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- Oct. 11.—Chiswick Ladies: "Bogey" and Mixed Foursomes Competitions.
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St. George's (Sandwich): Monthly Medal.
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Littlestone: Monthly Medal.
Romford: Monthly Medal.
West Herts: Monthly Medal.
Leasowe: Monthly Medal.

- Oct. 12.—Moseley: Captain's Prize.
Saltburn: Monthly Medal.
North Manchester: Mr. William Craven's Gold Medal.
Leicestershire: Goddard Cup.
Enfield: Monthly Medal.
- Oct. 12 & 14.—St. George's (Sandwich): Autumn Meeting.
Oct. 12 & 14.—Royal Ashdown Forest: Autumn Meeting.
Oct. 12 & 19.—Dulwich and Sydenham Hill: Autumn Competition.
Oct. 12 to 19.—Wimbledon Ladies: Autumn Meeting.
Oct. 12, 19 & 26.—Burnham (Somerset): "Bogey" Competition.
Oct. 13 to 27.—Balham: First Annual Competition for the Hague Challenge Cup.
- Oct. 14 & 15.—Seaford: Foursome Tournament (Match Play).
Oct. 15.—Cumbrae: Ladies' Medal.
Enfield: Ladies' Monthly Medal.
- Oct. 16.—West Middlesex: Committee Meeting.
Oct. 16 to 19.—Meyrick (Bournemouth): Autumn Meeting.
Oct. 16, 17, 18 & 19.—Warwickshire: Autumn Meeting.
Oct. 16, 17 & 19.—Cheltenham: Autumn Meeting.
Oct. 17.—Woodbridge Ladies: Monthly Medal.
Oct. 17, 18 & 19.—Mid-Surrey: Autumn Meeting.
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Oct. 17 & 19.—London Scottish: Autumn Meeting.
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Oct. 18 & 19.—Seaford: Scratch and Monthly Medals and Prizes.
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Wakefield: Monthly Medal.
Woodford: Half-Yearly Challenge Cup and Memento.
Worlington and Newmarket: Monthly Medal.
West Middlesex: Monthly Medal.
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Muswell Hill: Gold Medal.
Rochester Ladies: Monthly Medal.
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North Manchester: Captain's Cup.
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Eltham: Annual Meeting; Autumn Competitions; Annual Dinner.
- Oct. 21.—Royal Eastbourne: The Hambro Challenge Bowl Tournament (Open to Members of all Sussex Golf Clubs).
Oct. 22.—Luffness: Autumn Meeting.
Cumbrae: Club Prize and Sweepstake.
Oct. 22 & following days.—Bournemouth Ladies: Autumn Meeting.

OPENING OF A NEW GOLF COURSE AT CROWBOROUGH.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

The Royal and Ancient Game continues to make headway in the South of England. New Golf clubs are springing into existence wherever ground can be obtained suitable for the formation, either of a long or short links. The county of Sussex already boasts of about half-a-dozen admirable courses, and another has just been added to the list. Saturday last witnessed the opening ceremony in connection with the Crowborough Beacon Golf Club, which, formed little more than three months ago, is already in a flourishing condition, with a membership of 150, nearly one-third being ladies. Through the generosity of Lord Cantelupe, the lord of the manor, the club were fortunate in obtaining permission to lay out a course on Crowborough Common, an extensive piece of high-lying moorland within a couple of miles of Ashdown Forest, and about the same distance from Crowborough Station, on the London and Brighton Railway. A handsome modern building, originally intended for a private residence, has been secured as a club-house. Standing on Crowborough Beacon, at a height of 715 feet above sea-level, the house commands magnificent panoramic views of the surrounding country, from Leith Hill to Beachy Head; and on a clear day from the top of the tower, Hastings, Eastbourne, Chatham, and other points on the coast can be easily distinguished. This is the highest inhabited part of Sussex, and one of the healthiest spots in England, and the natural formation of the ground is such as to mark it out as a typical Golf course. The club engaged as their resident professional young Jackson, formerly Tom Dunn's right hand man at Burnmouth; and though it is less than a month since he entered on his duties at Crowborough, he has already, by dint of hard work, succeeding in transforming a wilderness of whins, bracken, and heather, into a very respectable Golf course of nine holes. A good deal remains to be done before the links have been got into a condition that will satisfy the most fastidious golfer; but with the examples of the Ashdown Forest and Forest Row to encourage them, the committee of the Crowborough Club confidently look forward to the time when they may fairly be entitled to claim possession of one of the finest inland courses in England.

For the present the club will be content with a nine-hole course, but there is plenty of good ground available for its extension to eighteen holes; and when the membership has increased, and they are in possession of the necessary funds, it is their intention to have a full-sized links. The course as now laid out is essentially sporting in its character, and will test the skill of the most accomplished golfer. With a single exception, all the bunkers and hazards are natural, consisting for the most part of ditches and gullies, rough, broken ground, and patches of heather and bracken. A considerable clearance has already been made of the more luxuriant growth, but much yet remains to be done, and it is intended to scarify the first two and the last two holes. The ground is of much the same character as Forest Row, but rather more sandy. On those parts of the course where the greatest amount of labour has been applied, the turf is strong and springy, affording a pretty good indication of what it will all become in time. The first hole (about 440 yards) starts almost immediately in front of the club-house, and after crossing a public road the ground dips down, and there are some nice lies. The hole ought to be done in 4. The second hole (about 200 yards) is more sporting. About a hundred yards in front of the tee is a deep ditch and a clump of trees, which form a first-rate hazard, to clear which requires a good drive. There is clear ground beyond, and a fairly hit ball from the tee is certain to have a good lie. An approach shot will take you on to the green, but the player has to cross another ditch before he is safely landed. The third hole is a little shorter than the first, and the ground gently descends to one of the prettiest greens on the course. At present the teeing-ground is in front of a mound of stones, but it is intended to set it further back, so that the drive will take in this hazard. It is an easy 4 as now arranged, but the proposed alteration will probably add another stroke. The fourth hole is a good drive and a brassy shot. Immediately in front of the tee is a deep gully crossed by a wooden bridge, but the ground beyond is pretty clear. The fifth hole is a little longer, but two good drives should take one on to the green. Twenty or thirty yards in front of the tee is the biggest gully in the round. It has been not inappropriately christened "The Speker," out of compliment to the right hon. gentleman who presides with so much dignity over the

deliberations of the House of Commons. If any one is unfortunate enough to make the acquaintance of this magnificent bunker, he is certain to be severely punished. The sixth hole is very short, just a cleek shot, but when the course is extended this hole will be abandoned. The seventh is a good drive and an approach shot, and should be done in 3, while the eighth is only an iron shot, as at present laid out; but it will ultimately be lengthened, so as to give scope for a good drive and two cleek shots. The ninth and last hole is a drive and a good iron shot. Here the only artificial bunker on the course is to be found. It consists of a solid mound of earth, about six feet high, in front of the putting-green, and must present a formidable and terrifying spectacle to all novices. The greens, as a whole, considering the short time Jackson has been at work upon them, are in fairly good order, and, after they have undergone a little more rolling and dressing, they will probably equal any that are to be met with in the South of England. The long stretch of dry weather has been very much against the growth of the young grass, but it is now beginning to come away beautifully, and by next spring the greens ought to be in capital condition. It is intended to lay out a ladies' course of six holes almost immediately, and the committee hope to commence operations in connection with the extension of the links to eighteen holes within a few months. In the meantime every effort will be made to improve the existing short course.

Saturday was quite a red-letter day in the comparatively uneventful history of Crowborough. Lord and Lady Cantelupe graciously accepted the club's invitation to formally open the links, and the ceremony was witnessed by most of the leading residents in the neighbourhood. About half-past one o'clock, at the invitation of the club committee, a large company of ladies and gentlemen sat down to luncheon in a marquee specially erected for the occasion in front of the club-house. Major Malden (chairman of the committee), presided, being supported on the right by Lord Cantelupe (president of the club), and among those present were:—Colonel Verrall, Major Spens, General Burnett, Mr. A. E. Tyler, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Chapman, the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard, Mr. G. T. Langridge, Mr. F. H. Gresson, Mr. H. S. W. Eyre, Mrs. Hill, of Brookhouse, Mr. C. A. Ashby, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman, Dr. Ellerman, Mr. Dick, Mr. North, Mr. and Mrs. Couchman, Miss Stern, Miss Burton, Miss Langridge, Mr. Teuton, Mr. Field, Mrs. Mackintosh, Miss Staveley, Mr. and Mrs. Ashby Darby, Miss Furtado, Mr. C. C. Bannister (secretary), and Mr. W. N. Corpe (treasurer). Lord Cantelupe, in proposing success and prosperity to the Club, confessed that Golf was a game he knew very little about, as he seldom played himself. But he believed that one important fact connected with the game was this, that it was always the means of increasing the prosperity of the neighbourhood in which it was played. In almost every case the formation of a Golf Club meant the creation of a prosperous town; and the establishment of the club, under whose auspices they were met together, was a good omen for the future prosperity of Crowborough. He should not be at all surprised to see Crowborough, with its many natural advantages and its excellent Golf course, develop into one of the most popular and fashionable health resorts in England. He sincerely hoped that might be the case, and if such a happy state of things should ever come to pass, the promoters of the Crowborough Beacon Golf Club would have the satisfaction of knowing that they had been chiefly instrumental in bringing it about. He congratulated the members on having established a first-class club. He hoped it would continue to prosper, and he should always be very pleased to do what he could to further its interests in every possible way.

Major Malden, in responding to the toast, said he believed that the formation of the Golf Club would give an impetus to the prosperity of Crowborough, and do a great deal of good. The club had started under the brightest auspices, and had now over 150 members. They had a good balance at their banker's, and he looked forward with the greatest confidence to the club increasing in membership.

Colonel Verrall proposed a vote of thanks to Lord Cantelupe for kindly granting the use of the ground to the club.

This concluded the speeches, but before the party had quitted the marquee, the rain came down in torrents, and some of the ladies were compelled to protect themselves by putting up their umbrellas. Lady Cantelupe, who had kindly consented to strike off the first ball, arrived at the club-house about half-past two, in time to perform that interesting function. Her ladyship was presented with a beautiful driver, especially manufactured by Jackson for the occasion, as well as a walking-stick with a club-handle made of African red wood. In spite of the heavy rain, a large party of ladies and gentlemen assembled at the first teeing-ground to see Lady Cantelupe hit off. While his lordship held an umbrella over her head, her ladyship, attired in a heavy waterproof, succeeded in making a remarkably good drive, which was loudly cheered by the spectators, and led to the conjecture that this was not the first time her ladyship had handled a club.

