially in their length as to holes, the hazards, the nature of the soil, the fineness or coarseness of the putting greens. A score between 80 and 90 at Hoylake, Formby, Lytham, Blundellsands, Westward Ho! or Seaton Carew would compare very unfavourably, all the conditions of the green being taken into account, with say a low score of 70 to 80 at Bournemouth or Lyndhurst. This discrepancy could, of course, be rectified by an elaborate system of handicapping, but the supervision of the details would be an enormous amount of labour, and no system would be complete or just enough to exclude a very wide margin of error. Besides, to hold the competition on these lines would defeat one of the most useful objects of the movement, namely, the bringing together at one time, under the same conditions of weather and golf green, a fairly large body of representative golfers who both learn much and impart much through the medium of social intercourse with each other, and whose gathering together might be made the occasion of a valuable interchange of views with reference to further reforms in the government of the game. In addition to that serious drawback there is the further objection that in a competition of this kind

handicapping—the *pis aller* of mediocrity in play—ought to be as rigidly excluded as it is in the Amateur Championship itself. What is wanted for such a tournament as that of a county championship is the greatest array of scratch players that can be produced, and counties indeed must be in danger of dying of sheer inanition if each of them cannot put one good player in the field to do his best for his district, and willing to play on level terms against any opponent against whom he may be drawn.

No! If the movement takes root, we hope that the energetic players who are leading it, will unhesitatingly pin their faith to match play. It is not only the best test of a player's powers, but it is the real, genuine game. We have all encouraged scoring play far too much, and the time appears to be opportune, when new developments are on foot, to put in a plea in favour of match play, which is in danger of being overwhelmed by the scoring-card. It seems to us that no better arrangement could be made, at least as an experiment at the outset, than the introduction of the foursome tournament. Let each county select its best amateur, and conjoin with him the local professional. It may be asked, "Why the professional?" In our judgment, too little attention has been given to the professional. England, moreover, is in process of rearing its own professionals, men of local birth; and if they were induced to take an interest in the struggle for the golfing supremacy of their county, nothing but the highest good would result, particularly to the player himself. Some step would be taken towards showing him that golf is not wholly made up of a sordid pilgrimage round the green in search of stray half-crowns from erring players. He would at once see that the club was taking an interest in him as a public player, and he in return would try to acknowledge the interest by doing his best to help it in the county matches. Then a rotation of greens over which the championship has to be played would have to be fixed by the representatives of the counties. Whether or not they chose to eliminate all the nine-hole courses would be a matter for them to settle; it would neither be easy nor just to say off-hand that all nine-hole courses should be left out of account in fixing the green for the ensuing year. There are many nine-hole courses which are better in their golfing characteristics than some eighteen-hole courses; but the main point which ought to govern the selection of the green is, first of all, its general accessibility to players from all districts. Next comes the season of the year. June or July are undoubtedly the best months for weather, light, and general condition of the course. If the entries were numerous, there is an opportunity in these months to get three heats played in one day; and the final should be a thirty-six-hole match, having one day allotted to it alone.

The most delicate point in connection with these county championships, however, is the question of qualification. We think that one year's residence ought not to be enough to qualify for a county match of this description. Two years are a safer limit to fix in order to guard against any suspicion of abuse. Let us take Hampshire itself as an example. By residence at Aldershot with his regiment, Mr. F. G. Tait, a famous Scottish player, was qualified to compete in the county championship, and of course won it. Supposing Mr. Tait had still been in residence, and the Hampshire County Clubs considered it to be worth their while to send a strong couple of players into the field against the united counties, say, at Hoylake, they might induce Taylor, by the offer of a large sum, to come and stay for qualification purposes; and he and Mr. Tait—the professional from Devonshire and the amateur from Scotland, neither of them belonging to the county for which they were playing—would in all probability

prove invincible, even against a formidable couple of players like Mr. Ball and Mr. Hilton. The same illustration might hold good with any other club with a purse long enough to buy the services for a year of Rolland, Herd, Hugh Kirkaldy and Andrew Kirkaldy, each of whom might be allied with a powerful amateur accidentally resident in the locality for a year. Indeed, this may constitute the most serious objection to the inclusion of the professional in the movement. His services would be bought, as in county cricket, by the club with the longest purse, but if there is some limitation imposed both as to birth and residence on the part of amateurs and professionals, we see no reason why, until further experience shows the contrary, the dual alliance should not work satisfactorily on the lines above indicated. We hope the movement will prosper, and that a strong representative Golfers' Association for the country will be the eventual outcome.

RANELAGH GOLF CLUB (BARN ELMS).

Next month we shall be in the midst of spring meetings, one of the most important for lady golfers, will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, the 3rd and 4th of April, at the links of the Ranelagh Club. The play on both days will be by score, and under handicap. The Rev. T. J. Filmer Bennett and Miss M. E. Phillips are kindly presenting prizes for the best medal rounds on Wednesday and Thursday, and another prize will be given for the best aggregate score of the two days' play. A putting tournament is to be held on the afternoon of each day, the best aggregate score taking the prize.

A competition, absolutely new to ladies, and which would make a popular and interesting event at men's clubs, is for the best aggregate score made during the medal round on Thursday, the 4th April, by any four members entering from the same club. The number of members who compete on behalf of the same club is not limited, but their names must be sent in by the club's secretary before the entries close. Mr. Thomas Pearson, the father of the runner-up in the Ladies' Championship, is giving a handsome challenge cup to be held by the successful club, the four members of the winning team receiving a memento. As all these events are open to lady members of recognised Golf clubs, the field will, no doubt, be a large one. Competitors who are not relations of members of the Ranelagh Club, must be nominated by the Golf committee. Entries, with half-a-crown entrance-fee and a request for nomination, should be sent to Mr. Arthur Adams, Golf hon. secretary, Ranelagh Club, S.W., or to Miss Issette Pearson, 10, Northumberland Avenue, Putney, S.W., not later than Thursday, March 28th.

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THE UNITED STATES GOLF ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I herewith enclose you a copy of the constitution and by-laws of "The United States Golf Association." You will see by the enclosures that there are some slight changes from the previous notices which I have sent you in regard to the Association, notably the name and the increase of dues for associate and allied clubs, and also that the Association is only open to clubs in the United States. The rules adopted are those of St. Andrews of 1891, and there will be some slight changes made in them to adapt them to American courses. Notices of said changes will be sent you later.

The officers of the Association are as follows:—Mr. T. A. Havemeyer, president; Messrs. Laurence Curtis and C. B. Macdonald, vice-presidents; Mr. H. O. Tallmadge, secretary; Mr. S. L. Parrish, treasurer. The above-mentioned officers also constitute the executive committee.

I am, Sir, &c.,
H. O. TALLMADGE,
Secretary.

New York, February 26th, 1895.

ARTICLE 1.—NAME.

The name of this organisation shall be "The United States Golf Association."

ARTICLE 2.—OBJECTS.

The objects of this association shall be to promote interest in the game of Golf; the protection of the mutual interests of its members; to establish and enforce uniformity in the rules of the game by creating a representative authority, its executive committee to be a court of reference as a final authority in matters of controversy; to establish a uniform system of handicapping; to decide on what links the Amateur and Open Championships shall be played.

ARTICLE 3.—MEMBERS.

Section 1.—This association shall consist of associate and allied clubs.

Section 2.—The following clubs shall be associate members:—

1. Chicago Golf Club.
2. The County Club of Brookline, Mass.
3. Newport Golf Club.
4. St. Andrews Golf Club of Yonkers.
5. Shinnecock Hills Golf Club, of Southampton, L.I., and such other representative club or clubs as may hereafter be admitted as hereinafter provided.

Section 3.—Allied members shall be such regularly organised clubs in the United States as shall enter into an alliance with this association as hereinafter provided.

ARTICLE 4.—CLUBS ELIGIBLE.

Section 1.—Other clubs eligible to be admitted to membership in the association as associate clubs shall be any representative clubs in an accessible part of the United States where the links, accommodations, constitution and by-laws of the club, are such as to make it nationally representative, and such clubs may be admitted on a four-fifths vote of the executive committee of the association.

Section 2.—Any regularly organised Golf club in the United States may at any time be admitted as an allied club by a two-thirds vote of the executive committee, upon subscribing to and fulfilling the conditions of the association constitution and by-laws.

ARTICLE 5.—ANNUAL MEETINGS.

Section 1.—The regular annual meeting of this association shall be held on some day in February in each year, at such time and place as may be designated by the president, thirty days' notice being given and published.

Section 2.—Each associate club of the association shall have the right to be represented by two delegates duly authorized and their appointment certified to by their club secretary.

Section 3.—Each allied club shall have the right to be represented by one delegate, but he shall have no power to vote.

ARTICLE 6.—ELECTIONS.

Section 1.—At the annual meeting the association shall elect from its associate clubs a president, two first vice-presidents, a secretary, and a treasurer.

Section 2.—The election of officers shall be by ballot at the annual meeting in each year. They shall be voted for separately and receive a

majority of all the votes cast to entitle them to an election, and they shall continue in office one year, or until their successors be elected.

Section 3.—At any special or regular meeting of this association seven delegates shall constitute a quorum, representing at least three associate clubs.

ARTICLE 7.—EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Section 1.—The management of this association shall be entrusted to an executive committee, consisting of the officers of the association.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

Section 2.—Regular meetings of the executive committee shall be held at the time of the annual meeting, and, if necessary, quarterly thereafter, on such dates as may be designated by the president, fourteen days' notice of which shall be given to members.

SPECIAL MEETINGS.

Section 3.—The president may call a special meeting of the executive committee of the association at such time as he may deem expedient, and he shall call a special meeting of the association upon the written request of three associate clubs within fifteen days of the receipt of such request. At special meetings no other business shall be transacted than that for which they were called, and such business shall be specified in the call, which shall be sent out ten days previous to the time appointed for the meeting.

PROXIES.

Section 4.—Proxies may be voted at all meetings of the association.

QUORUM OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Section 5.—Three members shall constitute a quorum of the executive committee.

ARTICLE 8.

Section 1.—The president shall preside at all meetings of this association and of the executive committee.

A vice-president shall, in the absence of the president, perform the duties of that office.

ARTICLE 9.—SECRETARY.

Section 1.—The secretary shall keep records of all meetings of this association and of the executive committee, and he shall issue calls for such meetings. He shall keep a roll of membership, and take charge of all correspondence and papers belonging to the association. In his absence, the secretary pro. tem. shall fulfil his duties.

TREASURER.

Section 2.—The treasurer shall collect all moneys belonging to the association, and dispense the same under the direction of the executive committee.

He shall report in writing the state of finances when required by the executive committee, and at the annual meeting he shall present a written report showing all the receipts and expenditure during the year.

ARTICLE 10.—APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Applications for associate and allied membership shall be made in writing to the secretary of the association, accompanied by a copy of the constitution and by-laws of the club making the application, a list of officers and a full year's dues, and an election shall be held at the next meeting of the executive committee, provided such application shall have been filed with the secretary at least fourteen days previous to said election.

ARTICLE 11.—OBLIGATIONS AND DISCIPLINE.

Section 1.—The acceptance of membership in this association shall bind each club to abide by all the conditions of the constitution, by-laws and rules of this association, and to accept and enforce all decisions of the executive committee within its jurisdiction.