To give additional zest to the day's proceedings the committee had arranged for an eighteen-hole match between J. H. Taylor (Champion) and J. Rowe, the Forest Row professional. The players started about

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three o'clock in the midst of a downpour of rain, which, however, had not the effect of damping the enthusiasm of the crowd that eagerly followed the chances of the game. Not a few of the spectators were ladies, who pluckily went twice round the course, manifesting the keenest interest in the play; but the bulk of the followers were boys, natives of the village, to whom the game was evidently a novelty, and many of whom seemed intent on graduating as caddies. A local constable told off to accompany the professionals had his work cut out in trying to keep the urchins in order and curb their impetuosity as they scampered after the balls and hampered, to some extent, the movements of the players. Considering the unfavourable climatic conditions, the professionals gave a very creditable display of their golfing capabilities. The driving of both Taylor and Rowe was faultless. The Forest Row professional frequently out-drove his opponent, but in his approach play, as well as in his putting, he was decidedly weak in the first round. Taylor, on the other hand, seldom made a mistake, and, as usual, he excelled in his approach shots. The first hole was won by the Champion in 5, a stroke too many, while Rowe, by missing an easy putt, took 6. The second hole also fell to Taylor, in 4, against Rowe's 5, the latter again missing a putt of about a yard long. The Champion led off to the third hole with a splendid drive, and Rowe followed with an equally good shot. With a fine approach, Taylor was on the green in 3, but he took 5 to the hole, as against 7 by his opponent, who was again weak in his approach play and putting. The fourth hole was halved in 5, a stroke more than it ought to be; the fifth was won by Taylor in 4, to Rowe's 5; the sixth was halved in 4; the seventh again fell to Taylor in 4, his opponent taking 1 more; while the eighth, which is a short hole, was secured by Rowe in 4, against 5 by Taylor. At the ninth hole, the Forest Row professional had the honour of leading off for the first time in the round. He had a long drive, but a bad lie for his second shot; and, again, coming to grief in his approach play and putting, took 6 to the hole, which was won by Taylor in 5, a stroke too many. At the end of the first round Taylor thus stood 5 up. In the second round, Rowe played a better game, while Taylor was not in such good form, and made several mistakes, especially in his putting. The driving of both players was again perfect, Rowe having rather the advantage in this respect. His brassy play, too, was remarkably good, and he made some very long and accurate shots with this club. Taylor, on the other hand, did excellent work with his cleek, which seems to be his favourite weapon. The first hole was halved in 6, which, however, could not be regarded as really bad play, considering the drenching rain and the pretty stiff breeze that accompanied it. In driving the second hole, Rowe out-distanced his opponent by twenty or thirty yards, although Taylor had also a long drive. The hole was halved in 4, a creditable performance, all things considered. At the third hole, both players were on the green in 3, Rowe just missed holing out in 4, his ball resting on the lip of the hole. Taylor soozled his putting, missing a dead putt, and took 6 to the hole, against Rowe's 5. The fourth and fifth holes were also secured by the Forest Row player in 4 each, Taylor, who was again weak on the green, taking 5. The Champion, however, won the sixth hole in 4 against Rowe's 5. At the next hole the finest exhibition of the afternoon was made. Both players were on the green in 2. Taylor, playing his third, just missed a long putt, the ball running right over the hole. Rowe was lying among some rank grass, about twelve yards from the hole, and, with a splendid putt, he succeeded in getting down in 3 to the consternation and admiration of the spectators, who loudly applauded the performance; Taylor took 4. The eighth hole was also won by Rowe in 4 against 5 by Taylor, who was stimulated by his opponent, thus causing him to lose the hole. Up to this point Rowe had largely recovered the ground he had lost in the first round. He had reduced the odds against him by four holes, and on starting to play the ninth and last hole, Taylor was only 1 up and 1 to play. Rowe led off with a splendid drive, Taylor following with one almost equally good. With a beautiful lofing stroke, Taylor cleared the bunker, and lay on the green in 2. Rowe, failing to raise the ball, hit the face of the bunker, and lay very badly. A fine mashie shot, however, got him well out of his difficulty, and he was on the green in 3. The putting on both sides was decidedly weak, Taylor winning the hole in 5, and Rowe taking 6, making the Champion 2 up on the match. The rain, which was now coming down in torrents, had the effect of making the greens very heavy, and this naturally accounted for the indifferent display of putting at some of the holes. The following are the details of the play:—

First round—

Taylor	...	...	...	5	4	5	5	4	4	4	5	5=41
Rowe	...	...	...	6	5	7	5	5	4	5	4	6=47

Second round—

Taylor	...	...	...	6	4	6	5	5	4	4	5	5=44
Rowe	...	...	...	6	4	5	4	4	5	3	4	6=41

Taylor's score for the two rounds was 85, and Rowe's, 88.

TOURNAMENT AT HOWSTRAKE, DOUGLAS.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

A second tournament took place over this new and sporting Manx course, on October 4th and 5th, the events, as at the July meeting, being open to all comers. The ladies' competitions were to have been on the 3rd, but the weather was so stormy that it was thought best to postpone them; so the ladies played off after the gentlemen had started for the Scratch prizes on Friday forenoon. The Misses Ball, who were so successful in July, entered for the October events, but were unfortunately prevented from putting in an appearance by the weather, actually getting as far as the landing-stage, Liverpool Docks, but not daring to face the storm. Their brother, the ex-Champion, was like to have remained at the Docks too, as he is not so much at home on the sea as on the links; but his friends persuaded him to risk the "hazards" of the stormy deep, and his play on the following day showed no deterioration. If the weather had kept fine a week longer there would certainly have been a larger turn-out of golfers, but those who braved the tempest of Thursday (for the passage is said to have beaten the season's record for length) showed some resolution, and fought a tough battle on Friday.

LADIES' SCRATCH AND HANDICAP COMPETITIONS.

Mrs. Ryder Richardson started with Mrs. Jefferson, and played a steady game considering wind and wet, 7 being the highest figure on her card, Mrs. Jefferson thrice reaching double figures. In driving, Mrs. Richardson succeeded admirably, especially in keeping the ball low when playing into the wind, once or twice reaching 150 yards when assisted by it. In putting and iron play there was not the same accuracy. A heavy shower fell about half-an-hour after the commencement of the match, and three of the players retired; there was a blinding shower of hail later on, but four ladies persevered till the end with the following results:—Mrs. Ryder Richardson, Hoylake, 108, plus 3 =111; Mrs. Jefferson, Ballasalla, 144, less 16=128; Miss Savage, Douglas, 203, less 18=185; Miss Cowan, Douglas, 206, less 18=188; Miss N. Bruce, Douglas, and Miss Fletcher, Carnoustie, retired; Miss Mackenzie, Douglas, no return; Miss M. Ball, Moreton, Miss K. Ball, Moreton, and Miss Bruce, Douglas, absent. The extra prize for the lowest gross score also fell to Mrs. Ryder Richardson.

AMATEUR SCRATCH COMPETITION.

In the other match Mr. John Ball, jun., had a pretty easy time of it. It was fully expected that Mr. H. H. Hilton would be competing, but he too was apparently unable to get farther than the landing-stage, a business engagement preventing him from crossing the water and vying for first honours with his old companion in arms. Mr. Ball gave a fine display of Golf, the noticeable feature in his game being that the wind appeared to have no influence on his drives, which went as straight as on calm day. In the morning he did the remarkable fifth or Devil's Own Hole (which might be compared to a shelf on the wall) in 3, reaching the shelf from the tee. At the ninth he had some luck, his second halting on the edge of the bunker beyond the hole, which he secured in 4; in the afternoon, at the same hole, the ball just rolled over, and "after the ball was over" he took 4 more to hole. His opponent was Mr. M. Withington, who made a poor start and run up 94; in the afternoon he went round in 84, playing sterling Golf. His principal achievement was the fourteenth in 3, against Mr. Ball's 4. This put Mr. Ball on his mettle and he drove the fifteenth in 1, all but holing in 2, while at the seventeenth his drive was 230 yards, and his finish with two 4's was high-class play. Details of Mr. Ball's best round:—4 4 4 5 3 4 6 4 4 5 5 4 4 4 3 5 4 5=77.

Mr. Walter Rutherford, a well-known Border player, was the only man who endangered the ex-Champion's position. He had not previously seen the course, but managed to go round in 84. In the afternoon he started with 3 4 2, laying his iron shot dead at the third hole (145 yards); but he was unable to keep up this electric play, going off his putting especially. He had the strange finish of 5 each, to the last eleven holes.

Mr. J. J. Corlett, Ramsey, deserves a word of praise for his steady play, the feature of which was shown on the putting greens. His in

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score in the afternoon was 39, as follows:—5 4 4 4 4 5 4 5. This gave him third place.

Scratch competition, October 4th:—

	Rounds—		Ttl.
	1st	2nd	
Mr. John Ball, jun., Royal Liverpool...	77	79	156
Mr. Walter Rutherford, Berwick-on-Tweed ...	84	84	168
Mr. J. J. Corlett, Ramsey ...	90	84	174
Mr. M. Withington, Lytham and St. Anne's...	94	84	178
Mr. E. Withington, Bowden ...	91	94	185
Mr. J. Hargreaves, Lytham and St. Anne's ...	95	92	187
Mr. Neil McMichael, Kilmarnock ...	97	91	188
Mr. H. E. Farrell, Douglas ...	101	96	197
Mr. T. B. McMichael, Troon ...	103	98	198

Mr. Brian O'Brien, Royal Dublin; Mr. R. H. Prestwich, Formby; Rev. R. B. Baron, Douglas; Dr. R. Farrell, Douglas; Mr. F. G. Callow, Douglas, and Mr. D. Kaneen, Douglas, absent.

On Friday evening there was a most enjoyable dance on the well-polished floor of the ballroom at the Douglas Bay Hotel, about thirty couples dancing merrily till long after midnight. Those who danced most had reason to remember it when starting on their second round on Saturday, nearly all the scores being inferior to those of the former round.

AMATEUR HANDICAP COMPETITION.

The weather was far from favourable, and a falling barometer gave no hope of sunshine. The wind, however, which made low scoring an improbability, kept the rain in check and the course dry, and, though waterproofs and umbrellas were somewhat in evidence, yet there was not sufficient wet to interfere with the final competition of Saturday, which was thirty-six holes, under handicap.

Mr. Rutherford brought home the best morning card with 77, equalling Mr. Ball's score of Friday, these being the best rounds of the meeting. The Borderer began with a 3, the result of a dead approach; the third was prettily taken in 3, after lipping the hole in 2, and, getting well rid of the Devil's Own at 4, his score was 19 for five holes. At the ninth he drove past the wall and reached the green in 2 nicely. Out, 38. His worst hole was the eleventh, where a topped drive led to a 6. At the seventeenth Mr. Rutherford drove well down the hill, and by a dead approach pocketed the hole in 3. This is a difficult hole, as long drives are frequently caught in a big blind bunker, and the green is further guarded by a wall in the rear and rough ground on either flank. Details:—3 4 3 5 4 5 5 4 4 6 4 4 5 3 5 3 5=77.

Mr. Ball came next with 78; the Hoylelake crack went out with remarkable brilliance in 37, taking successive 3's at the sixth and seventh holes. He was past the sixth in 2, and had to approach over a bunker, which he did so deftly, with a dropping iron loft, that the ball landed over and trickled into the hole. After the seventh he fell off, and too many common 5's fell to his lot, though he had nothing higher.