Section 2.—Refusing or neglecting a strict and honourable compliance with the constitution, by-laws, or rules of this association, or with the decisions of the executive committee, shall render such club or member liable to suspension or expulsion by two-thirds vote of the executive committee, from whose decision an appeal may be taken to the delegates at the annual or special meeting.

Section 3.—No club or member, however, shall be disqualified or deprived of any privilege without due notice, and formal charges with specifications having been made, and an opportunity having been given to be heard in its or his own defence.

ARTICLE 12.—DUES AND EXPENSES.

Section 1.—Each associate club shall pay to the treasurer before the annual meeting 100 dols. annual dues.

Section 2.—Each allied club shall pay to the treasurer before the annual meeting 25 dols. annual dues.

Section 3.—Failure to pay such dues within the prescribed time shall preclude delinquent clubs from representation or voting at any meeting of the association.

Section 4.—The receipts from dues shall be devoted to defraying the cost of championship medals or other tokens, and for printing and other necessary expenses incurred by the executive committee in the performance of their duties.

ARTICLE 13.—FISCAL YEAR.

Section 1.—The fiscal year shall end on the 31st of December.

ARTICLE 14.—AMENDMENTS.

Section 1.—Amendments to this constitution may be made at any annual meeting by a vote of at least two thirds of all the votes cast, providing twenty days' notice has been given all associate and allied members stating the proposed revision or amendment.

BY-LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES GOLF ASSOCIATION.

Section 1.—The following order of business shall be observed at the annual meeting of this association:—

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| (1) Roll call; | (5) Election of officers and committees; |
| (2) Reading minutes of previous meeting; | (6) General business; |
| (3) Secretary's report; | (7) Adjournment. |
| (4) Treasurer's report; | |

Section 2.—In the event of an appeal from an order of discipline imposed by the executive committee, it must be heard at the next regular or special meeting of the association, and any member or person who is proved to the satisfaction of the association to have been guilty of fraudulent or discreditable conduct of any kind, may be declared ineligible to compete at any competition, suspended, or expelled.

Section 3.—All complaints or disputes between clubs of this association shall be decided by those members of the executive committee who are in no way connected with the clubs interested.

Section 4.—The president shall appoint such special committees as shall be found necessary.

Section 5.—The executive committee shall interpret the rules of Golf.

Section 6.—The Amateur and Open Championship tournaments shall take place on the links of an associate club, in selecting which due consideration shall be given to accessibility, accommodations, and condition of course.

Section 7.—It shall be determined at the annual meeting each year over which links the Championship prizes shall be contended for that year.

Section 8.—The executive committee may delegate the power of naming the time and regulating the order of starting, and determining the handicap of players to the green committee of the club over whose grounds the association competitions are played, and of appointing such other committees as are necessary to govern such a competition.

Section 9.—An amateur golfer shall be a golfer who has never made for sale Golf clubs, balls, or any other article connected with the game; who has never carried clubs for hire after attaining the age of fifteen years, and who has not carried clubs for hire at any time within six years of the date on which the competition begins; who has never received any consideration for playing in a match or for giving lessons in the game, and who, for a period of five years prior to September 1st, 1890, has never contended for a money prize in any open competition.

Section 10.—Only persons members of clubs belonging to the association can compete for the Amateur Championship, and competitors must enter for the competition through the secretaries of their respective clubs, who, in sending in the names, shall be held to certify that the players are *bona fide* amateur golfers in terms of the foregoing definition.

Section 11.—In both the Amateur and Open Championship Golf competitions the entrance-fee shall be 5 dols., and must be received by the secretary of the association, not later than six p.m., one week previous to the opening of the competition.

Section 12.—The Amateur Golf Championship shall be played by holes; the Open Golf Championship shall be match play (*sic*).

Section 13.—The competition shall be played in accordance with the rules of Golf as adopted by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland, in 1891, with such special rules as are in force and published on the green over which the competition takes place.

Section 14.—In the Amateur competition each game shall consist of one round of eighteen holes, with the exception of the last or final game, which shall be played on a separate day, and consist of thirty-six holes.

Section 15.—The draw shall take place three days before competition, and shall be conducted as follows:—Depending on the number of entries, such number of byes shall be first drawn, as shall, after the

completion of the first round, leave four, eight, sixteen, thirty-two, or sixty-four players, and one draw shall decide the order of play throughout the competition; those who have drawn byes being placed at the head of the list of winners of the first round, and taking their place in the second round in the order in which their names then stand.

Section 16.—In the event of a tie in any round, competitors shall continue to play on until one or the other shall have gained a hole, when the match shall be considered won.

Section 17.—The winner of the competition shall be the Champion Amateur Golfer for the year, and the trophy shall be held for that year by the club from which the winner shall have entered. The winners shall receive: the first a gold medal, the second a silver medal, the third and fourth bronze medals.

Section 18.—All entries are subject to the approval of the executive committee of this association.

Section 19.—All disputes shall be settled by the executive committee of this association, whose decision shall be final.

Section 20.—It shall be incumbent upon clubs over whose green the tournament is held to admit all members of the association as visitors, without payment, during the tournament; also to bear the necessary incidental expenses.

Section 21.—Open Championship prizes shall be as follows:—First, 200 dols. to the winner of the Championship, of which 50 dols. shall be expended on a gold medal, and 150 dols. given in money to a professional, or in plate to an amateur golfer. The winner to have custody of the Championship cup, but he must, if required, give security for its safe keeping. Second, 100 dols.; third, 50 dols.; fourth, 25 dols.; fifth, 10 dols. The last four prizes shall go to professionals only.

Section 22.—Any person paying his entrance money shall be considered thereby to have submitted himself to the rules of the association, both as to restrictions enjoined and penalties imposed. On these conditions alone he is entitled to enjoy all the advantages and privileges of the association competition.

Section 23.—These by-laws may be altered, amended or suspended without notice, at any regular meeting of the executive committee, by two-thirds vote of the members present, or at any special meeting, on notice given in the call for such meeting.

SECOND COURSE FOR TROON.

A special general meeting of the Troon Club was held in the clubhouse on Saturday, March 2nd, for the purpose of considering, and, if so resolved, to sanction a proposed arrangement with the Duke of Portland, whereby his Grace agrees to grant a lease to the club of the existing links and the new relief course. Mr. Adam Wood, captain of the club, presided, and a considerable representation of the members was present. Captain Wood entered into full explanation regarding the terms and conditions proposed:—That the club were to receive a direct lease for twenty years of the existing new relief courses at an annual rent of £85, cattle and horses to be entirely prevented from grazing on the links, but the grazing of sheep to be continued. The captain further explained that at present the herding of the cattle cost the club a yearly sum of £42, besides a considerable amount expended annually for damage done to the links by the cattle. Captain Wood then moved, and Mr. John Easton seconded, that the terms and conditions of the Duke of Portland, as stated in a letter addressed to the club by Mr. J. H. Turner, dated 26th ult., should be accepted, which was unanimously agreed to. It was then moved by Mr. John Sturrock, and seconded by Dr. Clark, that it be remitted back to the committee with full powers to conclude and carry into effect the proposed arrangement, and with that view to grant, execute, and deliver on behalf of the club all leases, agreements, and other documents that may be required for that purpose. By securing another eighteen-hole course immediately adjoining their present splendid links, the Troon Club is placed in a most enviable position, as with the exception of St. Andrews no other club enjoys the privilege of a second course.

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Review.

MY WEATHER-WISE COMPANION. Presented by B. T. Edinburgh: Wm. Blackwood & Sons. One Shilling.

Weather lore is almost as proverbially uncertain as the moods of the weather itself; yet there are certain broad features and recurring phenomena about the movements of sea, wind, cloud, mist and rain, which admit of fairly approximate tabulation as a rough-and-ready guide to what the near future may have in store for us in the skies. To no body of men are the weather portents of so much perennial interest as to golfers, for by these their game is sure to be influenced, or, at least, their bad play is sure to be credited to the caprices of the weather jade. The author of this little book has "presented" to us what are evidently the fruits of his long observation of wind and sky signs; they are storm signals in a nutshell. Appropriately enough, he begins his prophetic career by dedicating his labours "to my old umbrella, which for fifteen years I have carried in many climes." This he has done with a lightsome gaiety of gratitude for past favours conferred, which is truly charming. But let us cull a few of his points:—

Expect a windy winter after a clear autumn; and after a windy winter a rainy spring; after a rainy spring you may hope for a bright summer; and after a bright summer, look out for a windy autumn.

If the weather be rainy and showery in March and April, the end of the spring and the beginning of summer will probably be warm.

If the spring be rainy the autumn will be warm.

The north wind is the coldest. The south wind the warmest. The east wind the driest. The west wind is usually damp, on account of passing over the Atlantic.

If the wind change to the north through the east from the south or south-east, it will be fine.

Expect fine weather if a strong east wind blow during the day and evening.

In April, if there be a north wind expect rain.

Evening clouds in the east portend fine weather for a short time.

There will be rain to-morrow, because at sunrise this morning the clouds were red.

A cloud rising out of the west is indicative of rain.

If there be a damp fog or mist accompanied with wind expect wet weather.

If you see the mists rise and settle on the tops of hills, expect rain.

An abundance of hoar-frost foretells rain.

If the full moon rise pale, look out for rain.

If the full moon rise red, expect wind.

Rain is coming if there be a halo round the moon in fine weather. The larger the ring the nearer the rain.

Expect bad weather (1) if donkeys shake their ears, bray, and rub against trees and walls; (2) if cattle leave off feeding and chase each other in the fields; (3) if cats wash their faces and lick their bodies; (4) if dogs eat grass.

The *habitat* of the Mole is a familiar landmark on Golf-courses, and is anathema to the careful green-keeper. But he too, poor soul, has his uses in the economy of nature, and in helping us to understand the weather. Thus:—

If Moles cast up hills there will be rain; if through openings in the frozen turf, or through a thin covering of snow, a change to open weather may be expected.

If the Mole dig his hole two feet and a half deep, expect a very severe winter; if two feet deep, not so severe; if one foot deep, a mild winter.

Judging from recent weather, golfers may expect to find the Mole, not two and a-half feet down, but five feet. In order to afford a gauge of the late severity of the weather, estimated by the above standard, green-keepers ought to be set to work to wake the mole out of his winter sleep. B. T. offers enjoyable and interesting reading in his weather-wise "presentation."

SEAFIELD GOLF CLUB.—The March competition for the monthly medal and prizes was played for over Leith Links on Friday and Saturday, March 8th and 9th. Forty members took part, with the following result:—1, Mr. W. Stoker, 97, less 24=73; 2, Mr. T. M'Nab, 92, less 14=78; 3, Mr. G. H. Ridley, 93, less 12=81; 4, Mr. A. Prestwick, 90, less 8=82, and Mr. J. Laidlaw, 100, less 18=82, tie.

THE COMPLETE GOLFER INTERVIEWED.

- Q.—What do you know about Golf?
 A.—Everything.
- Q.—You will then be able to answer any questions I may ask you on the subject?
 A.—Of course.
- Q.—What, for instance, do you consider the best kind of driver?
 A.—That is a subject on which there are many different opinions.
- Q.—But with which of them do you agree?
 A.—My choice invariably lies with that particular variety with which I happen to be playing best at the time.
- Q.—But do you go in for more than one kind yourself?
 A.—I always buy the latest novelty to see whether it suits my style of play.
- Q.—But I thought there was only one orthodox style in Golf?
 A.—That is an old-fashioned idea which has been long since exploded.
- Q.—Then every golfer cultivates a different style?
 A.—That depends upon his possession of originality of character.
- Q.—And what style do you lean to yourself?
 A.—My own. I am told, by my caddie and others, that my style is an outstanding one.
- Q.—Have you any choice in irons?
 A.—I have tried Park's patent, Anderson's, and all the latest novelties, and now use nothing but a bafy spoon.
- Q.—And which of them do you consider the best?
 A.—They are all equally useless, with the exception of the bafy spoon, and that is worse than any of the irons.
- Q.—But why, then, are you using it now?
 A.—Because I am convinced that none of these new-fangled clubs are as good as the real old-fashioned ones, with which Allan Robertson and the Morrisies made such splendid practice.
- Q.—Are you lucky at Golf?
 A.—My luck is execrable; my caddie says so, frequently. I never have the good fortune necessary for the negotiation of a six-inch putt, when anything depends upon my doing so.
- Q.—And have you observed the same want of luck in the game of any of your opponents?
 A.—On the contrary, I never remember seeing a short putt missed by anyone whom I was particularly anxious to beat.
- Q.—Did you ever have lessons from a professional?
 A.—Frequently; but none of them will allow me to play the game in my own way, so that I never got any real good out of their instruction.
- Q.—That, I suppose, is due to their ideas of style being quite as firmly fixed as your own.
- A.—None of them have any true ideas about style at all; this I found out, when talking to them of my own.
- Q.—What kind of ball do you like best?
 A.—I am quite satisfied that those made up and painted by myself are the best.
- Q.—And do you use one of the ball presses sold for that purpose?
 A.—Oh, no! none of your new fangled notions for me; I use a copying press, in which I squeeze the ball until it is round.
- Q.—And what good qualities do you consider to be possessed by your make of ball?
 A.—I can drive as far, approach with as great accuracy, and putt quite as straight with them as I can with any sovereign-a-dozen ball in the market; on this point my caddie and I agree.
- Q.—Do you find your caddie anxious for you to win, responsive to your demands, and generally zealous on your behalf?
 A.—On the contrary, I consider him ill-conditioned and indifferent to the last degree.
- Q.—And to what means do you have recourse to instil into him the desirable interest in your well-being?
 A.—I swear at him when he doesn't know what club to give me, and when I miss an easy shot, also when the ball is lying badly.

Q.—And do you find this method leads to a better understanding between you?

A.—On the contrary; but, then, it is the one invariably adopted by golfers of my standing and experience.

C. W. H.

SCOTTISH AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP.

The proprietors of the Dundee *Evening Telegraph* have decided to offer for annual competition a silver challenge cup, of the value of 100 Guineas, to the amateur golfers of Scotland, the winner of which is to hold the Amateur Championship for Scotland for a year. The first competition for the cup will take place on Carnoustie Links on July 25th, 26th, and 27th. The following are the conditions:—

1. The trophy to be called "The *Evening Telegraph* Challenge Cup," and the winner to hold the Amateur Championship of Scotland for a year.
2. The tournament to be open to all amateurs (as defined by the conditions of the Amateur Championship competition) who are members of a regularly constituted Golf Club in Scotland.
3. The tournament to take place annually, and to be played in rotation over the principal greens in Scotland—the choice to rest with the proprietors of the *Evening Telegraph*.
4. The Green to be played on will be intimated annually a clear month before the Competition.
5. The play to last, if necessary, for three successive days—Thursday, Friday, and Saturday—each year.
6. A round of eighteen holes to constitute each game. Ties to be decided by playing three additional holes. If no decision be then arrived at, the winner of the first hole thereafter to be adjudicated victor.
7. The play to be under match play (St. Andrews Rules), along with any local rules of the green on which the tournament is being played.
8. The players to be balloted, and the result announced on the day preceding each annual competition.
9. The winner to retain the cup for one year, and the club to which he belongs to be responsible for the safe custody of the cup, and its return to the *Evening Telegraph* Office a fortnight before the annual competition.
10. The name of the winner to be engraved on the cup.
11. The winner to receive a gold medal, and the runner-up a silver medal.
12. The whole arrangements for the competition will be in the hands of a committee consisting of three representatives from the *Evening Telegraph*, and four members selected by the principal club over whose green the competition takes place; and the decisions of that committee in all matters will be final.
13. The proprietors of the *Evening Telegraph* reserve power to alter any of the foregoing rules should occasion arise.

IRVINE GOLF CLUB.—The competition for the March medals took place over the Glasgow Club's links at Gables on Saturday, March 9th. In all, twenty-one couples entered, and the following are the principal scores handed in:—First class, club medal, Mr. W. M. Paton, 85, less 6=79; Mr. D. Bone, 79, plus 5=84; Mr. D. M'Connell, 93, less 3=90; Mr. A. W. Todd, 93, less 3=90; Mr. J. Stewart, 96, less 4=92; Dr. Dey, 96, less 3=93; Mr. G. Steele, 98, less 4=94. Second class, Wilson medal, Mr. J. M. Lamont, 99, less 10=89; Mr. J. A. M'Kenzie, 105, less 12=93; Mr. Hugh Gibb, 101, less 8=93; Mr. D. Sinclair, 99, less 6=93; Mr. G. A. Innes, 104, less 8=96; Mr. W. D. Strachan, 107, less 10=97; Mr. A. M. M'Donald, 108, less 8=100. Third class, Scott medal, Mr. J. B. Aitkenson, 89, less 15=74; Mr. S. M. Nicoll, 97, less 16=81; Mr. A. Miller, 100, less 15=85; Mr. J. Adam, 104, less 18=86; Mr. T. H. Mottram, 109, less 18=91; Mr. F. A. Laing, 109, less 18=91.

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“THE HUNGER-BITTEN CADDIE.”

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I was rather amused to read the letter from “Eastbourne” on this subject. It seeks to convey an idea of the magnanimity of the golfers there in their treatment of the caddies which scarcely corresponds with the whole truth. The Eastbourne caddies are paid five shillings a week only, no matter what they earn, be the weather fine or wet. In ordinary golfing weather, as understood by the average player keen on his game, two rounds a day may be set down as a modest estimate of the labour of the caddie, which at the price of one shilling a round would entitle him to twelve shillings a week for six working days. It is not quite the “living wage” of the proletariat agitator, but it approaches that ideal more nearly than the good honest brokerage achieved by “Eastbourne” and his fellow-golfers in getting their clubs carried for half the market rate. But your article obviously deals with men and grown-up youths, not boys with parents to look after them and to succour them in hard times—with men and youths attached to large clubs like the Royal and Ancient at St. Andrews, the clubs at Musselburgh and North Berwick, and above all in the neighbourhood of large industrial towns, and in the Metropolis.

Is it not a mockery in these circumstances for “Eastbourne” to plume himself upon what he and his fellows have done, and to thank the Most High that they are not like other golfers elsewhere?

Your article was a very stirring and timely appeal, and I am sure it is bound to be fruitful of good in awakening all Golf Clubs to their responsibilities and duties. You struck the right key-note.

I am, Sir,

AUDI ALTERAM PARTEM.

The Golfers Club, March 7th.

WHAT IS A RECOGNISED GOLF CLUB?

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In your issue of February 8th, I noticed an article entitled “What is a Recognised Golf Club?” and being interested in the question for the sake of the members of our club here, I hoped that by this time it might have been followed by some further information, as to how a club which fulfils all the requisites laid down therein should become “recognised.”

I enclose the result of our last medal competition, and should be glad to give further information about our club if by so doing I could secure to our members the advantages of hospitality offered by other clubs to members of “Recognised Golf Clubs.”

I am, Sir, &c.,

C. M. NEWTON.

Hon. Sec. Hillingdon Golf Club.

HANDICAPPING FOR LADIES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR.—The members of a Ladies' Golf club are anxious to know the best method of handicapping. Would any Lady President of a Golf club advise as to best method for arranging ladies' handicaps.

I am Sir, &c.,

E. P. H.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

F. G.—You cannot do better than make use of our columns for the purpose you contemplate.

FORFARSHIRE.

The Broughty Club held their monthly competition on March 7th, for the usual sweepstakes, and also for the Rowan medal, which is an average trophy. There was a fair turnout of members in the first class; but the second class was only represented by two members, and the third class had one solitary representative. Mr. James Wilson was again the winner of the medal, with a score of 103—6 below his average. The winners of prizes were:—First class—scratch, Mr. William Harris, 87; first average and first sweep, Mr. A. Mitchell, 92, 2 below; second average and second sweep, Mr. J. Kirk, 98, 1 below; third sweep, Mr. W. K. Lorimer, 92, 1 above. Second class—Scratch and average, Mr. James Wilson, 103, 6 below.

The members of the Panmure Club competed for the cup presented by the late Mr. Brand, of Mylnefield, on Saturday, at Monifieth. There were twenty entries. Mr. John Jones came in an easy winner with the total of 83 strokes.

When the members of the Monifieth Club played for the Panmure medal there was a tie for the trophy between Messrs. Thomas Brimer and George Wright at 80 strokes each. On the previous competition, the same players also tied for the scratch prize, and on Saturday afternoon they met to play off the tie. They tied again with 82 each.

The New Year's competition of the Montrose Victoria had to be postponed, and only on Saturday did the play conclude. Two very good scores were recorded—that of 78 by Mr. Walter Reid, the present champion of Montrose, and that of Mr. Arthur Oliphant with 79.

CHESTER GOLF CLUB.

After a lengthened period of enforced rest, owing to the severe wintry weather, the links are again in full swing. The seventh competition for the ladies' gold medal was played for on March 5th, when only the following cards were returned:—Miss Shand, 105, less 18=87; Mrs. Tyrer, 100, less 7=93; Miss F. Shand, 118, less 18=100; Mrs. J. M. Frost, 126, less 24=102; Mrs. Swetenham, 120, less 13=107.

On Saturday, March 9th, the first competition for the monthly medal took place under favourable circumstances, there was a fairly good entry, but an unsatisfactory number of returns:—Dr. Renton, 87, less 1=86; Mr. F. W. Hayes, 90, less 1=89; Mr. J. M. Frost, 114, less 18=96. The same day the ladies played for a prize offered by Mrs. Hancock and Miss Kennedy, which had been postponed from an earlier date. Result:—Miss M. Rowley (winner), 86, less 2=84, and Mrs. Tyrer (winner first sweepstake), 95, less 7=88.

WARWICKSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The tie between Messrs. Child and Hill in the February competition for the Club cup resulted as follows:—Mr. H. H. Child, 112, less 14=98; Mr. M. S. Hill, 124, less 21=103.

The match between Mr. C. G. Graham and Mr. M. T. Brown, the winners of the winter tournament for the foursome cups, and the holders, Mr. H. W. Bainbridge and Mr. J. F. Wright, was played on the Warwick links in genial, spring like weather, the course being in a greatly improved condition. Special interest attached to this match as the holders would have retained the cups in the event of their being again successful. The challenging couple, however, started off by winning the first three holes, and eventually secured the match at the fifteenth by 5 up and 3 to play.