Mr. Hargreaves was third with 82, his play being steady till the ninth, where he took 5 to reach the green, and 7 to hole out; he returned in 39, finishing with five 4's.

In the afternoon, Mr. Rutherford opened with two 4's, but topped his iron drive for the Short Hole, and took 5, holing the fourth in a like figure, aided by a long putt. At the Devil's Own, he played his second too strong, and was lucky not to have a clamber down the cliff, but he did not court his luck, and took 6. Playing a strong game to the turn, he was half-way in 40; but 7 to the tenth, where he topped his drive, nearly threw him out of the hunt, and he finished at 84.

Mr. Hargreaves started badly, being bunkered at the first two holes, and took 44 to reach the turn. In returning, he came to sad grief at the thirteenth, an easy hole of 171 yards, topping his ball into the near bunker below the bank, thereby losing two strokes. Two more strokes were lost on putting greens, but he saved himself with a good 3 at the fifteenth, and a brilliant 3 at the seventeenth, carrying off the first prize with a net score of 162. Next to him came Mr. Dawson, a local player, who managed to finish one better than Mr. Rutherford. Mr. M. Withington won Dr. R. Farrell's consolation prize. He had an odd

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experience at the tenth, where his drive struck the remains of the wall about sixty yards from the tee, rebounding as far back.

Handicap competition, October 5th. Scores:—

	Rounds—		Ttl.	Hcp.	Net.
	1st	2nd			
Mr. J. Hargreaves, Lytham and St. Anne's ...	82	88	170	4	162
Mr. E. H. Dawson, Douglas ...	89	89	178	7	164
Mr. W. Rutherford, Berwick-on-Tweed ...	77	84	161	+2	165
Mr. M. Withington, Lytham and Anne's ...	87	81	168	scr.	168
Mr. E. Withington, Bowden ...	90	87	177	2	173
Mr. D. Kaneen, Douglas ...	98	92	190	8	174
Mr. J. J. Corlett, Ramsey ...	87	92	179	2	175
Mr. John Ball, jun., Royal Liverpool ...	78	82	160	+9	178
Mr. T. B. McMichael, Troon ...	96	89	185	3	179
Mr. W. A. Gell, Douglas ...	102	103	205	8	189

Mr. H. E. Farrell, Douglas (15), Mr. P. Fletcher, New York (15), Mr. H. C. Whiteside (18), Mr. J. W. Thompson, Bolton (18), Mr. Neil McMichael, Kilmarnock (2), Mr. F. G. Callow, Howstrake, and Mr. E. Timperlake, Howstrake, no return.

Rev. R. B. Baron, Douglas (12), Dr. Clegg, Windermere (15), Mr. Vickers Edwards, Ilkley (18), Mr. R. Rockliff, Formby (16), Mr. T. Carlyle, Formby (18), Dr. Sug'en, Ramsey (18), and Dr. R. Farrell, Howstrake, absent.

The tournament was got up by the directors of the Douglas Bay Hotel Company, who were also the donors of the valuable and tasteful silver prizes, which were exhibited in the hall of the hotel during the meeting. The presentation took place on Saturday afternoon in the ball-room, Councillor E. Timperlake, of Worsley, one of the directors, occupying the chair. The chairman spoke of the rapid progress of Golf, which he had found to be quite as scientific as Golf, one needing to put his best foot foremost to make anything of it. He referred to the weather keeping so many away, and said that he should like to see more local competitors, as a good home club was essential to ensure permanent success. Mr. F. G. Callow then presented the prizes, after saying that he was not a distinguished golfer, as he was waiting to catch the Golf fever.

Votes of thanks were given to the officials, Messrs. F. G. Callow (Douglas), Harold V. Aldred (Manchester), and J. H. Quine (Douglas), for carrying out the arrangements so well, in spite of wind and weather, and to Mr. and Mrs. Marsden for the success of the dance, and for their attention to all the visitors. Mr. Marsden said the popularity of the house would soon necessitate additional bedrooms. He had had twenty or thirty letters and telegrams from those who were kept from the meeting by the bad weather.

General regret was felt at the absence of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Prestwich, of Manchester, as Mr. Prestwich had taken particular interest in the arrangements for the autumn tournament, and we may add that the absence of Mr. Alex. Bruce and Dr. R. Farrell, who are such hosts in themselves, was also matter of regret to all.

H. M. P.

A NEW GOLF GLOVE.

A new glove for golfing has recently made its appearance, which, for simplicity, utility, and cheapness will be difficult to surpass. The design is due to a well-known golfer, and the new glove is called "The Simplex." The glove consists of a square piece of stout chamois leather, with four small holes for the fingers to pass through, and a larger hole for the thumb. Thus there is no leather on the fingers to interfere with the grip of the club or in handling it with delicacy. There is a small elastic band across the back of the knuckles to keep the glove tight in the palm, and it is also fastened by a button round the wrist. The glove, therefore, is simply "all palm," but affording ample protection to the hand between the fork of the thumb and forefinger, and upwards towards the wrist where all the friction of play takes place, especially on the left hand. The glove is made in two sizes, and a smaller size is being made for ladies. The glove can be bought either singly, for the left hand, or in pairs, and when we mention that the price for a single glove is only one shilling it will be seen that the glove is well within the reach of all classes of players. We have given the glove a trial, and have in every respect found it satisfactory for all requirements of play. The glove is being sold by the clubmakers, and may be obtained from, among others, Peter Paxton (Tooting), Tom Dunn & Sons (Bournemouth), Benetlinks (Cheapside), and the Army and Navy Stores.

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GRIMSBY AND CLEETHORPES GOLF CLUB.

OPENING OF NEW COURSE.

The opening of the new course of the above club, as arranged by Major Maule of the West Middlesex Golf Club, took place on Saturday, October 5th, by the president, the Right Hon. the Earl of Yarborough. There was a large and influential gathering, amongst whom were:—Victoria Countess of Yarborough, Lady Adela Larkin and Miss Larkin, the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Pelham, Miss Barker, Mr. J. Mansell-Richardson, J.P., Major Maule, Major Scaping, Capt. Broadrick, Rev. Mr. Abbot, Rev. Mr. Cassell, Rev. Mr. Hutchinson, Dr. Armitage, Dr. Pratt, Dr. Westlake, Dr. Dreaper, Mr. A. H. Leslie-Melville, Mr. A. G. Soames, Mr. F. C. and Miss Carter, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Winttingham, Mr. T. Winttingham, Mrs. T. M. Howkins, Mr. R. C. Long, Mr. G. A. Carr, Mr. F. Carr, Miss Carr-Smith, Mrs. G. Marshall, Mr. J. Barker (captain), and Mr. T. Mandsley Howkins (hon. secretary).

A fine drive by the president inaugurated the opening of the new course, after which, in a short, but happy speech, his Lordship formally declared the links opened for play.

As had been previously arranged, a foursome was played between Lord Yarborough and Mr. A. G. Soames, and Major Maule and Mr. A. H. Leslie-Melville. This proved a most interesting match from first to last, and was won by his Lordship and partner on the last stroke at the last hole.

After the match, luncheon was served at the Dolphin Hotel. The chair was taken by Lord Yarborough. Between seventy-five and eighty ladies who are interested in Golf sat down. The toast list was short, Major Maule proposing "Success to the Grimsby and Cleethorpes Golf Club," and the president responding.

In the afternoon a club handicap was played. This had to be restricted to nine holes, owing to the late hour of commencing. Twenty-three cards were returned, and the result was a tie between Capt. Broadrick, with 59, less 15=44, and Mr. T. M. Howkins, 52, less 8=44.

The links (which at present are only nine holes) are prettily situated on the foreshore at Cleethorpes (the distances between holes ranging from 530 to 120 yards), over sandhills and becks. The greens have been got into very good order by the professional, A. Stuart, and the committee intend sparing no pains or expense in keeping the course and greens in first-class order.

Visitors will find a hearty welcome, and there is excellent accommodation at the Dolphin Hotel and several boarding-houses close to the links.

NORTHAMPTON GOLF CLUB.

The annual general meeting of the above club was held at the Stag's Head Hotel, on Friday evening, Mr. C. C. Becke in the chair. The report was read by the hon. secretary, Mr. Frank Hill, who stated that, all things considered, they could congratulate themselves upon the position of the club, which he thought had a bright future before it. The balance-sheet for the year ending 30th June, 1895, gave the receipts as £213 13s. 10d., including balance at bank, 30th June, 1894, £10 16s. 4d.; and the expenditure £261 18s. 9d., leaving £48 4s. 11d. owing to the bank, 30th June, 1895. The Pavilion Building Account showed the receipts to be £77, and the expenditure £139 16s. 8d., there being thus a deficiency of £62 16s. 8d. As to the general balance, the liabilities amounted to £89 1s. 10d., and the assets to £96 0s. 2d., leaving a balance on the right side of £6 18s. 4d. The chairman remarked that he thought the club was in a very satisfactory condition, especially considering the unusual items of expenditure in the balance-sheet connected with the change of grounds and alteration of pavilions. The work of the club during the year, he thought, had been very promising. A good many games had been played, and the new ground seemed to have given great satisfaction, their links being especially good ones. The adoption of the balance-sheet was carried. With regard to the pavilion building deficiency, several gentlemen at this portion of the meeting promised to subscribe to the funds. A letter was also read from Alderman Randall, kindly promising £5 towards the special fund for furnishing the ladies' pavilion. The election of officers, who were all eligible for re-election, was proceeded with, and resulted as follows:—President, Earl Spencer (re-elected); vice-presidents, Mr. C. C. Becke and Alderman Randall (re-elected), and Mr. W. G. Hobbs; captain, Mr. W. C. Henderson; vice-captain, Mr. Bruce Muscott; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. E. A. Wyatt; hon. secretary, Mr. Frank Hill (re-elected); and in place of the two retiring members of the committee, Messrs. Bruce B. Muscott and R. G. Scriven, Mr. R. A. Milligan and Mr. N. Dawson. On the proposition of Mr. Milligan, seconded by Mr. Councillor Phipps, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the officers of the past year for their services.

THE THERAPEUTIC ASPECT OF GOLF.

In the current number of the *Caledonian Medical Journal*, Dr. Macleod, of Beveley, has an interesting, pithily written article with the above heading. His view is that our recreations are not sufficiently considered in their relation to the maintenance of health. The consideration of this point is the more important at the time youth is passing off and middle age approaching.

"When the stern part of life has to be faced," urges Dr. Macleod, "and the body is no longer able to sustain the effort of the more active games; or when the sedentary employment of the day tends to make the circulation and the muscles unfit for calls upon them, the active recreations lose their charm; obesity and degeneration claim their sway. As earlier middle life advances this state of matters is accentuated, and the body is no longer able to respond to a call for sustained effort or activity. Men are met with who ought to be in the vigour of the prime of life, but are, at a comparatively early age, prone to show signs of senility, with weak hearts, sluggish digestion, deranged portal functions, lethargic minds, slow memories, and tendencies to insomnia.