There is a danger, we fear, that the acquisition of the new second course at St. Andrews is likely to become a serious bone of contention in the locality. As we showed in a recent "Tee Shot," the smooth working of the links-purchase scheme on the part of the town has recently been interrupted by a claim on the part of Mr. Cheape, of Strathtyrum, the vendor of the ground to the Royal and Ancient Club, with the right of pre-emption, to receive notice from the Town Council, as one of the parties entitled under the Lands Clauses Act to be called in the making up of titles between the club and the town. The Burgh Commissioners are instructed by their legal adviser that no such notice is compulsory, and Mr. Cheape is taking the case to the Court of Session for decision. The subject came before a meeting of the Burgh Commissioners last week, and Mr. Welch, a lawyer, upheld the legality of Mr. Cheape's claim, after careful study of the Act and the decisions in the Courts based upon it. The Commissioners, however, had legal advice to the contrary, and they resolved to contest Mr. Cheape's claim in the Law Courts. The sale of the links, aforesaid the property of the town, the promotion of the Bill in Parliament, and the expenses of witnesses before the House of Commons, have already amounted to £8,000. The money will have to be raised by an assessment on the ratepayers, and, if another assessment for additional law costs in fighting Mr. Cheape's claim is superadded, the new green is likely to be very dearly bought. If a feeling of resentment and exasperation is engendered among the ratepayers at St. Andrews, golfers everywhere are likely to feel its effects.

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A very admirable article, both in tone and temper of argument, appears in last week's *Field*, entitled "The Golfer's Need," in which the writer deplores the absence of a Golfers' Association for the regulation of the game. The writer pays a high tribute, as we have frequently done, to the debt which all golfers owe to St. Andrews for her early fostering care of the game; but the spread of Golf both at home and abroad, and particularly in England, with its recent movement in favour of County Associations as a basis for a large Golf Union, renders it imperative that some step should be taken, in England, at least, to institute a recognised governing authority. "We, and we are sure all true golfers at heart," adds *The Field*, "would welcome any ruling body which, by example and precept, shall show golfers—and especially the young golfer, who, in his turn, will be looked to by generations of golfers yet to come—how best to preserve their game in its most enjoyable form. As things are now tending, the influence of St. Andrews must become less felt in England with each successive year, and all that remains is to institute a governing body. If, as is probable, this cannot be done—at the present time, at all events—for the United Kingdom, or even Great Britain, let England, which stands the most in need of it, have her Association."

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Peter Paxton, who is playing a strong game just now, made a very low score at Tooting one day last week, playing with Mr. C. E. Tomlin. Though the course was the short winter one, Paxton, by clean driving and approach shots of wonderful

precision, which left him stone dead, compiled this score:—
Out, 6 4 6 4 5 4 3 4 4 = 40; in, 4 2 3 4 5 4 3 3 5 = 33;
total, 73.

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The great frost of the past winter has died hard, as became its nature. Who could have expected to find curlers and skaters tired of it? Yet this was so, and on all hands hopes of a thaw were loudly expressed. Competitions postponed from week to week have now been got off, and a fair start made of the season's Golf, though few greens are, as yet, in anything like good condition. The long spell of hardness has been favourable for carting sand, turf, &c., where repairs were necessary, for the horses and wheels left no impression on the ground to bother players by bad lies. Jack Frost is a noisy fellow indeed. When "the roaring game" at last had to be stopped, he made a great noise at the breaking up of the ice on the rivers, and the plumbers have been flying in all directions to repair the damage he had done to the household pipes.

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What next? A large array of ignorant, pretentious, writers, fertile in palming off "pot-boilers" on unsuspecting editors, seem to exist, for the supply of magazine articles of the Devil's Advocate style regarding Golf. The latest production is that in *Blackwood*, briefly referred to last week, in which the writer pronounces against Golf as a game suitable for public schools, because of the egotism, selfishness, unsociability, and exclusiveness fostered thereby! What is our magazine literature coming to, when staid, sober-sided, old *Ebony*, a name long associated with Golf, allows its contributors to write such nonsense?

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The Baberton Club green committee have decided to close the green against play in the meantime, as the greens are so soft that play might damage them. This is rather a funny procedure. Why not drain the ground and get it into order?

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Last week we referred to the little volume of parodies on the game of Golf, issued by Mr. Douglas, Edinburgh, who publishes so many books bearing on the game. A correspondent adds the following for the benefit of club and ball makers, who wish to make hay when the Golf sun shines.

Tell us not in mournful numbers
Advertising doesn't pay;
Those who weekly use our pages
All have something else to say.

Golf is royal, Golf is ancient,
Golf just now is on the boom,
Clubs and balls—for men who make them,
Hear them crying, "Ho! make room!"

In the world's great field of golfers,
In the club-and-ball-men's strife,
Advertising is the secret
Of a fortune-making life.

If you would be up and doing,
In these pages advertise;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
To success you're bound to rise.

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The next three volumes of the Badminton Library, in preparation by Messrs. Longmans, Green & Co., are on Dancing, Billiards, and Modern Sea-fishing respectively.

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The Town Council of Crail, one of those fishing burghs of which Mr. Geddie writes in his "Fringes of Fife," has been consulting the veteran Tom Morris on the feasibility of leasing Balcomie Links as an additional Golf course for the burgh. Tom, in his report to the Council, indicates that the links would make a splendid nine-hole course, and thinks they could easily be laid out at an expense of £30. The Council have resolved to approach the proprietor and get a nineteen years' lease of the links. A committee consisting of members of the Town Council and of Crail Golfing Society have been appointed to

carry out the arrangements, and, if possible, to allow the game to be played this season. The council have also agreed with the tenant of Sauchope Links to improve them so as to make the present course more suitable for play, and to have it better looked after in future. Donations to the amount of nearly £80 have been guaranteed by inhabitants and summer visitors towards the expense, and the Council are to spend £10 out of the common good funds every year in keeping and maintaining the courses.

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Selkirk Club is looking out for a professional.

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The new green at Duddingston is being rapidly brought into order, and it is expected that the various insurance and banking clubs which have combined to lease it, will have the use of the green by the beginning of May. The holes measure as follows:—

1	...	...	...	378	yards	10	...	...	...	331	yards
2	...	...	...	313	"	11	...	...	...	332	"
3	...	...	...	221	"	12	...	...	...	174	"
4	...	...	...	296	"	13	...	...	...	173	"
5	...	...	...	213	"	14	...	...	...	200	"
6	...	...	...	463	"	15	...	...	...	316	"
7	...	...	...	329	"	16	...	...	...	216	"
8	...	...	...	279	"	17	...	...	...	454	"
9	...	...	...	289	"	18	...	...	...	287	"

Total 5,324 yards.

a distance of three miles, forty-four yards. The turf of the new course is excellent, and there are a good many hazards to make low scoring creditable.

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In consequence of Good Friday and the Edinburgh Spring Holiday falling on the 12th and 15th days of April respectively, the spring meeting of the Tantallon Club will be held on the 6th, in place of the 13th April, the arrangements otherwise made holding for that date.

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The Fortrose Golf Club are going to erect a club-house, to be ready for the summer season. Colonel Stephen, C.B., Avoch House, is again captain of this club.

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"Timothy" writes to say that he thinks the "Henley" Golf-ball ought to be egg-shaped to justify its title, but as this would not quite do he is glad the maker, like a true golfer, has been the first to place a *St. Andrew's Cross* on the Golf-ball, and hopes it will pay. The same gentleman is not surprised to hear that Sayers' patent, recently referred to in Golf is a great success. It is very simple, and made expressly to "catch on" to a Golf-club. So it has "caught on." Fortunate hits for both.

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Lord Wriothlesley Russell, Canon of Windsor, became late in life a teetotaller, and at a Temperance meeting he gave as his reason that for forty years he had been trying to cure drunkards by making them drink in moderation, but had never once succeeded. The local newspaper, in reporting his Lordship, put it that "the noble and rev. Lord gave as his reason that for forty years he had been trying to drink in moderation, but had never once succeeded."

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At the annual meeting of the Alloa Golf Club a balance of £23 at credit was reported. The secretary of the club for the year is Mr. Alexander Norval, solicitor. This club now numbers over eighty members, and the course at Arnsbrae—nine-holes—is a very sporting one. Most of the members are better at curling than at Golf, their prowess at the former game being known far and wide.

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The Royal Hotel at North Berwick, so well-known to golfers, is just now undergoing extensive alterations, and in a much improved form it will be ready for the coming season.

The opening meeting of the Edinburgh Institution F.P.'s Golf Club, will take place at Musselburgh on Wednesday, April 3rd, draws taking place on the arrival of the 1.10 p.m. and 1.55 p.m. trains.

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Mr. E. L. Balcombe has resigned the Hon. Treasurership of the Redhill and Reigate Golf Club, which he has kindly undertaken during the last two years. The committee have elected Mr. Hugh D. Tucker, of South Lawn, Reigate. The committee have decided that the handsome silver challenge bowl, recently presented to the club by the president, shall be played for, by holes, under match-play rules, with handicaps limited to three-fourths of eighteen strokes. With reference to the complaint, recently reported in the press, as to the behaviour of some players (said to be members of the club), particular attention is directed to the urgent request of the committee that (for the protection of the reputation of the club, as well as for the safety of the public using the common) all members will be so good as to wear red coats when playing.

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When more genial weather comes, Green Committees and greenkeepers everywhere, especially on inland links, will think of making preparations for the mowing of putting-greens and the cropping of grass throughout the course in order to improve the lies and the quality of the turf. We have been asked for information with reference to good lawn-mowers, to be controlled either by hand or to be drawn by horse or pony. The mowers sent out by Ransomes, Sims, & Jefferies, of Ipswich, have long been established in the favour of golfers and cricketers. They are made of the best material, and the knives cut evenly and clean, thereby imparting a firm, equable texture to the turf on the putting-greens—a boon which is appreciated by every golfer when he gets within putting-distance of the hole.

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Another firm which makes a speciality in lawn-mowers for Golf courses is Alexander Shanks & Son, of Arbroath and London. They have been experimenting with their machines on Golf courses on both sides of the Border, inland as well as seaside greens; and they have devised a form of horse and pony machine which is admirably suited to Golf-course requirements. Experience has led them to make some improvements on the earlier type of machines turned out by them. For example, the machine for Golf courses has steel axle springs, to relieve the jolting and vibration caused by the irregularities of the ground, and is so finely balanced as to give the operator complete control over it on undulating ground. The steel cutters are of unusual strength, set to cut long or short grass of the toughest description, and front rollers are provided to keep the knives to their work. The grass-box can be dismounted at will. With these two firms to choose from, therefore, Golf Club Committees cannot be at a loss in satisfying their wants, especially as the prices are very reasonable.

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As a result of an inspection of land belonging to Mr. A. H. Lisner, of the Waffrons, Upper Long Ditton, Surbiton, Tom Dunn has planned out a nine-hole course which should commend itself to golfers. The turf is principally old pasture, and there are several natural hazards. The distances of some of the holes vary between 300 and 500 yards in length. It is the intention of Mr. Lisner to form a club, of which notice will be duly given.

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Dunn has also laid out a short course on the Downs at Dunstable.

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The annual general meeting of the Royal West Norfolk Golf Club will be held at the Club-house on Friday, April 26th, at five p.m.; for the purpose of passing the accounts electing the captain and officers of the club for the ensuing year, and transacting all other necessary business. The committee are glad to be able to report that the year just closed has, on the whole, been extremely favourable for the

course, and that it has completely recovered from the effects of the drought of 1893. The spring, however, was cold and dry, and again rendered nugatory much of the labour spent on the greens. On the other hand, the past autumn was all that could be desired, and the committee, taking advantage of the favourable weather, have relaid the first, second, eleventh, fifteenth, and sixteenth greens, have completed the ninth, thirteenth, and eighteenth greens, and have sown and dressed the alternative third and fourth greens, so that, it is hoped, all these will be ready for use at Easter. They have also taken measures to prevent a recurrence of the damage caused by the storm of November, 1893, which smothered a portion of the links with sand. The committee desire to call members' attention to their previous circular, inviting them to subscribe to an open challenge cup. The club is almost singular among large clubs in having no open competition, and it is hoped that this anomaly will shortly be remedied. £120 is required for the purpose. The membership increased during the year from 407 to 435, and there are, in addition, 21 lady members.

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W. F. Davis, the professional to the Newport, Rhode Island, Golf Club of America, after spending fourteen years in Canada and the United States, is just now visiting the greens of this country on a holiday of two or three months' duration. He has lately been playing at North Berwick, and is now at Hoylake. His neat and finished style of play has been greatly admired.

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Owing to the inability of the Cambridge University team to get away for play at Tooting on Saturday, the match between these two clubs has been postponed.

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Admiral Trollope, of Scarborough, whilst playing Golf with a friend at Ganton, near Scarborough, on Wednesday afternoon last week, stepped on the Great Eastern Railway line, and was knocked down by the engine of the York express. The admiral sustained a broken thigh and rib, and was severely injured about the head. He was at once conveyed to his home and attended by three doctors, but death ensued within three hours.

LYTHAM AND ST. ANNE'S GOLF CLUB.

The lady subscribers of the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club had dull but favourable weather until the last couples were just returning from their rounds on Wednesday afternoon, March 6th, when the second competition for Mr. R. L. Verity's prize was played over the ladies' links at St. Anne's-on-the-sea. At the close of play persistent rain set in. The leading scores were:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Miss C. Salt, Lytham	107	16	91
Mrs. E. Catterall, St. Anne's	89	+6	95
Miss Mugliston, Lytham	94	+1	95
Mrs. Verity, Lytham	120	25	95
Miss E. Lythgoe, St. Anne's	94	+3	97
Mrs. Brown, St. Anne's	97	scr.	97
Miss M. Salt, Lytham	116	19	97
Mrs. Eason, Lytham	104	5	99
Mrs. Miller, Singleton Park	111	9	102
Miss E. Salt, Lytham	121	18	103
Miss R. Fair, Lytham	116	7	109
Miss Terry, St. Anne's	115	5	110
Miss Cunliffe, Lytham	122	10	112

Several ladies did not sent in any returns. Miss C. Salt was winner of the competition with her net score of 91. The winner of the first of the four competitions last week was Miss Hargreaves, St. Anne's.

"SCOTSMAN" CLUB.—The last competition for the aggregate trophy was played over the Braids on Saturday. The best cards were handed in by Mr. A. Hamilton (scratch), 90; and Mr. J. Laurie (scratch), 90. Mr. A. Hamilton, with an aggregate score of 408 over five competitions, is the winner of the prize; Mr. J. Morgan, 413, being second; and Mr. J. Laurie, 415, third.



ABERDEEN.

ABERDEEN CLUB.—The members of this club competed on Saturday, March 9th, over the Balgowrie course for the February monthly medal and handicap prize. At the close of the competition, on comparing the cards, it was found that the scratch medal had been tied for by Messrs. J. B. Craigie and W. D. Davidson with scores of 82; while Mr. A. J. W. Storie's cup fell to Mr. Davidson with a score of 82, less 3=79. The following are a few of the remaining scores:—Mr. J. B. Craigie, 82, less 2=80; Mr. Thomas Lillie, 95, less 12=83; Mr. W. S. Foggo, 103, less 18=85; Mr. M. M. Duncan, 89, less 3=86; Mr. A. L. Miller, 98, less 12=86; Mr. A. J. R. Thain, 102, less 14=88. The tie for the handicap cup for January was won by Mr. M. M. Duncan.

ARDEN GOLF CLUB.

The monthly cup for February was won by Mr. C. T. Wade. This was played in very bad weather. The monthly cup for March was played on Saturday, March 2nd, Mr. A. E. Wilson-Browne was winner. Score:—Mr. A. E. Wilson-Browne, 90, less 5=85; Rev. Dr. Wilson, 98, less 12=86; Mr. W. P. Wilson-Browne, 98, less 9=89; Mr. O. Airy, 103, less 7=96; Mr. J. W. Burman, 110, less 14=96. Several other players made no returns.

ARDEN v. COVENTRY.

This match was played on the Arden Golf Links, on Saturday, March 9th, being the first match of the season, and also the first to be played over the new extension of the links, which is generally thought to be a great improvement on the old course. Unfortunately the pleasure of the game was greatly marred from by the bad weather, as it poured with rain from start to finish. Neither Coventry nor the home team were fully represented, owing to the prevailing sickness in the neighbourhood. Arden won easily by 33 holes, and it is the first time they have scored a victory over their strong opponents:—

ARDEN.		Holes.	COVENTRY.		Holes.
Mr. H. W. Bainbridge	...	1	Mr. H. Smith	...	0
Mr. A. E. Wilson-Browne	...	0	Mr. H. Rotherham	...	3
Mr. O. Airy	...	8	Mr. F. Smith	...	0
Mr. J. F. Wright	...	9	Mr. Kev. Rotherham	...	0
Mr. E. P. Wright	...	7	Mr. W. F. Wiley	...	0
Mr. W. P. Wilson-Browne	...	8	Mr. T. A. Cash	...	0
Mr. M. C. Lord	...	0	Mr. E. Blackburn	...	0
Rev. Dr. Wilson	...	3	Mr. R. Hill	...	0
		36			3

BEVERLEY AND EAST RIDING v. THE BROUGH GOLF CLUB.

A match of eighteen holes was played on the Beverley Links on the 9th inst., which was won by the Beverley Club by 19 holes. The following were the scores:—

BEVERLEY CLUB.		Holes.	BROUGH CLUB.		Holes.
Mr. E. Hodgson	...	1	Dr. Mossman	...	0
Major Bower	...	3	Mr. F. M. Jackson	...	0
Dr. J. Joyner Fraser	...	0	Mr. F. Harrison	...	1
Mr. Unett	...	12	Mr. Cowan	...	0
Mr. A. B. Reckitt	...	5	Mr. C. O. F. Sauer	...	0
Major Ward	...	1	Mr. W. Andrews	...	0
Mr. C. N. Jackson	...	0	Mr. Max Jackson	...	0
Mr. MacIlwaine	...	0	Mr. L. Harrison	...	2
Dr. Macleod	...	0	Mr. W. S. Wright	...	0
		22			3

BARHAM DOWNS GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, February 28th. Gentlemen:—Mr. A. C. Edwards (scr.) 87; Capt. W. H. Eccles, 96, less 8=88; Mr. H. D. Hirst, 93, less 4=89; Cap. G. L. Austin, 92, plus 1=93. No returns from several others.

Ladies:—Miss E. Ramsay, 104, less 2=102; Miss N. Ramsay, 132, less 6=126. No return from Miss A. Waterfield.

BENTLEY GREEN GOLF CLUB.

The postponed February handicap competition took place on Thursday, March 7th, with the following result, viz. :—

Gross Hcp. Net.			Gross Hcp. Net.		
Mr. C. H. Morton...	90	5 85	Lieut.-Col. F. S.		
Mr. E. J. Dampier...	114	18 96	Openshaw	108	11 97
Mr. R. S. Stancien...	114	18 96	Capt. C. H. W. Dono-		
Major G. R. B. Pat-			van	117	20 97
len	116	20 96	Major W. M. Skin-		
Lieut.-Col. W. T.			ner	125	26 99
McLeod	108	11 97	Col. A. Campbell	121	15 106

No returns from Mr. E. H. E. Morgan, Rev. L. A. Cockerell, Capt. L. P. Ditmas, Lieut.-Col. Harden, and Capt. C. S. Keith.

BIARRITZ & PAU.

The following is the result of the match :—

BIARRITZ.		PAU.	
Hcp.	Holes.	Hcp.	Holes.
Mr. Dale	scr. 0	Mr. McHorn	scr. 8
Mr. Corbett	scr. 0	Mr. McFarlane	scr. 2
Mr. Bennett	2 0	Mr. Winch	— 2
Mr. E. A. Hambro	2 3	Mr. Anderson	— 0
Mr. Heneage	4 6	Capt. Banbury	— 0
Mr. Higgins	3 4	Mr. Harrison	— 0
Mr. Wallace	2 0	Mr. Platt	— 4
Mr. Swainson	4 0	Mr. North	— 4
Mr. Davidson	6 0	Mr. Stewart	— 2
Mr. Knight	6 3	Lord Kilmaire	— 0
Mr. Boswell	9 0	Mr. Cuthbertson	— 9
	16		31

Championship cup.—Messrs. J. R. Boreel and C. Ponsonby for Pau, played on Monday afternoon; Messrs. C. Roller and C. Hambro for Biarritz. The former won by 1 hole in the first eighteen. The second eighteen holes were played at Biarritz on Saturday.

BIRKDALE CAPTAIN'S CUP.

The first competition for the captain's cup was played on Saturday over the links of the Birkdale Club, when a win was recorded by Mr. J. E. Pearson, the chief scores :—

Gross Hcp. Net.			Gross Hcp. Net.		
Mr. J. E. Pearson	84	2 82	Mr. J. Sykes	117	30 87
Mr. F. W. H. Camp-			Mr. A. Gilmore	111	23 88
bell	93	9 84	Mr. G. F. Pearson	95	6 89
Mr. G. Crowther	97	13 84	Mr. C. A. Colman	105	16 89
Mr. W. Bowker	98	14 84	Mr. T. N. Leighton	117	26 91
Mr. W. D. S. Crow-			Mr. A. Smart	102	10 92
ther	99	15 84	Mr. T. Aitken	107	14 93
Mr. E. H. Sheldon	110	25 85	Mr. S. Bateman	114	20 94
Mr. F. W. Price	108	22 86	Mr. G. Kilvert	119	25 94
Mr. A. Entwistle	96	9 87	Mr. G. D. S. Crow-		
Mr. R. Evans	117	30 87	ther	92	+3 95

BROMLEY AND BICKLEY GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal competition, March 2nd.—Mr. Coventry, 91, less 10=81; Mr. Gibbs, 123, less 36=87; Mr. Solly, 113, less 23=90; Mr. W. Henderson, 115, less 20=95; Mr. Gedge, 128, less 30=98; Mr. Hardcastle, 118, less 18=100.

BURGHLEY PARK GOLF CLUB.

The monthly handicap for the medal of the club was played on Saturday, March 9th. The course is now in good order after the long frost, which has caused the postponement of two matches. Only four members faced the heavy rain:—Mr. H. B. Waite, 94, less 11=83; Mr. R. Wyche, jnr., 100, less 14=86; Mr. G. E. Hewlett, 111, less 25=86; Mr. H. V. Iggulden, 108, less 11=97.