"Is there any recreation for men and women which, learned and enjoyed in youth, can with the same zest be pursued to the later years of life—which has a healthful tendency to obviate the condition pre-ferred above, while making no hurtful call on the waning physical powers? I say there is such to be found in the game of Golf.

"I must not be understood to advocate that Golf is only an old man's game, or a game to be learned in old age. I wish to maintain that this manly and healthful pastime can be indulged in longer into age than any other outdoor game. It has the peculiar merit that, according to pace, it may be made easy or smart at pleasure, and thus adapt itself to the conditions of all ages. It has almost come to this, that a person who has not learned Golf when young, is preparing for himself a more dismal middle age than Talleyrand prophesied to him who had not learned whist.

It is not only that Golf preserves the physical parts of the body by exercising the muscular structures, but it has its good effects on mental processes apt to deteriorate along with them. It helps to preserve the reflex balance of concerted action between eye, brain, and muscle; it cultivates precision of movement—both apt to blunt early—and it very greatly exercises the faculties of patience and self-restraint. The man who is daily exposed to the worries of business finds himself strengthened to endure them by the constant restraint he has to put on his temper during the various incidents of the game, or finds a vast relief from them by being able to explode his brooding wrongs with hearty energy on a ball. There is, besides, no stimulant equal in exhilarating qualities to the joy of a successful drive, the recollection of which alone will do a man good for a week. Memory is much cultivated by the game, and it gives ample employment to the imagination and invention.

The physical benefits to middle aged and busy men, especially those engaged in town and sedentary occupations, are many. Golf is played either on ozone-producing seaside links, or on some wind-swept moorland; failing these, on a common which is a breezy upland, or at worst on some wide grassy space away from smoke and feg. The good of even an occasional visit to such places is too plain to need argument in its favour. The heart getting sluggish for want of exercise; the consequent derangement of renal, portal, respiratory, and cerebral circulations; the muscles degenerating for want of use, are all kept in condition longer and more surely, and without any sudden and unusual call upon any of them. Incipient insomnia, and the languor and irritability consequent upon it, are greatly benefited, and the working capacity of the brain thereby increased.

The social, or rather sociable, aspect of Golf is by no means without its benefits. On the links we are brought into an intimately friendly intercourse with our brother-men. No man is a stranger to another at the tee. Most golfers are good fellows, and there is a "masonry" between them that no other game fosters. Social asperities are rubbed down by the common interests of the game, and many lasting friendships date from a chance match. These amenities are not without their therapeutic value, and prevent many a man degenerating into an early "fossil."

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QUESTIONS ON THE RULES.—PLAYING THE WRONG BALL.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Would you kindly let me have the best opinion on the following:—

One party plays at a ball through the green, out of long grass, and drives it a few yards. His caddie says immediately, "That was not your ball, sir," and after looking about for a few seconds he finds the correct ball. The other side, who are safely on the green, claim that the stroke played at the ball so found, not being a ball of any party engaged in the match, counts as a stroke, arguing that the other side have had a trial approach, and that were it not a stroke either party would be at liberty to drop balls and try trial approach shots.

In giving your opinion kindly say would it make any difference if the ball so mistaken were played twice before it were discovered not to be the ball of the striker?

The writer lost a very important match in this way, his opponent having played a found ball into a bunker; the writer played an indifferent shot, being sure of the hole. The opponent when he came up to his ball in the bunker, found it was not his, and going back found his ball, taking care this time not to be in the bunker, and eventually halved the hole. The writer can find nothing in the rules to meet the case.

I am, Sir, &c.,

Royal Belfast Golf Club, W. LIVINGSTONE.
Carnalea, Crawfordsburn, Co. Down.

[So far as our experience goes the practice has been that where a player inadvertently plays a ball which does not belong to the match, no penalty is incurred. When the mistake is discovered the ball is replaced, and the correct ball played. It is different when the ball is holed out; then the player of the wrong ball loses the hole in match play, though there is no penalty also in this case in medal play. It makes no difference how many strokes have been made with the wrong ball, provided it is not holed out.—ED.]

STYLES OF PLAY.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Referring to "K. P.'s" letter and questions on this subject in your issue of August 30th, I have been waiting for, and hoping to see, some reply; but, none having appeared, I beg to submit the following answers, in expectation of criticism, and of eliciting something better from more experienced hands:—

1. Should the right foot be advanced in driving? I was taught to advance the *left*, and so "Badminton" advises; but I think it better to advance the right a little, thereby not being so liable to slice. Some long drivers—for example, Rolland—advance the left.

2. Should the driver be held short or long? Length and weight of club, and length and strength of player have to be considered. A club of suitable length and weight should be

held with the left hand about $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch from the top. By holding a long and heavy club short, more command is obtained; but, if held too short, there will be loss of power.

3. Should the driver be held loose in the right hand? Not necessarily so, if held properly in the fingers of the right hand. Beginners should certainly hold the driver loose in the right hand (not in the palm), and avoid tightening the grip in making the drive.

4. Should the swing be longer than the horizontal? Not much, if at all; but, if the left foot is advanced, the head of the club may fall more below the horizontal; this, in the return, assists in getting at the root of the ball. Exaggeration in any position will interfere with the aim.

Thanks are due to "K. P." for his letter. His P.S. on putting must be left to a better artist than me. Certainly, "every one to his taste"; but it must be borne in mind that experience is the guide of life, and of good Golf also.

I am, Sir, &c.,
SENEC.

A BUNKER INCIDENT.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—Playing on these links to-day, I lifted a ball at a bunker, and found it impaled on one of the points of some barbed wire surrounding the hazard. The loosely hanging wire was oscillating violently, and considerable force was necessary before the ball could be withdrawn. I fancy such an occurrence must be extremely rare.

I am Sir, &c.,

ALFRED BOURNE.

Bromley and Bickley Golf Club, October 7th.

GOLF PRIZES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—It seems to me, from a careful weekly study of your excellent journal, that it would be well if there were fewer prizes (save the mark) given for Golf matches. To a non-golfer, whom we will assume to be a keen sportsman in many other respects (say an angler, a shootist, a cricketer, a tennis player, &c.), surprise will, no doubt, be rapidly succeeded by amazement should he chance to pick up your issue of September 20th, and note the immense number and the extraordinary nature of the prizes which are weekly competed for all over the kingdom. In the report of one meeting I observe amongst the prizes:—

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| 1. Electro table lamp (<i>sic.</i>) | 4. Box of cigars. |
| 2. Electro-plated inkstand. | 5. Diamond pin. |
| 3. Box of Golf balls.* | 6. Also diamond pin. |

* Won by a Member of Parliament. Lucky man! What is Cabinet rank compared to this glory?

Another club's report reads:—

PRIZES.

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| 1. Silver buckle. | 12. Silver muffineers. |
| 2. Box of Golf balls. | 13. Dark green leather purse. |
| 3. Handicap sweepstake. | 14. Silver basket. |
| 4. A Golf club. | 15. Case of reference books (probably Scriptural). |
| 5. Silver box. | 16. Box of balls for lady. |
| 6. Six silver buttons. | 17. " " gentleman. |
| 7. Gold brooch. | 18. Cut-glass silver scent bottle. |
| 8. Gold safety pin. | 19. Clock letter weight. |
| 9. Silver tea-caddy. | 20. Box of balls (inevitable). |
| 11. Box of balls. | |

Another club's report.—No, Sir; I shall spare your readers' feelings. I could go on *ad lib* and *ad nauseam*, but you would not let me! Your space is too valuable. *Ex uno disce omnes!*

Surely if the Royal and Ancient Game is not to be prostituted to the picking up of boxes of cigars, tea caddies, muffineers, cases of reference books, and general house-furnishing, something should be done. Is the *auld half-croon*, the earnest of

many a tight gude-gowing mauch to disappear for ever, and upon its ashes to be raised wretched contests for "plated watch-guards and mosaic jewellery"? God forbid! If, however, this must be, as we may have to accept and bow to the New Woman, then the man (can he be found) who possesses no prizes should be entitled to the highest honour. It is related of Talleyrand that, upon joining a group of gorgeously uniformed and multifariously decorated French officers he, looking upon his own plain and undecorated breast, exclaimed, *Ma foi! c'est bien distingué*. It surprises me, sir, that this absurd system of a bazaar bran tub of prizes (Walk up, ladies and gentlemen—all prizes, no blanks!) has not already kindled your editorial fuse and caused you to discharge a broadside against this prize-giving disease. Should you do so at any time, please dip your pen in gall instead of honey, and give it 'em hot. Every earnest golfer who loves the game for its own sake, will say, "More power to your elbow, and may you never be bunkered!" I do not seek the shelter of a *nom-de-plume*.

I am, Sir, &c.,
WILLIAM J. MACGEAGH.

Newcastle, Co. Down.

SCORING IN MEDAL PLAY.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I am obliged for your interesting notice of my question in your "Answers to Correspondents" in GOLF of last week.

I submit that "a qualified outsider," if such can be found, is a very undesirable element to admit into a close medal competition. You appear to me to take something like the same view. I learn from North Berwick, on what I believe to be good authority, that such a practice is not known in the clubs there.

The rule is that, in the absence of a special marker, the competitors shall score one for the other. Can an outsider be interpreted to be a competitor, seeing that he is not eligible to win the medal? Surely not. On reflection there seem to me, and I am by no means singular in this matter, good reasons against admitting such an outsider. First, that he is not a competitor, and therefore is not personally interested in checking the score of the competitor, and no one is present who is so interested. Secondly, that he is presumably not so well acquainted with the special rules and customs, some—it may be, of these unwritten—of the club where the competition takes place, as members must be assumed to be. Thirdly, that the committee or captain would be placed in a very invidious position, if they or he had several competitors, who could not meet with satisfactory partners who are members of the club, asking for sanction to have outsiders as partners. Possibly one such outsider might be capable, but another very incapable to record the score. To have to distinguish between such, is surely not calculated to promote the harmonious working of the club. I may be allowed to add to this long letter that I am personally disinterested in this matter, as the only times I have played for prizes in close competitions, I have played with members of the clubs where I was contending, conceiving that this was according to a hard and fast rule, and that I have not lost a prize through the admission of an outsider.

I am, Sir, &c.,
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[We are in entire accord with the views of our correspondent as to the undesirableness of the "qualified outsider" being imported as a scorer; and we said so. Circumstances do arise, however, where the outsider occasionally acts, and all we meant to imply was that his credentials of efficiency have to be examined by the authorities of the club before sanction is given to his acting. We did not contemplate a position of affairs where six players wanted an "outsider" to score for them; that would be a ludicrous abuse; but only where a solitary player once, say, in ten years could not find a partner and was anxious to return a score.—Ed.]