EDINBURGH REGISTER HOUSE CLUB.—The quarterly medal and other prizes were played for over the Braids course on Saturday. The medal and first prize were won by Mr. Donald Ross with the net score of 82. The other prize-winners were:—2nd, Mr. Alexander Paterson; 3rd, Mr. A. M. Runciman; and 4th and 5th (a tie), Messrs. William Byars and Alexander Nisbet.

CANNES GOLF CLUB.

The competition for Mrs. Barlow-Webb's prizes, took place on March 8th in cloudy weather. Results :—

Ladies.—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mrs. Spencer Chap-			Mrs. W. Clark	74	12 62
man	57	2 55	Miss Schenley	78	14 64
Miss Burns	74	18 56	Miss G. Willoughby	79	13 66
Miss K. Duncombe	64	7 57	Mrs. F. Walker	80	14 66
Miss Taylor	73	15 58	Miss W. Clark	78	9 69
Miss M. Clark	66	7 59	Miss Bowring	84	12 72
Miss M. N. Burns	77	18 59	Mrs. Taylor	94	15 79
Miss Spencer Chap-					
man	61	scr. 61			

Gentlemen.—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. H. G. Walker	86	3 83	Mr. H. Bacon	119	18 101
Capt. Stratford	101	15 86	Mr. J. B. Dugdale	130	28 102
Mr. W. C. Clark	103	14 89	Rev. Lloyd Phillip	119	16 103
Mr. R. Page	100	10 90	Mr. G. Thorne	119	14 105
Capt. D. Stewart	105	14 91	Col. Woodward	123	14 109
Mr. W. Radcliffe	99	2 97	Mr. F. Walker	124	12 112
Mr. C. N. Ridley	116	18 98			

DERBYSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition for the Trollope gold medal took place on Saturday last, under unfavourable conditions, a heavy downpour of rain making things so uncomfortable that several players did not complete the round. Scores :—Mr. R. Harvey, 101, less 20=81; Mr. J. Wells, 92, less 15=84; Mr. A. L. Upstone, 103, less 12=91; Rev. T. E. M. Hutchinson, 99, less 4=95; Mr. T. C. Jeffrey, 102, less 3=99.

The February competition which was postponed on account of the frost and snow, will take place on Saturday next, the 16th inst.

EAST SHEEN GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played off on Saturday March 9th, with the following result :—Mr. H. F. A. Willis, 86, less 12=74; Mr. A. Leicester Penrhyn, 97, less 13=84. Messrs. A. L. Mansell, H. Reeves, and H. A. Vernet made no returns.

ENFIELD GOLF CLUB.

Monthly handicap, Saturday, March 9th.—The competitors had to play under very trying conditions. The course was very sticky, but after the first nine holes had been played a heavy downpour of rain made it thoroughly wet, and consequently easier. Mr. Andrew Leslie handed in the best score, 105, less 15=90; Mr. F. Porter being second, with 129, less 30=99. Mr. Leslie did the last nine holes in 46—under the circumstances an exceedingly good score. No returns from Messrs. J. A. Allen, A. Bass, G. A. Beazley, G. F. N. Beazley, R. G. Cather, A. W. Hutt, and J. Maitland.

FOLKESTONE GOLF CLUB.

March medal, Wednesday, 6th :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
*Mr. Jeffery	94	6 88	Mr. Cairns	105	8 97
*Capt. Eccles	95	7 88	Major Britton	110	12 98
Mr. Calverley	109	16 93	Colonel Blake	113	15 98
Mr. Hirst	102	6 96	Sir Wm. Style	119	20 99

* Tie.

Several others were over 100 net or made no return.

GUILDFORD GOLF CLUB.

March 9th.—Monthly medal, "Bogey":—Mr. W. Carr (1), 6 down; Mr. G. E. Bucknill (11), 7 down; Mr. A. Chandler (11), 8 down; Mr. H. L. Forbes (2), 10 down.

HILLINGDON GOLF CLUB (UXBRIDGE).

Medal competition, played on Saturday, March 2nd :—Mr. A. M. Thomas, 91, less 12=79, and Mr. F. C. Woodbridge, 103, less 24=79 (tied); Mr. W. L. Eves, 106, less 20=86; Mr. C. E. Stevens, 107, less 10=97; Mr. E. T. Woodbridge, 118, less 20=98; Mr. A. C. Bird, 112, less 14=98. Others over 100 net.

Result of tie, played March 5th, winner, Mr. A. M. Thomas, 95, less 12=83; Mr. F. C. Woodbridge, 108, less 24=84.

EDINBURGH TEACHERS' CLUB.—The monthly competition for charms and medals was held over the Braids on Saturday, and resulted as follows :—1st division—Mr. R. C. Anderson, 79, less 4=75. 2nd division—Mr. F. Belford, 85, less 14=71.

ILKLEY GOLF CLUB.

The first medal competition for the year was played on the Rom-balds-Moor Links on Saturday, March 9th. A thick fog hung over the course all day, and the greens were very wet, so that the scoring was high all round. Messrs. P. N. Lee and H. B. Macarthy tied for the medal, and divided the optional sweepstakes. Next Saturday, March 16th, an eighteen-hole competition against "Bogey" will be played, and there will be medal competitions on March 23rd and 30th. Score of Saturday's play:—

Gross Hcp. Net.		Gross Hcp. Net.	
Mr. P. N. Lee ...	92 5 87	Mr. A. W. Godby..	103 8 95
Mr. H. B. Macarthy	92 5 87	Mr. J. C. Sykes ...	118 22 96
Mr. J. Hollis ...	100 10 90	Mr. B. Hirst ...	112 16 96
Mr. H. R. Smith ...	100 10 90	Mr. J. K. Empsall..	115 18 97
Mr. E. Fletcher ...	102 12 90	Dr. Turner ...	112 14 98
Mr. J. E. Mammath	109 16 93	Mr. J. C. McDowall	110 12 98

LEASOWE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal competitions were resumed on Saturday, when there were a large entry, the result of the day's play being a tie between Mr. T. T. Eskrigge, 85, less 7=78, and Mr. Geo. V. Wall, 93, less 15=78. The best gross scores were handed in by Messrs. John Ball, jun., and John Ball (2), viz., 76 each. The following are the details:—

Gross Hcp. Net.		Gross Hcp. Net.	
*Mr. T. T. Eskrigge	85 7 78	Mr. Tom N. Philip	103 18 85
*Mr. Geo. V. Wall	93 15 78	Mr. John Ball, jun.	76+10 86
†Mr. J. P. Carr ...	90 9 81	Mr. Geo. D. Burrell	88 2 86
‡Mr. John Ball (2)	76 +6 82	Mr. F. J. Townley	108 20 88
Mr. Govan Hewat	100 18 82	Mr. J. H. Howell...	109 20 89
Mr. Geo. Morris ...	89 6 83	Mr. D. Walker ...	115 25 90
Mr. F. A. Ravenscroft	95 12 83	Mr. C. C. Wall ...	107 15 92
Mr. E. A. Cuncell	98 15 83	Mr. C. H. Smith ...	100 6 94
Mr. W. Blackley ...	101 18 83	Mr. C. H. Burton...	106 12 94
Mr. Tom Jones ...	102 18 84	Mr. W. C. L. Mawd-	
Mr. W. B. Pedder	106 22 84	sley ...	112 18 94
Mr. J. Cromarty ...	100 15 85	Mr. E. Harrison ...	120 25 95
Mr. C. H. H. Scott	102 17 85	Mr. A. H. Simpson	114 16 98

* Tied for medal and divided first and second sweeps.
 † Won third sweep.
 ‡ Won old "optional" sweep.

LEICESTERSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on March 7th and 9th, when Dr. F. M. Pope was the winner. The links were very wet and heavy, and the scores returned were consequently high. A great many members competed, and the following were the best scores:—Dr. F. M. Pope, 106, less 17=89; Mr. A. Lorrimer, 108, less 9=99; Mr. M. Lorrimer, 116, less 16=100; Mr. H. L. Goddard, 117, less 15=102; Rev. H. Hamson, 112, less 10=102.

LITTLESTONE GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, March 9th. Played in calm, but wet weather:—

Gross Hcp. Net.		Gross Hcp. Net.	
*Mr. W. Trower ...	90 13 77	Mr. H. Tollemache.	98 5 93
Mr. R. S. Jones ...	90 3 87	Mr. H. E. Johnson.	101 8 93
Mr. A. J. Stanley ...	94 5 89	Mr. J. Hax ...	107 13 94
Mr. E. Hilliard ...	107 16 91	Mr. H. Blake ...	110 14 96
Mr. F. Jefferson ...	106 14 92		

* Winner.
 Others over 100 net, or no return.

LITTLESTONE LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, March 9th:—Miss Starkie-Bence, 92, less 8=84. Rain fell heavily the whole time, and Miss Bence is to be congratulated on her extremely good score.

MELBOURNE GOLF CLUB.

This club played for its usual monthly medal on Saturday, February 2nd. The day was a fine one, and the scoring was good. Twenty-one players started. Mr. Balfour Melville lowered the record for competition scoring by going round in 83, beating Mr. Anderson's competition record of 84; but both gentlemen, in private matches, have been the round in 82. The following were the best scores handed in:—

Gross Hcp. Net.		Gross Hcp. Net.	
Mr. R. A. A. Bal-		Mr. H. G. Callaway	96 6 90
four Melville ..	83 scr. 83	Mr. E. Brown ...	94 3 91
Mr. M. L. Anderson	88 scr. 88	Dr. Parkinson ...	97 3 94
Mr. T. J. Finlay		Mr. J. M. Bruce ...	106 9 97
(captain)...	99 10 89		

MANCHESTER GOLF CLUB.

The final competition in connection with the monthly medal took place at Whalley Range on Saturday, March 2nd. The surface of the ground was very soft, owing to the partial thaw, and the scores, under the circumstances, must be considered as fairly satisfactory. Mr. J. Macdonald came in first, with the fine gross score of 89, less 12=77. The winners for the previous months are Capt. Farrant, and Messrs. Graves, Kneale, Knight, and Maclure, and these gentlemen play off for the club prizes on Saturday next. The following are the Saturday's scores:—

Gross Hcp. Net.		Gross Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. Macdonald...	89 12 77	Mr. S. B. Graves...	92 4 88
Capt. Farrant ...	85 4 81	Mr. J. Heron ...	97 8 89
Mr. G. Macdonald .	90 9 81	Mr. G. Haig ...	97 8 89
Mr. W. E. Urwick .	105 23 82	Mr. A. Harden ...	105 16 89
Mr. C. S. Allott ...	111 27 84	Mr. R. L. Taylor ..	103 12 91
Mr. L. D. Stewart .	91 6 85	Mr. F. T. Pattison .	105 14 91
Mr. S. Kneale ...	95 10 85	Capt. Hobbs ...	108 17 91
Mr. R. Holmes ...	99 13 86	Mr. E. H. Hamp ...	111 20 91
Mr. R. Maclure ..	99 12 87	Mr. T. H. Core ...	112 16 96

MID SURREY LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The above club's monthly medal competition was played off on Tuesday, March 5th, with the following result:—

First-class (handicaps 1 to 18):—

Gross Hcp. Net.		Gross Hcp. Net.	
*Miss Agnes Roberts	96 9 87	Miss E. A. Bowyer	119 15 104
Miss M. Langrishe	98 4 94	Miss E. L. Raven-	
Mrs. E. M. Craven	115 11 104	shaw ...	120 15 105

* Winner of medal.