SOUTHWOLD GOLF CLUB.—On Saturday, October 5th, the monthly handicap was won by Mr. H. B. Yerburch with 98, less 14=84.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

BRASSEY writes:—"On a recent medal round, at links where greens 11, 12, and 13 were closed—play being prohibited on account of repairs—two competitors, unaccompanied by caddies, reached the tenth hole. After putting out, they were uncertain as to the number of the greens closed, and having been the first to start on the round had no one ahead to apply to. A couple behind them were already playing their seconds towards this tenth hole, whose "Bogey" score is 4, and the two competitors waited, seated on the grass, until the couple had played their approach, and then asked which green they should proceed to. Afterwards they were informed they were disqualified by reason of waiting seated. The "Bogey" score for the tenth hole being 4, and the couple behind having already driven from the tee, will indicate the duration of the wait. Is this judgment entitled to stand?" [The Committee were in the circumstances a little hard on the competitors; but in acting as they did, they were within the spirit of the rule. Though bad weather is specifically mentioned in the rule as the preventive agency to continuous play, it is always understood that a competition round, once begun, must be carried on continuously and without interval, under pain of disqualification. In the peculiar circumstances of the closed greens narrated above, and the very natural desire of the competitors to make no mistake, it is difficult to see how the Committee could have come to the decision that even a slight advantage was gained by the waiting competitors anxious to obtain the correct information. The Committee ought themselves to have supplied the information at the teeing ground by a notice to players, and if this was not done, they acted somewhat harshly in penalising innocent players for an error to which the authorities of the club were mainly contributory. We fear, however, that no one can get behind the decision of the committee.—Ed.]

B. ARTHUR MILNE.—Many thanks; but the "Diabolical Plot" appeared shortly after its occurrence, a considerable time ago.

J. C.—It is always better, cheaper and more satisfactory, to consult a good patent agent. Write to Cassell & Co., 2, Glasshouse Street, Regent Street, W.

Y. E. A.—Your contention was right. The hole could not be claimed after the tee shots were struck.

COMMITTEEMAN.—(1) Yes, the committee have the right to alter the handicaps in the circumstances you describe, and it is quite usual for this to be done. (2) The draw should not be made until the handicaps have been revised; but even when this takes place the committee have the power to alter and revise, in the interests of the members as a whole, any handicaps which they think are unfair. The usual practice is to make this revision before the competition begins; but even after play has begun we have known instances where committees, on better and fuller information, have stepped in and rectified an obvious absurdity. It is within their power to do so, though we admit that it is unusual, and should never be necessary where committees keep in close touch with their work, and maintain a vigilant eye upon players.

LANARK.—The player you describe lost the hole. He could have gone back without penalty before holing out; but as it stands he was, only 3 up.

REDMIRE.—No; it was not permissible. The ball was in play, and could not be touched under pain of disqualification.

CHEADLE GOLF CLUB.

The six winners of the summer monthly competitions played off on Saturday, October 5th, under special handicap, for the possession of the medals. The heavy rain interfered very much with the play, and under the circumstances Mr. S. Fernyhough's score of 98, less 1=87, with which he won the silver medal, was a very good one, as was also Mr. E. J. Bridgford's, 96, less 4=92, with which he won the bronze medal.

GOLFER'S ELBOW.—The following letter appeared in GOLF, September 13th, 1895:—"To the Editor of GOLF.—Sir, I suffered very much from this distressing complaint, and obtained no relief until I tried a preparation which I found advertised in your valuable columns. I refer to Walker's 'Semotine,' which in a little while quite cured me. I always keep a bottle of Semotine by me, and after a day's golfing invariably apply some of it to my limbs, which I am thus able to keep fit and supple. In the hope that this recommendation may be found useful to others, I am, Sir, &c., Twenty-five Years a Golfer. Rusack's Marine Hotel, St. Andrews, Fife, August 26th." In bottles, 1s. 1½d., 2s. 9d., and 4s. 6d. Of all Chemists, Stores, &c., or will be sent post free for 3d. extra by the proprietors, Rowland Walker & Co., Limited 468, High Road, Chiswick. Wholesale, F. Newbery & Sons, London, E.C. Established 1746!



Some years ago we predicted that the private Golf course would be the course of the future; and our prediction has been amply verified by the result which is everywhere seen. England was the first to set the fashion, and *longo intervallo* came the home of Golf itself. Edinburgh is almost as rich in private Golf courses as the Metropolis itself. It has fine greens at Mortonhall, Duddingston, and Barnton—all within very easy reach of the City. So far as our experience goes, the best inland green we have seen, in point of situation and superlative quality of turf, is the Barnton course of the venerable Royal Burgess Golfing Society, which dates back in the annals of the game to 1735, and is incorporated by charter of the Provost and Council of Edinburgh. In its long and honourable history it has seen the glories of two public links fade, and practically die away. For 160 years the Society has divided its playing life between Bruntsfield and Musselburgh. Each of those courses was public, the last named one of the classic greens of Scotland; but with the modern development of the game they have been sadly overcrowded; the lies got bad, the upkeep was expensive and unsatisfactory, and the elbow room for play was not enough; and so the Honourable Company first left for Muirfield, and then the Burgess for Barnton.

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When the finely wooded, and picturesquely situated estate of Ramsay of Barnton became available, the Burgess Society did a wise and spirited thing in securing a large portion of it for a private eighteen-hole course. The charm of its accessibility cannot be exaggerated. In fifteen minutes the Caledonian Railway lands the golfer at the course; the new club-house, when built, will be as near the railway station as the Prestwick club-house is to the station at Prestwick. Thus in twenty minutes from leaving the heart of a crowded city the golfer may be teeing his ball, not far from Cramond Brig, in sight of the Firth of Forth and the hills of Fife, and inhaling deep draughts of pure fresh air blown gently in the face from the sea. Can the heart of any golfer desire more?

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It is here, then, that the Council of the Burgess Society, with praiseworthy public spirit, have invited the Ladies' Golf Union to pay their Championship visit of 1896. Writing, with recent experience of the playing capabilities of the course and the hospitality of the members, we should strongly urge the Council of the Ladies' Union to accept the kind offer with alacrity, especially as it is the first mark of recognition of the status of the ladies coming from Scotland. With a little shortening of the tees, the course and the hazards will be found admirably suited for our best lady players, while the proximity to Edinburgh will admit of all the gay social amenities beloved of the fair sex being given effect to.

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Though the course has only been opened eight months, the work that has been accomplished by the Council and the green-keeper is wonderfully complete and effective. Until the club-house adjoining the railway station is built and ready for occupation, the round will not be finally settled; but, as at present mapped out, much good and interesting Golf is obtainable. If one might offer a criticism, it would be that there is

too much of a sameness in the length of carry of the hazards off the tee. Roughly speaking, the carry is always 130 or 140 yards. To clear this obstacle is no great ordeal for the strong and good players of the club; but, for the medium player, it is almost certain that he will drive just far enough to trickle into the bunker, but rarely to sweep over it. What is wanted, therefore, is more variety—the tees so placed as to make the long driver have a very long carry, and to admit of the short driver playing his best ball lying short of the hazard, to be carried with his next, but not invariably into it.

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Another point that struck the writer was the unguarded condition of the putting-greens for the approach shot. Few of them have bunkers to be lofted over in approaching the hole—a defect which breeds careless, ineffective play, as a half-topped ball, sixty or seventy yards from the hole, is just as likely to lie dead as the most skillfully-played shot. The majority of the greens, therefore, should be guarded with open bunkers to catch badly-played shots. We hope the Council will also note that, in settling their course finally, provision should be made for a really sporting short hole—either an easy cleek or iron shot—with a good hazard to carry between tee and green. The present short hole is too long, as a rule, to reach with the cleek, and is more often played with the driver or the brassie; but a shot from the present sixth to the eighth green, over the embankment, with the green guarded on the hither side by that ugly ditch, would make a really first-class hole, full of character, incident, and good play. If they have also ground to spare, they should lengthen some of the holes, in order to get rid of the monotonous, uneventful “drive and iron” hole, while the bunkers with ramparts should be raised to a height of six or seven feet, constructed after the artistic model of Tom Dunn's bunkers at Tooting, in wavy, peaked lines, so that a badly-hit ball can rarely scramble over, and lie well on the course beyond. The green-keeper ought to remember that something is due to aesthetic effect, and that artificial bunkers ought to be made to simulate nature in some degree.

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In our judgment the Council are unwise in adhering to the “lost ball, lost hole” penalty on their course. At present if you drive a ball off the tee over the boundary railings going to the second hole, or into the plantations, you lose the hole. There is no need for this drastic penalty on a private green like Barnton, which is rarely crowded. The good old rule is “stroke and distance.” The “lost ball, lost hole” rule is only thirteen years old, even at St. Andrews, and was adopted really as a local bye law to facilitate play on a crowded public green. The Burgess should therefore follow the example of English clubs in similar circumstances, and revert to stroke and distance, or, alternatively, recover the ball whence it has been driven, tee inside the course opposite the point where it has been found, and count 2. These penalties, notably the first, give a player a chance of struggling for the hole; at present it means a promenade to the next tee. Worse than this, the penalty fosters what may be described as “snooky” play, and robs the first-class match player of any desire to win by a bold and dashing game.

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Taken all round, Barnton course ought, as a centre of Scottish Golf, to have a great future before it. The putting greens are among the finest we have seen, and are perfectly natural. Their present condition reflects the highest praise on Lees, the green-keeper, though he will probably find that they will be all the better this winter for a liberal dose of sand and rolling to harden them up for next spring. Aitken, the Society's club and ball-maker, is a worthy adjunct to the club. His clubs are neatly made, beautifully finished, and of the soundest material. Nisbet, the club steward is full of energy, courtesy, and tactful consideration for the needs of visitors and members alike. The Council is composed of a sound, level-headed body of men, intimate with the game from their earliest days, knowing what is needed in the making of a Golf course, and wise in the selection of the methods by which to give effect to their schemes. In time, we do not despair to see

the Championship brought to this centre; and as a preparatory step in this direction, the Professional Competition in April, and the Ladies' Championship later on, will fitly enough send the Old Society forward on an extended career of usefulness, and bring the merits of a really fine course to wider recognition.

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Mr. C. J. Kerr, who has taken up the duties of ranger of the Barnton course (Burgess club), has entered on his duties with his usual energy. The bunkers are to be filled up with sand—no less than 500 tons being contracted for. Mr. Kerr intends also to plant a screen of trees along the railway line of the feu, about 1,000 yards, and to rearrange the holes on the south side of the course. This will considerably lengthen the round, and make the green more sporting in character. The question of the captaincy is being discussed among the members, and some are moving to get Bailie Macpherson to allow himself to be nominated. The Bailie is a very good golfer, and a strong man all round, and his appointment would be of great benefit to the society.