Second-class (handicaps over 18):—

Gross Hcp. Net.		Gross Hcp. Net.	
*Mrs. A. Holford		Mrs. E. Britten	
Gower ...	124 34 90	Holmes ...	142 36 106
Miss K. M. Evans...	123 23 100	Miss K. Sparrow ...	138 30 108
Miss M. Reynolds..	134 30 104		

* Winner of medal.

And others over 110 net, or no returns.

NOTTS' GOLF CLUB.

The following is the result of the monthly competition for January, which was postponed owing to the severe frost:—

Saturday.—Handicaps of 16 and under—

Gross Hcp. Net.		Gross Hcp. Net.	
Mr. A. N. Bromley..	90 9 81	Mr. C. F. Dobson...	110 16 94
Mr. C. R. Heming-		Mr. J. McMeeking..	103 7 96
way ...	98 6 92	Mr. J. Forman ...	137 16 121
Mr. C. S. Wardle ...	105 11 94		

Handicaps over 16—

Gross Hcp. Net.		Gross Hcp. Net.	
Mr. W. R. Lymbery	112 20 92	Mr. C. P. Dixon ...	123 21 102
Mr. C. A. Rastall ...	119 27 92	Mr. R. Edwards ...	132 27 105
Mr. A. H. Pearson...	130 36 94	Mr. G. A. Smith ...	131 24 107
Mr. J. D. Pearson...	112 18 94	Mr. G. C. Hine ...	136 24 112
Mr. A. Barrow ...	120 19 101		

Thursday.—Handicaps of 16 and under—

Gross Hcp. Net.		Gross Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. Bowes ...	99 11 88	Mr. J. Bright ...	118 15 103
Mr. F. J. Green ...	108 15 93	Mr. J. Doleman ...	114 9 105
Mr. H. Secretary ...	106 8 98	Mr. W. F. M. Webb	121 16 105
Mr. J. Hall ...	103 4 99	Mr. C. B. Edwards..	123 15 108
Mr. P. H. Street ...	106 5 101		

Handicaps over 16 —

Gross Hcp. Net.		Gross Hcp. Net.	
Mr. P. W. Snook ...	103 18 85	Mr. W. J. New ...	125 18 107
Mr. T. G. Mellors...	113 18 95	Mr. A. Baker ...	128 21 107
Mr. T. McCulloch..	120 19 101		

The monthly competition of the Notts Golf Club for February took place on Thursday and Saturday last, with the following result:—

Thursday.—Handicaps of 16 and under:—

Gross Hcp. Net.		Gross Hcp. Net.	
Mr. F. J. Green ...	101 14 87	Mr. E. A. Coutts ...	106 8 98
Mr. J. Bowes ...	100 11 89	Mr. J. McMeeking..	109 8 101
Mr. C. R. Heming-		Mr. J. C. Warren ...	109 5 104
way ...	97 6 91	Mr. J. Lincoln ...	129 15 114
Mr. C. B. Edwards..	107 15 92	Mr. W. F. Thompson	126 7 119
Mr. W. P. Snook ...	110 16 94	Mr. W. H. Hutton..	135 16 119
Mr. J. Hall... ..	100 4 96		

Handicaps over 16 :—

Gross Hcp. Net.		Gross Hcp. Net.	
Mr. T. G. Mellors... 118	18 100	Mr. C. Barker ... 146	scr. 146
Mr. A. Baker ... 125	21 104	Mr. G. W. Hickson. 165	scr. 165
Mr. E. W. Barnes... 124	18 106		

Saturday.—Handicaps of 16 and under :—

Gross Hcp. Net.		Gross Hcp. Net.	
Mr. J. Forman ... 105	16 89	Mr. W. F. M. Webb 113	16 97
Mr. C. F. Dobson... 112	16 96	Mr. A. N. Bromley.. 108	7 101

Handicaps over 16 :—

Gross Hcp. Net.		Gross Hcp. Net.	
Mr. C. A. Rastall ... 118	25 93	Mr. A. H. Pearson... 143	36 107
Mr. E. J. Cooper ... 128	24 104	Mr. F. W. Cooper... 137	27 110
Mr. H. D. Snook... 132	27 105	Mr. R. T. Graveley.. 129	scr. 129

The following gentlemen did not return their cards :—Messrs. E. C. Barnes, G. Barrow, J. S. Bridgett, W. R. Lymbery, L. Margetson, A. Oliver, F. D. Partington, J. D. Pearson, J. W. Windley, and Dr. Powell.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.

Weekly handicap, Friday, March 8th :—First class : Mr. H. L. Havers, 83, less 11=72; Mr. F. J. Hope, 83, less 3=80; Mr. H. F. Ashby, 98, less 12=86. Second class : Mr. E. Y. Orlebar, 98, less 24=74; Mr. B. C. Townshend, 109, less 24=85; Mr. C. J. Jones, 105, less 18=87. Twenty entries, no returns from the rest.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY v. WARWICKSHIRE.

This match was played at Hincksey on March 6th, and resulted in a win for the University, by 18 holes. The day was fine, and the greens in very good order. The feature of the match was the fine performance of Mr. Ellis, who made the amateur record for the links, with the grand score of 70. Appended are the scores :—

OXFORD UNIVERSITY.		WARWICKSHIRE.	
Holes.		Holes.	
Mr. R. H. Mitchell ...	0	Mr. W. Bouch ...	2
Mr. R. B. R. Mair ...	5	Mr. H. C. Du C. Norris ...	0
Mr. H. G. B. Ellis ...	13	Mr. F. M. G. Abell ...	0
Mr. G. M. T. Smyth ...	0	Mr. H. W. Banbridge ...	2
Mr. P. A. Lushington ...	5	Mr. H. Smith ...	0
Mr. C. W. Surridge ...	1	Mr. F. C. Hunter-Blair ...	0
Mr. F. J. Hope ...	0	Mr. A. B. Sanders ...	5
Mr. T. Ranken ...	3	Mr. T. Brown... ..	0
	27		9

PRINCE'S LADIES' GOLF CLUB, MITCHAM.

The monthly medal was played at Mitcham on Wednesday, March 6th, and won by Miss A. Pascoe, with the excellent score of 79, the best return yet made for twice round the course. The green was wonderfully dry, considering the thaw, and is rapidly becoming much easier :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Miss A. Pascoe ... 79	scr. 79	Miss E. Campbell... 115	20 95
Miss M. Rostrom ... 87	6 81	Mrs. Fisher ... 113	16 97
Mrs. P. Lawrell ... 105	14 91	Miss M. Langley ... 117	15 102
Mrs. H. Willock ... 95	3 92	Mrs. Dakin ... 128	16 112
Hon. Mrs. W. Rowley ... 109	14 95	Miss J. Trollope ... 132	18 114
		Miss Collyer Bristow 146	24 122

There was no return from the other competitors.

RHYL GOLF CLUB.

The ladies' monthly competition was played on Monday, March 4th, with the following result :—Miss Pennant, 116, plus 4=120; Miss Mainwaring, 129, less 7=122; Miss A. Pennant, 149, less 18=131; Miss Watts, 148, less 13=135; Miss Luxmoore, 189, less 45=144.

REDHILL AND REIGATE GOLF CLUB.

The usual competition for the Turner medal took place on the 2nd inst., with the result shown below. The effect of the recent frost was still evident on the putting greens and spoil several cards.

Gross Hcp. Net.		Gross Hcp. Net.	
Mr. F. Link ... 101	13 88	Mr. F. P. Browne... 105	10 95
Mr. O. C. Bevan ... 96	6 90	Mr. F. W. Amsden 119	24 95
Mr. C. A. Malone... 108	18 90	Mr. L. Horner ... 98	1 97
Mr. C. W. Link ... 102	10 92	Mr. W. J. Dyer ... 114	16 98
Rev. J. H. Bland ... 111	18 93	Mr. E. L. Balcombe 106	7 99

Remainder over 100 net.

ROYAL LIVERPOOL GOLF CLUB.

Winter optional subscription prizes. The fourth and last competition for the above prizes, was held on Saturday last, the 9th of March, in perfect golfing weather. Only twenty-five couples turned out, and the returns are given below. First class :—

Gross Hcp. Net.		Gross Hcp. Net.	
*Mr. R. W. Brown 84	2 82	Mr. J. H. Knight ... 93	3 90
†Mr. R. J. Kerr ... 88	5 83	Mr. C. E. Dick ... 86	+5 91
†Mr. M. Pole ... 91	8 83	Mr. J. Ball, jun. ... 83	+9 92
†Mr. J. Shirley Jones 97	14 83	Mr. A. H. Higgins 95	3 92
Mr. H. J. Ryalls ... 97	13 84	Mr. F. P. Crowther 91	+2 93
Mr. H. A. Farrar ... 85	+1 86	Mr. W. Dod ... 97	4 93
Mr. J. Royston ... 101	14 87	Mr. J. H. Wild ... 101	8 93
Mr. G. Wild ... 101	13 88	Mr. J. Bushby ... 98	4 94
Mr. G. Stone ... 102	14 88	Mr. J. K. Housden 107	10 97
Mr. W. C. Aspinall 101	12 89	Mr. St. Clare Byrne 110	13 97
Mr. H. St. C. Byrne 103	14 89	Mr. J. R. Wells .. 108	5 103

* Wins first sweep. † Divide second and third sweep.

Second class.—Professor Strong, 112, less 20=92; Mr. A. J. Meade, 113, less 18=95, scores a win for second class for W. O. B. prize; Mr. A. A. Reid, 116, less 20=96; Mr. E. J. M. Phillips, 123, less 25=98; R. W. Meuneer, 119, less 18=101.

ROYAL WINCHESTER GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, March 7th :—Rev. G. M. A. Hewett, 88, less 9=79; Mr. E. H. Buckland, 84, plus 2=86; Mr. H. Gore-Browne, 103, 16=87; Rev. G. Richardson, 107, less 18=89; Mr. R. G. K. Wrench, 113, less 18=95. The other players over 100, or no return.

RYE GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, March 6th.—

Gross Hcp. Net.		Gross Hcp. Net.	
Mr. A. M. S. Graeme 92	14 78	Dr. E. W. Skinner... 106	20 86
Mr. H. M. MacDougal 98	20 78	Mr. H. S. Colt ... 85	+2 87
Mr. E. C. F. Kelly.. 93	10 83	Mr. C. Iggesden ... 102	14 88
Mr. M. Makalna ... 97	14 83	Rev. G. L. Bates ... 102	14 88
Mr. W. Carless ... 106	20 86	Mr. J. Ruxton ... 108	12 96

Sixteen entries. All others over 100 net. The tie will be played off at the next meeting.

SALTBURN GOLF CLUB.

The club medal competition was played on Saturday under favourable conditions. The Rev. R. D. Eves made the best net return. A good number of players turned out, and the following handed cards in :—Rev. R. D. Eves, 111, less 24=87; Mr. J. F. Whitwell, 96, less 8=88; Mr. A. T. Griffin, 117, less 24=93; Mr. A. H. Arden, 114, less 16=98.