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The *Badminton Magazine* for October continues to maintain the high standard of excellence which has been achieved in the earlier issues. Golfers will turn with especial interest in this number to Mr. Everard's "Haver with Tom Morris." In this article Mr. Everard has assumed the rôle of interlocutor of old Tom with reference to the famous matches of his early days, his reminiscences of some of the fine old players now no longer with us. Tom tells of his matches with Allan Robertson, and shows that the only two singles played between them were won by old Tom. Allan would never play any more singles, though he played with old Tom in many foursome matches, chiefly against Jamie and Willie Dunn, on one occasion for £400. Tom pays a hearty tribute to the Dunns. They "were a more dashing lot" than he and Allan; "they had fine driving; Willie Dunn was a splendid driver"; and "I think they had the pull of us on the whole." Old Tom also thinks that his brilliant son would have more than held his own with Taylor, Rolland, and the Blackwells, especially on the putting-greens. It was here apparently that he had the pull of Davie Strath in their many matches. Mr. Everard, however, is inclined to think that young Tom "was not so strong as the leading men of the present, who certainly would have outridden him." Had young Tom lived, however, he would have risen to a higher platform under the stimulus of better play.

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Another interesting article in the same number is Mr. Andrew Lang's "The Old Sportsman." He pictures the athletic man in his descent from a keen participator in contests, owing to physical infirmities and creeping age, to a spectator and rigorous critic:—

Golf is a game in which it is possible to grow old with a good or a bad grace. Some abandon the game altogether when they find that their old selves could give their present selves a third. They sit beside their nectar and maintain that modern Golf is a fallacy; that the young fellows, sir, would be nowhere on the old green; that they are wild drivers, and know not the virtues of a bafly spoon. The links were 30 strokes more difficult in their time, so that a score of 80 is equivalent to a score of 120. The whins have vanished, the bunkers are not what bunkers used to be, and the putting-greens are now mere billiard-tables. You do not hear Tom Morris talk in this peevish way. Tom takes odds now, though he does not always need them, and in a day of violent wind and wet we have seen the old man play a better game than his juniors. How much wiser and more entertaining is such a virtuous course of life than to sit carping in a chimney corner! There are innovations; stimey is threatened; ladies prance on the links; handicaps for teapots multiply; the name of "Bogey" has been whispered even at St. Andrews. But Tom remains "alone, aloft, serene," like the Peak of Teneriffe as described by the poet. His good-humoured acquiescence in the inevitable, this mild willingness to let the young dogs have their day, and to applaud the young dogs when they deserve it, is the best characteristic of the old sportsman.

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C. Donaldson & Son, bootmakers, St. Andrews, who have been established there more than half a century, have long been known in the North for the excellence of their golfing shoes

and brogues for ladies and gentlemen. An inspection of their brown golfing shoes, for example, shows that they are made of the finest material, with a high, ornamental tongue, which adds to the appearance as well as to the utility of the shoe in keeping out sand. The price is reasonable, and all that Messrs. Donaldson need is an old boot or shoe for measurement. They also make gaiters for ladies and gentlemen, while one of their specialities is a handsomely finished Golf boot, combining gaiter as well as boot by prolonging the upper of the leg and buckling it round the front. Such a boot is not only useful for Golf but for sportsmen generally who have wet grass to tread through, and rough walking generally.

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The *English Illustrated Magazine* for October contains a number of interesting articles, all carefully and artistically illustrated. "Jotchie," by Frances Forbes-Robertson, is well and dramatically told; so is Mr. Howard Fielding's "Stamps Enclosed for Reply." George Gissing, Miss Marie Belloc, and Grant Allen are among the other contributors.

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A team of ladies selected from the Southern clubs have been making a golfing tour recently in Lancashire, and by universal consent the matches were accepted as North v. South. Though the team from the South was a very strong one, it was not representative of the full strength of the South, inasmuch as Lady Margaret Scott, Miss Issette Pearson, Mrs. H. C. Willock, and Miss Shirreff were not playing. Neither did the Lancashire teams include the full strength of the North, for where were Miss Whigham, Mrs. Tennent, the Misses Orr, and other Scottish players? It would be very interesting to see a match played between the picked ladies of the South and North. The team from the South should include the Champion, Miss Pearson, Mrs. Willock, Miss Starkie-Bence, Mrs. Wilson-Hoare, Miss Shirreff, Miss Pascoe, Mrs. St. Clair-Stobart; while Miss Dod, Mrs. Ryder Richardson, Mrs. Catterall, Miss Lythgoe, Miss Whigham, Mrs. Tennent, Miss Taylor, and Miss Young, should be included in the Northern team.

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There was little doubt, however, that the ladies from the South who visited Lancashire, had a very fine golfing style, and in this respect they gained much admiration from both professionals and competent amateurs who watched their play. As a professional remarked after watching one of Miss Pascoe's fine brassy shots, "the South ladies play with the spirit." They have succeeded in mastering Golf as it should be played. The majority of the ladies in the North play with a noticeably cramped swing, and with but half the freedom and energy of the Southerners. They are consequently at a great disadvantage on long links, being accustomed only to ladies' courses. The collapse of the South team at West Lancashire should be fairly explained, though not with any wish to detract from the merits of the home players, who are certainly formidable. Mrs. Wilson-Hoare's team were obliged to breakfast at six, leave Singleton at seven, arriving at Hall Road some time after ten. The links, an eighteen-hole course, was utterly strange to them, and this fact, added to the fatigue of the journey, produced disastrous results. In the open meeting on the following day, after a night's rest, and with a little knowledge of the links, Mrs. Wilson-Hoare carried off the open scratch prize, after a tie with one of her team, and Miss Lottie Dod, second with a score of 80. Miss Lena Thomson (Wimbledon), Miss M. E. Phillips (Royal Eastbourne), and Miss Pascoe (Woking), shared the remaining open honours of the meeting, Miss Dod being the only lady from the North taking an open prize. Mrs. Ryder Richardson, who is now a Hoylake player, learnt her Golf in Sussex, and has more of the Southern style and spirit in her play.

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It is possible that golfers in the South are more hopeful and tolerant of ladies' play than golfers in the North. St. Andrews has never encouraged ladies beyond the extent of a putting-course, and it is only within recent years, and after the enthusiasm of ladies in the South for the Royal and Ancient

Game, that the more important clubs in Scotland have condescended to lay out ladies' links and provide instructors for fair golfers. And even now when the Ladies' Championship is annually arranged by a competent body of ladies, Scotland sends but one representative to do battle for its national game. Certainly, the lesson of the matches played by Mrs. Wilson-Hoare's team, is that the ladies of the South have energetically and consistently learned to play Golf in the very best style and spirit, and have won for themselves the honest admiration of their opponents, who are not backward in acknowledging that the Southerners have taught them how perfectly it is possible for ladies to play this most difficult and tantalising of all games.

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Messrs. T. Dunn & Son, the well-known club-makers, of Bournemouth, have secured provisional protection for aluminium in place of horns and brass plates for club heads. A horn can be replaced by aluminium in about ten minutes. One is then able to use a driver through the green. A brassy with an aluminium plate drives about as far as a driver. Clubs fitted like this are going like "snaw aff a dyke" at Bournemouth.

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THE KIRKALDY *v.* FERNIE MATCH.—The final arrangements for the match for £100 a side between Willie Fernie, of Troon, and Andrew Kirkaldy, of St. Andrews, have now been made, Fernie having won the toss and fixed upon Prestwick as the third green. Play will commence on Tuesday, October 15th, at Troon; Prestwick will be played over on Friday, October 18th; and the match will be concluded at St. Andrews on Tuesday, October 22nd.

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The Natural Mineral Water Spring at Zollhaus, belonging to Johannis (Limited), was recently honoured by a visit from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and a distinguished party. The visitors left Homburg by special train on an extremely warm day, stopping at Wiesbaden to permit Prince Albert of Schleswig-Holstein to join them, while another halt was made at Schwalbach, when the Grand Duke Michael of Russia, Prince Nicholas of Nassau, and Countess Ada Merenberg entered the train. At Zollhaus, Captain Kennedy and Mr. Gordon, the local managers, received the visitors, and on arriving at the spring, and subsequently at the works, explained the interesting processes which have been so successfully employed. Over an hour was spent in this inspection by the Royal party, who manifested the keenest interest in the marvellous works of nature demonstrated at Zollhaus, and in the arrangements for securing a perfectly pure combination of the water and the natural carbonic acid gas, in which the Johannis spring is so rich. His Royal Highness and the other visitors expressed themselves delighted with the trip, and thanked the representatives of the Johannis Company for their services.

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Golfers who took their holiday in the latter half of September were particularly fortunate in having quite a phenomenal spell of hot weather, when they had to pursue play in the lightest of garb. Seldom has such a warm season been experienced at that period of the year. Those who returned to town quarters with the incoming of October were also fortunate, for snow, rain, and wind, put holiday play quite out of question.

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The Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, M.P., who is a man of many tastes, and fond of music, has been attending the Musical Festival at Leeds, which this year is graced with the attendance of the Prince of Wales. Mr. Gerald Balfour, M.P., also attended the Festival. Mr. Balfour returns from Leeds to take up residence for a time at Whittinghame.

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The Broughty Ferry Ladies' Golf Club have got a twenty years' lease of the course at Barnhill, at a moderate charge, from the Hon. C. M. Ramsay.

It is surprising that with so many inventions in connection with Golf we have not had a patent club-cleaner. We hear, however, that Forrester, of Elie, is about to remedy this defect and place in the market a machine of the kind which will be of the greatest use to golfers, and indispensable in every club-house.

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At a recent competition of the Tyneside Club, Mr. C. A. Ridley, the club champion, made a record for the course as follows:—First round, 5 4 4 5 5 4 3 4 5=39; second round, 6 4 4 4 4 4 5 5=40; total, 79.

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Messrs. W. and G. Ashford, Birmingham, have re-issued an improved form their illustrated catalogue of Golf clubs, balls and appliances, accompanying which are the rules of the game in their revised form. The catalogue is quite a work of art in its way, and every requisite of the game may be seen depicted therein, with prices marked in plain figures.

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Glasgow folks are soon to have skating and curling during the Golf season if they prefer these sports. An ice-rink, similar to that which has for some time been available in London, is in course of construction at Glasgow.

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Mr. St. Clair Cunningham, the popular secretary of the East Lothian Golf Club, who has taken a lease of the fine farm at Hedderwick Hill, near Dunbar, is to have a nine-hole Golf course laid out on his farm. The ground is thoroughly suited for the game, and was "prospected" by the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers before they took up Muirfield, the distance from Edinburgh being the drawback that decided their not adopting this ground. This is one of the districts to which old records refer as coming under the Kirk-Session discipline against Sunday Golf.

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In a list of "Don'ts" for sportsmen the *Weekly Scotsman* includes this, "Don't forget that Golf is pronounced 'goff'."

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Mr. Andrew Dryburgh, who annually takes his well-earned holiday at Gullane, was the winner of the quarterly prize given by the East Lothian Golf Club on Saturday, September 5th, with the net score of 81. The day was not favourable for good play, but the social enjoyment of the club was not interfered with by the unsocial nature of the weather. Mr. W. Whytock, an honorary member, who has gone South, played in the competition, and returned a scratch score of 85.

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£800 is stated to be the annual rent paid by young Willie Park for the premises in which the American branch of his business is carried on.

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The Hon. A. Lyttelton, while lately at Gosford, had an opportunity of trying Anderson's Patent Roller Skate, and pronounced it a first-class article.

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It has been decided to hold the two days' Autumn Meeting of the Northampton Golf Club on November 7th and 8th, instead of October 31st and November 1st as at first fixed. The annual dinner will be held on the evening of the second day. A cup or prize value £10 will be offered for open competition (scratch) on the second day.

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The members of the Royal Liverpool Golf Club took possession last week of their handsome new club-house, which has been erected on a site between the links and the Little Meols road leading from Hoylake to West Kirby. Some eighteen months have elapsed since the club decided to remove their headquarters from the Royal Hotel, where they have been located

since 1869, to premises of their own; and in order to secure the best available designs for their new building, the matter was thrown open to competition, with the result that the premium was awarded to Messrs. Woolfall and Eccles, architects, of 60, Castle Street, Liverpool, whose plan presented a building which was not only ornate in itself, but embraced every feature desirable in a comfortable and elegant club-house. Unlike several other club-rooms, no provision is made for visiting members residing on the premises, so that in this respect the club-room will not come into opposition with the local hotels, in which golfers have for many years found accommodation. The building has cost over £6,000.

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One is glad to see that Taylor's second consecutive achievement in winning the Championship has been suitably recognised by the county golfers, among whom he has been residing for some years. The Hants and Isle of Wight County Golf Association, and the Golf Clubs of Hampshire, presented the Open Champion with a handsomely framed illuminated testimonial, on September 23rd, at Winchester, "as a mark of their admiration of his splendid play in the Open Championship of 1895, and to commemorate his second consecutive victory—Sandwich 1894; St. Andrews 1895."

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Taylor and Herd will play a match at Kettering on Saturday, November 9th. The Kettering course is one of the best in Northamptonshire. It was laid out by old Tom; but the success of the club has been mainly due to the spirited initiative of Dr. Allison, who hails from the other side of the Tweed.

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On Thursday, the 17th inst., a match of thirty-six holes will be played on the links of the Notts Golf Club, Bulwell Forest, between J. H. Taylor (Open Champion) and Willie Aveston, the rising young professional of Cromer. Aveston held the record of the Bulwell green for some time, but it was subsequently broken by Taylor in April last. Given a continuance of wet weather, which suits both the players and the course, a fine game may be expected.

THE "COLONEL."

This summer-heat must bring to mind
The regions called "infernal,"
It makes the keenest golfers find
The sultry weather most unkind,
When playing 'gainst the "Colonel."

Perhaps that bogey-spirit hies
From climate far from vernal,
If so, the hotter are the skies,
The more the golfer pants and sighs,
The more 'twill please the "Colonel."

And ev'ry week, when GOLF comes out,
Could he but read the journal,
'Twould please him much, beyond a doubt,
If he could only know about
The triumphs of the "Colonel."

When I am playing on the links
My modest game diurnal,
I know that martial "Bogey" winks
His spectral eye, and chuckling thinks
He's "all down" on the "Colonel."

But still I mean to persevere,
Buoyed up by hope eternal,
Until success shall cast out fear,
And I shall see my name appear
As "even" with the "Colonel."

W. MALING-WYNCH, JUN.,

Buxton, September 30th.



ABERDEEN.

The annual meeting of the members of the Aberdeen Club was held on Friday afternoon, October 4th, in the office of the secretary, Mr. D. M. M. Duncan, advocate, Bridge Street, Aberdeen. Sheriff Robertson (captain) presided, and moved the adoption of the report, which showed that the club was in a satisfactory position, both in regard to finances and membership. Mr. James Davidson seconded, and the report and accounts were approved. Col. Boyes was elected captain for the ensuing year, and the following gentlemen were appointed members of the council:—Messrs. H. C. Hadden, C. F. Hayne, R. D. Leslie, W. R. Reid, J. M. Ferguson, and Sheriff Robertson.

In connection with the autumn meeting of the Aberdeen Golf Club a series of competitions was held on Saturday over the Balgownie course. The weather was fine, and the greens were in splendid order. The club is at the present time in a very flourishing condition, and the increased interest which is being taken in the game at Balgownie is attributable in no small degree to the attractions of the now much improved course. The events on the programme were—(1) Gold medal as a first scratch prize; (2) Charles Chalmers' cup as a second scratch prize; (3) Mrs. Foordyce's gold cross as a handicap prize; and (4) Colonel Boyes' cup for the best scores for last nine holes, under handicap. There were also two optional handicap sweepstakes. The number of starters for the gold medal (being over fifty couples) is probably the largest in the annals of the club, and it may be mentioned that, without a single exception, all the first-class players were present. The following is the result of the competition:—Mr. J. M. Ferguson—Gold medal, 3 5 5 6 3 4 4 5 4=39; 4 6 4 4 5 3 5 4 6=41; total, 80. Mr. L. S. Anderson—Charles Chalmers' cup, 4 4 3 6 4 5 4 6 4=40; 5 5 5 5 6 3 4 4 5=42; total, 82. Mr. Todd, 85; Mr. J. M. Duncan, 86; Mr. R. A. Nicolson, 86; Mr. W. R. Reid, 87; Mr. M. M. Duncan, 89; Mr. H. Peterkin, 89; Mr. P. C. Cochran, 90; Capt. Brooke, 92; Mr. W. D. Davidson, 94; Dr. Rose, 95; Mr. J. S. Watt, 97; Mr. W. S. Davidson, 98; Mr. H. C. Hadden, 98; Rev. A. H. Gray, 98.

Mrs. Foordyce's gold cross (handicap)—Mr. J. M. Ferguson, scratch, 80.

Col. Boyes' cup (handicap)—Mr. J. M. Ferguson, scratch 41; Mr. W. S. Hall, 50, less 9=41.

Optional handicap sweepstake (open)—Mr. W. R. Reid, 87, less 5=82; Mr. P. C. Cochran, 90, less 8=82.

Optional handicap sweepstake (confined to members with handicaps of 10 and over)—Dr. Geo. Rose, 96, less 10=86; Mr. W. S. Davidson, 98, less 12=86.

ASHDOWN FOREST AND TUNBRIDGE WELLS LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medals were played for on Saturday, October 5th, when a member of the junior class returned a very good score. A new putting competition was tried for the first time, and as it proved successful will now be instituted on medal days, a challenge prize having been offered for putting by Mrs. Du Croz. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Miss French	... 88 20 68	Mrs. G. Moor	... 98 7 91
Miss Malden	... 93 12 81	Mrs. Stanley Russell	100 9 91
Miss Moor	... 96 14 82	Miss Lee	... 112 18 94
Miss Reade	... 96 12 84	Mrs. Whitfield	... 107 11 96
Miss S. French	... 109 24 85	Mrs. Astbury	... 115 18 97
Miss Collins	... 101 16 85	Miss L. H. Nix	... 103 5 98
Mrs. Cecil Green	... 89 3 86	Mrs. Jeddere Fisher	122 24 98
Miss Birch	... 86 +1 87	Mrs. McCalmont Hill	128 30 98
Miss M. Nix	... 95 5 90	Miss Skipwith	... 128 30 98

Miss Birch winner of Greenhall scratch brooch; Miss Malden, senior medal; Miss French, junior medal.

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MINCHINHAMPTON GOLF CLUB.



Mr. Graham.
 Mr. Lawrence Crisp.
 Miss Woolflight.
 Mrs. E. A. Chamberlain.
 Mrs. Davies.
 Mr. Lewis Crisp.
 Mrs. F. J. Leslie.
 Miss Harris.
 Mrs. Richards.
 Mr. Brodie.
 Mr. N. Witchell.
 A. Toogood.
 Mr. Southern-Escourt.
 Col. Pierce-Taylor.

THE BROAD OAK GOLF CLUB.

Up till last year the County of Hereford seemed to have escaped the epidemic of "Golf fever." Since the "Golfing Annual" of 1894-95 was compiled, however, a club has been started for the Southern Division of the County at Ross, and last week a club was opened in the Northern Division at Bromyard. This club is named the Broad Oak Golf Club from that part of the Downs at Bromyard on which the course is situated. The formal opening of the club took place on Wednesday, September 25th, with a luncheon, to which between sixty and seventy members and friends sat down, and which was given by Mr. Phipps, a member of the club, at his residence, Buckenhill, which is close to the course. The extreme dryness of the season has made it impossible to get the course into anything like perfect order, and the putting greens are as yet rough; but the course is a sporting one of nine holes, and the views from it very beautiful and extensive. Bromyard is about ten miles from Malvern, and the nature of the ground on the Downs very closely resembles that at Malvern. The club starts with fifty-eight members. A somewhat unusual arrangement enables any member, by payment of a double subscription, to become a "House member" with the privilege of introducing, without further charge, ladies and gentlemen residing or visiting in his house. The following are the officers of the club:—President, Mr. T. Barnaby; Captain, Colonel Prescott-Decie; Treasurer, Mr. R. Phipps; Honorary Secretary, Rev. H. G. Morgan; Committee (including the above officers) Rev. E. Childre Freeman, Mr. Gillam, Mr. J. B. Lutley, Mr. J. Lutley, Mr. E. Wight.

A short description of the course (nine holes) may be of interest to

any readers who may find themselves, some day, in the neighbourhood of Bromyard. First hole, 120 yards.—An iron shot over a ditch and pond. The putting-green is guarded on all sides by ponds and a road. Erratic shots are punished by hedges on one side and a wall and gardens on the other. Second hole, 300 yards.—Long drive over road and rough ground. In playing through the green, two ponds must be avoided. The putting-green is guarded by a wall and a deep gully. Third hole, 180 yards.—Drive over gorse and a road with two ditches. A steep, rough bank lies between the road and the putting-green. By the less skillful the hole may be approached by an iron shot to good turf somewhat to the right, and another iron shot over the road and other hazards. Fourth hole, 250 yards (to be lengthened later to 350).—Drive over gorse and a road; second shot over rough cart-tracks and gorse. A road with two ditches punishes slicing all the way. Fifth hole, 300 yards.—Drive over gorse and road. Bad second shot punished in rough ground. Sixth hole, 250 yards.—Drive over gorse; sliced balls severely punished by bad ground and gorse; putting-green carefully guarded by ditch, road, and steep bank. Seventh hole, 230 yards.—Drive over gorse bank and two ditches, with road to left. The putting-green is guarded on the right by a hedge and ditch, on the left by a bank and a road. It is approached over a deep gully. Eighth hole, 160 yards. Drive over road and small ditch, gully and whins to catch a pulled ball. Putting-green well guarded by a broad deep ditch beyond it and gorse on either side. Ninth hole, 200 yards.—Drive over gorse, road, and two ditches; marshy ground and gorse punishing badly balls that are sliced or pulled. To the left of the putting-green is a pond. There is a convenient club-room with dressing-room and lavatory for gentlemen, and another room for ladies. Stabling is also provided for members who come from a distance.