SOUTHPORT GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal competition took place on the links at Caurchtown on Saturday, the greens being in capital order and the weather fine, except just when the last couples were getting home, when rain began to fall heavily. In the senior class, Mr. A. Entwistle, with 89, less 8=81, took first place and won the first sweepstake; the second and third sweepstakes were divided between Messrs. W. T. Rowley and W. M. Wyld with 89 net, and in the second class Messrs. R. A. Chadwick, H. Thompson, and J. J. Lee-Jones tied with 92 net, and will have to play off. Scores.—First class :—

Gross Hcp. Net.		Gross Hcp. Net.	
Mr. A. Entwistle ... 89	8 81	Mr. F. W. Campbell 101	9 92
Mr. G. F. Pearson... 93	5 88	Mr. H. H. Perkes .. 101	9 92
Mr. W. T. Rowley 94	5 89	Mr. E. Leese ... 95	2 93
Mr. W. M. Wyld... 101	12 89	Mr. H. Sidebottom... 98	2 96
Mr. A. Smart ... 93	2 91	Mr. C. J. Mulleneux 106	9 97
Mr. J. E. Pearson ... 96	5 91	Mr. J. B. Southern 109	12 97
Mr. W. G. Clinning 103	12 91	Mr. H. Dorning ... 116	13 103

Second class :—

Gross Hcp. Net.		Gross Hcp. Net.	
Mr. R. A. Chadwick 108	16 92	Mr. H. Matear ... 116	20 96
Mr. H. Thompson... 102	10 92	Mr. J. K. Bell ... 116	18 98
Mr. J. J. Lee-Jones 122	30 92	Mr. P. Davies ... 129	30 99
Mr. W. Pierpoint ... 117	24 93	Mr. C. Stewart ... 118	18 100
Mr. J. H. Knowles 114	20 94	Mr. W. H. Hayes... 131	22 109
Mr. W. E. Mason... 119	25 94		

No returns from Messrs. T. O. Clinning, J. H. Hemingway, H. E. Mason, W. H. Crook, W. Eckersley, J. H. Hayes, S. A. Ashington, J. Morison, W. Rawstone, C. Legh, W. Ball, H. J. Scowcroft, and T. Aitken.

ST. GEORGE'S GOLF CLUB, SANDWICH.

Monthly medal, March 9th. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Hon. Ivo Bligh ...	87	4	83	Hon. T. W. Leigh	103 10 93
Mr. W. Rutherford	102	14	88	Mr. C. A. Pidcock	103 10 93
Mr. Pemberton Leach	102	14	88	Mr. T. Boyce ...	113 20 93
Mr. Percy Wyndham	113	24	89	Mr. R. F. Denniston	102 7 95
Mr. W. C. Anderson	106	16	90	Mr. J. Abernethy ...	114 18 96

Other returns were over 100.

SUTTON COLDFIELD GOLF CLUB.

The March monthly cup competition produced a field of only sixteen competitors. The weather during the early part of the day was fine, but the afternoon turned out so wet, and the ground was so soft where it was not under water, that several couples did not start, while others gave up after playing a few holes. The result was a tie between Dr. Palmer and Mr. Porter. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Dr. C. Palmer ...	98	12	86	Mr. F. Jennings ...	102 10 92
Mr. S. J. Porter ...	104	18	86	Mr. E. E. Lamb ...	101 5 96
Rev. W. C. R. Bedford ...	104	16	88	Mr. A. H. Inglis ...	120 21 99

UNITED SERVICE GOLF CLUB, PORTSMOUTH.

The spring meeting took place on March 1st and 2nd. First day's medal round under handicap:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
*Mr. J. M. Quinton	94	10	84	Lieut. Thompson,	
*Rev. R. Wilberforce ...	108	24	84	R.A. ...	104 12 92
†Lieut. Barry, R.N.	108	22	86	Rev. N. Pares ...	117 23 94
Capt. Quinton, R.A.	92	5	87	Mr. L. Bonham Carter ...	105 9 96
Mr. R. S. O'Connor	108	20	88	Com. Baker, R.N. ...	114 18 96
Dr. Reid, R.N. ...	90	scr.	90	Lieut. Dumas, R.N.	121 24 97
Mr. W. Hynes ...	106	16	90	Lieut. Holbrook,	
Mr. R. Eames, R.N.	108	18	90	R.A. ...	103 5 98

* Divided first and second prize. † Third prize.

Remainder made no return, or were over 100 net.

Second day, "Bogey" match:—Com. Baker, R.N., 2 down, and Mr. F. Boyes, 2 down, tie for first and second prize; Col. Inyne, 3 down, third prize. Tie played off:—Com. Baker, first; Mr. F. Boyes, second.

Davies gold medal:—Mr. F. Hardcastle, 103, less 20=83, first prize; Com. E. Payne, R.N., 103, less 17=86, second prize; Lieut. Barry, R.N., 108, less 22=86, third prize.

VENTNOR GOLF CLUB.

The first competition for Mrs. Michell's cup, was played off on the 5th inst., after being twice postponed owing to bad weather. Eight players competed, and the three best scores were:—Mr. G. Mennie, 130, less 36=94; Mr. Guy Michell, 138, less 36=102; Mr. H. Michell, 112, less 9=103.

WEST HERTS GOLF CLUB.

The usual monthly medal handicap competitions were played at Bushey on Saturday last. Handicaps 12 and under:—Mr. B. M. Barton, 91, less 6=85; Mr. A. B. Chalmers, 94, less 8=86; Mr. Howard Williams, 102, less 9=93; Mr. J. Somervail Clerk, 111, less 11=100.

Handicaps over 12:—Rev. J. A. Bevan, 92, less 13=79; Mr. M. Woolf, 107, less 23=84; Mr. G. Digby, 145, less 22=123.

WELLINGBOROUGH GOLF CLUB.

The following is the result of the February medal competition:—Rev. R. W. Wynter, 61, less 17=44; Rev. Mr. Beasley, 68, less 23=45; Mr. C. Nicholson, 65, less 10=55; Mr. W. F. Mills, 80, less 25=55; Mr. D. D. Chisholm, 84, less 25=59; Mr. W. H. Hope, 93, less 23=70; Mr. J. Pendered, 92, less 14=78.

WARRENDER CLUB.—The Warrender Golf Club held their first competition for 1895 over the Braids March 7th. The following were the prize-winners:—First, Mr. D. Peters, 92, less 10=82; tie for second and third prize, Capt. Campbell, 107, less 24=83; Mr. H. Waters, 104, less 21=83; and Mr. J. Watson, 96, less 13=83.

WILMSLOW GOLF CLUB.

The last winter competition took place on Saturday. The scratch medal was won by Sir Frank Forbes Adam, who also won the Haworth cup and memento and the first optional sweepstakes. Mr. C. Hervey won the Boddington cup and memento, and the second and third sweepstakes were divided between Mr. C. Hervey and Mr. A. Crewdson. This was also the deciding competition for the Alderley Edge cup, which was won by Mr. W. W. Barlow with the average of 88 net, for four cards returned. The following are the scores under 100 net.

Boddington Cup:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. C. Hervey ...	93	8	85	Mr. V. Bellhouse ...	94 2 92
Mr. F. Godlee ...	100	10	90	Mr. J. Beaumont ...	104 10 94
Mr. R. A. Bradley	94	3	91	Mr. A. N. Cumming	99 2 97
Mr. T. A. Bradley ...	94	3	91	Mr. J. H. Milne ...	105 6 99

Haworth Cup:—Sir F. Forbes Adam, 89, less 11=78; Mr. A. Crewdson, 107, less 22=85; Mr. J. J. Brickhill, 98, less 11=87; Mr. T. Tatham, 110, less 15=95; Mr. W. R. R. Gemmill, 112, less 17=95.

WOODBRIDGE GOLF CLUB.

The third competition for the monthly medal was played off on Monday, March 4th, with the following result:—Mr. F. J. W. Wood, 86, less 6=80; Rear-Admiral Theobald, 105, less 16=89; Mr. A. J. Hayward, 110, less 20=90; Capt. Pole-Soppitt, 102, less 10=92. No returns from Major R. King and Major St. F. Moore. Mr. F. J. W. Wood being a previous winner, Rear-Admiral Theobald therefore becomes the winner.

Owing to the snow, the third competition of the Ladies' Golf Club for the president's prize on Thursday, March 7th, did not take place.

WOODFORD GOLF CLUB.

Quarterly medals, March 9th.—Gold—Mr. R. S. Cox, 102, less 12=90; Mr. E. A. Tewson, 103, less 6=97; Mr. J. W. M. Guy, 107, less 9=98.

Silver—Mr. F. W. Mugford, 115, less 18=97; Mr. D. Munro, 122, less 16=106; Mr. W. Pearce, 124, less 17=107. Eighteen entries. Frequent showers spoiled play, and course was somewhat sodden.

WORCESTERSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, March 6th. There was no snow, but as the frost is not yet out of the ground the greens were in bad condition, and any good returns rather a matter of luck. Mr. Archdale won the monthly cup, the senior medal, and the "Bogey" prize, while Mr. Hookham came in first for the junior medal. Returns were as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. A. S. Archdale	84	1	83	Mr. F. A. Horn ...	97 4 93
Mr. C. Toppin ...	84	+1	85	Mr. J. W. Jeakes ...	101 8 93
Colonel L. Campbell	95	8	87	Rev. H. Foster ...	93 +1 94
Mr. G. W. Blathway	90	2	88	Mr. H. D. Acland	98 4 94
Mr. G. A. Jones ...	95	4	91	Capt. H. A. Armitage	98 4 94
Mr. W. C. Perry ...	101	10	91	Mr. C. C. Deane ...	99 4 95
Mr. F. Hookham ...	105	14	91	Rev. C. Black ...	103 4 99
Dr. H. E. Dixey ...	109	17	92		

The February meeting, postponed twice in consequence of snow, was finally abandoned.

"SCOTSMAN" CLUB.—The monthly medal of this club was played for over the Braids March 7th. Mr. R. Stewart, 87, less 2=85, was the winner; Mr. T. Young, jun., 96, less 10=86, being second.

EDINBURGH GOLF CLUB.—The competition for the monthly medal was held on March 5th on the Braids. Only a few members turned out. Holing was difficult, owing to the unevenness of the green, due to the frost. Mr. Gilruth, 100, less 10=90; Mr. Somerville, 104, less 14=90, tie. After half a round, played to decide the tie, Mr. Gilruth won by a stroke.

LADIES' GOLF AT BIRKDALE.—The fifth medal competition of the Birkdale Ladies Golf Club has taken place this week. Scores:—Miss L. Cheetham, 75, plus 2=77; Mrs. Corkhill, 96, less 13=83; Mrs. Ainsworth, 87, less 2=85; Miss Coney, 106, less 20=86; Mrs. Smyth, 111, less 20=91.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE CLUB.—The monthly medal competition was played over the Braids on Saturday. Mr. Jas. W. Hodge won with 84 net.

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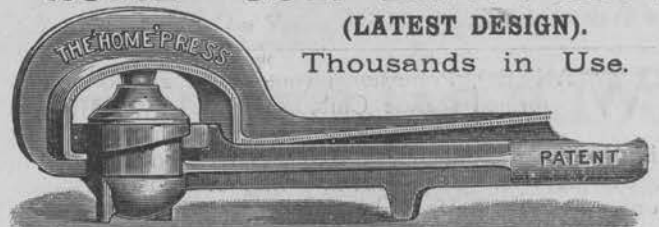
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