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Putting on the nine greens.—Sweepstakes match :—Mrs. Cecil Green, 19; Miss Nix, 19; Mrs. Stanley Russell, 19; Miss Collins, 20; Miss G. French, 20; Miss Malden, 20; Mrs. Whitfield, 20; Miss Lee, 20; Miss E. Reade, 20; Miss E. Banister, 21; Miss Birch, 21; Mrs. Astbury, 21; Mrs. McCalmont Hill, 21; Miss Andrews, 22; Miss L. Nix, 23; Miss French, 23; Mrs. Jedlere Fisher, 25; Miss Skipwith, 26; Mrs. Skipwith, 27.

ALDEBURGH GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, October 5th :—

Table with columns: Name, Gross, Hcp., Net. Lists winners Mr. C. S. Murdoch and Mr. J. Fry.

The remainder were over 100, or made no returns.

ARDEN GOLF CLUB.

The October monthly cup was competed for on Saturday, October 5th, and was won by Mr. A. E. Wilson-Browne, with the fine score of 84 gro-s. This is within 1 for the record of the links for medal competitions, and his second round of 38 is the best score for the nine holes that has been handed in for any competition since the new arrangement of the links. Scores as follows :—5 10 5 5 3 5 4 3 6=46; 4 5 4 5 4 5 4 3 4=38; total, 84.

Table with columns: Name, Gross, Hcp., Net. Lists winners Mr. A. E. Wilson-Browne and Mr. C. T. Wade.

Several others made no returns.

"Bogey" competition.—Mr. A. E. Wilson-Browne won the "Bogey" competition, handicap 5, 3 down, for the month of September.

ARDEN v. COVENTRY.

This match was played at Coventry on Wednesday, October 2nd, and resulted in a win for the home team by the fine margin of 1 hole. Scores :—

Table comparing Arden and Coventry players and their hole counts.

BARHAM DOWNS GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, September 26th. Gentlemen :—

Table with columns: Name, Gross, Hcp., Net. Lists winners Mr. E. C. Howe and Rev. G. Hyde Smith.

Five others made no return.

Ladies :—

Table with columns: Name, Gross, Hcp., Net. Lists winners Miss A. Eccles and Miss Jeffery.

Five others made no return.

BENTLEY GREEN GOLF CLUB.

Monthly handicap competition, played Thursday, September 26th. Result :—

Table with columns: Name, Gross, Hcp., Net. Lists winners Mr. R. S. Standen and Mr. E.H.E. Morgan.

Mr. J. C. Peache made no return.

BECKENHAM GOLF CLUB.

The following are the results of the autumn meeting of the Beckenham Golf Club, held at the club's links, Woodside, S. E., on Saturday, the 5th inst. :—

Table with columns: Name, 1st Rnd., 2nd Rnd., Hcp., Net. Lists winners Mr. O. P. Petter and Mr. F. Aste.

Winner, first nine holes, Mr. O. P. Petter, 35 net.
,, second nine holes, Mr. F. Aste, 40½ net.

For handicaps exceeding 15 :—

Table with columns: Name, 1st Round, 2nd Round, Hp., Net. Lists winners Mr. M. Pattison and Mr. Fraser Alpe.

Foursome competition :—

Table with columns: Name, 1st Rnd., 2nd Rnd., Gross, Hcp., Net. Lists winners Messrs. R. H. May and W. Gregory.

BLACKHEATH LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The Blackheath ladies held their autumn meeting during the week beginning September 30th. The greens were in good order, but very fast, which gave more chances to the long handicaps than usual. The scoring was unusually good for this time of year.

September 30th.—First medal round, under handicap of 3, for an aggregate prize presented by the vice-president, Mrs. Beaumont. Mrs. Whyte headed the list with the excellent score of 81, less 13=68. Miss Fossett second with 93, less 22=71.

October 1st.—Valerie cup (scratch). Mrs. Penrose (winner), 80; Miss M. Smyth, 82; Miss A. Bidwell, 82; Mrs. F. S. Ireland, 84; Miss D. Riddle, 86; Mrs. Whyte, 87; Mrs. Laird, 88; Miss Swinton,

88; Mrs. Edwards, 89; Miss Sheringham, 90; Mrs. Gibson, 91; Miss Knapping, 92; Miss Fossett, 93; Miss Dunn, 93; Miss Robson, 94; Mrs. G. Spurling, 95; Miss Pease, 96; Mrs. Mead, 96; Mrs. Newton, 98. The rest were 100 and over.

A handicap prize, given by Miss A. Bidwell, was tied for by Miss Swinton, 88, less 18=70, and Miss Robson, 94, less 20=70. These scores were also used for the second aggregate.

October 3rd.—Monthly medal and third aggregate :—

Gross Hcp. Net.			Gross Hcp. Net.				
Miss Sheringham ...	87	11	76	Miss D. Riddle ...	93	10	83
Mrs. Laird ...	84	7	77	Mrs. Gibson ...	97	14	83
Miss Swinton ...	90	12	78	Mrs. Newton ...	105	22	83
Mrs. Browning ...	93	14	79	Mrs. Stubbs ...	91	6	85
Mrs. G. Spurling ...	98	19	79	Mrs. Whyte ...	94	8	86
Miss M. Sillar ...	97	16	81	Mrs. C. Johnson ...	106	20	86
Miss A. Bidwell ...	88	6	82	Mrs. Edwards ...	97	10	87
Miss Dunn ...	99	17	82	Mrs. Michelli ...	114	24	90

The rest were over 90 net.

The aggregate prize was won by Miss Swinton with 227. Miss Dunn 231, Miss A. Bidwell 232, Mrs. R. Whyte 233, Mrs. Gibson 234, Mrs. Newton 234, Miss Sheringham 234, Miss D. Riddle 239, and Mrs. Penrose 240, returned good totals. The rest were over 245.

Mr. M. Richardson's prize for the best single round with half-handicap done during the three days was won by Mrs. R. Whyte with 38, less 6½=31½; Miss A. Bidwell losing by half a stroke with 37, less 5=32.

October 3rd. The captain (Mrs. Laird) played a team of married ladies against the hon. secretary's (Miss A. Bidwell) team of singles. An exciting contest ended in a win for the married by 2 holes.

MARRIED.		SINGLE.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mrs. Penrose ...	0	Miss M. Smyth ...	2
Mrs. Stubbs ...	3	Miss A. Bidwell ...	0
Mrs. Laird ...	1	Miss Mocatta ...	0
Mrs. F. S. Ireland ...	6	Miss Sheringham ...	0
Mrs. R. Whyte ...	0	Miss D. Riddle ...	6
Mrs. Edwards ...	2	Miss Swinton ...	0
Mrs. Gibson ...	0	Miss Knapping ...	6
Mrs. Triscott ...	0	Miss Pease ...	0
Mrs. Mead ...	0	Miss Frean ...	0
Mrs. G. Spurling ...	0	Miss Dunn ...	0
Mrs. Michelli ...	4	Miss Kendall ...	0
	16		14

October 4th. The foursomes against "Bogey" for a prize given by Mrs. Laird were won by Miss M. Sillar and Miss Dunn (12 strokes) all even.

October 5th. As the end of a pleasant week, singles were played v. "Bogey" for a prize given by Mrs. Claude Johnson. The winner was Mrs. Stubbs with 5 strokes, 4 up to "Bogey."

BRIGHTON AND HOVE GOLF CLUB.

The Berens gold medal was played for on Saturday, October 5th, in wet and stormy weather. Scores :—

Gross Hcp. Net.		Gross Hcp. Net.					
Mr. H. Abbey ...	101	18	83	Mr. H. K. Knipe ...	103	16	87
Mr. J. Brock ...	91	7	84	Mr. H. T. Ross ...	95	7	88
Major G. Edwardes ...	102	18	84	Mr. D. E. Cardinall ...	102	14	88
Dr. Bruce Goff ...	85	scr.	85	Mr. G. R. Burnett ...	108	20	88
Mr. E. H. Brown ...	103	18	85	Mr. D. Furner ...	96	7	89
Mr. A. O. Jennings ...	99	13	86	Mr. G. Rumsey ...	101	12	89
Dr. Hodson ...	101	15	86	Mr. W. C. Scott ...	100	10	90
Mr. R. S. Greenhill ...	104	18	86	Mr. F. M. Luther ...	111	18	93
Mr. A. C. Woolley ...	97	10	87	Mr. C. S. Montefiore ...	113	20	95

Twenty players made no return.

BULLWOOD v. SOUTHEND.

Played at Southend on Saturday, October 5th :—

BULLWOOD.		SOUTHEND.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. W. Murphy-Grimshaw ...	0	Mr. W. Walker ...	3
Mr. R. O. Newham ...	0	Dr. Gourley ...	1
Mr. C. O. Gillbanks ...	10	Mr. J. A. Davison ...	0
Mr. Howard H. Williams ...	1	Mr. D. E. Edwards ...	0
Mr. M. G. Neill ...	6	Dr. Hake ...	0
Mr. T. J. Williams ...	0	Mr. J. R. Priestley ...	4
Mr. G. Holland ...	6	Mr. J. Blaikie ...	0
	23		8

BRIGHTON AND HOVE LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The three days' autumn meeting of the Brighton and Hove Ladies' Golf Club was concluded last week. The gale was felt very keenly, but despite the unfavourable weather some very good scores were registered. On the first day twenty-four members competed. Miss Hobson won the prize presented by Miss Bell, and Miss Dill the prize for the medal-winners presented by Mrs. Wright. The following scores were made :—

Gross Hcp. Net.		Gross Hcp. Net.					
Miss Hobson ...	101	24	77	Miss Bell ...	106	20	86
Miss M. Heathcote ...	91	12	79	Mrs. Barry ...	101	13	88
Mrs. W. G. Nicholson ...	98	19	79	Mrs. Baker ...	103	14	89
Miss Bryan ...	109	30	79	Mrs. Shifner ...	113	20	93
Mrs. Gordon Dill ...	99	16	83	Miss Chapman ...	115	22	93
Mrs. Germon ...	108	24	84	Mrs. Keen ...	114	20	94
Miss H. Farnall ...	101	16	85	Miss Reid ...	118	24	94
Miss Cocking ...	105	20	85	Miss Sanders ...	119	24	95

The scoring was considerably affected by the heavy gale.

On Thursday Mrs. W. G. Nicholson won the first prize, a challenge belt. She completed the course in 91 strokes, the best gross score for the day, and her net score was 72. The challenge clock fell to Mrs. Keen, who was only two strokes behind Mrs. Nicholson in the whole round, and the challenge bowl to Mrs. Germon; while Miss Sanders and Miss Chapman tied for a prize versus "Bogey," presented by Mrs. Germon. The following were the best scores for the day :—

Gross Hcp. Net.		Gross Hcp. Net.					
Mrs. W. G. Nicholson ...	91	19	72	Mrs. Barry ...	104	13	91
Mrs. Keen ...	93	20	73	Miss Chapman ...	113	22	91
Mrs. Germon ...	102	24	78	Mrs. Baker ...	108	16	92
Miss Sanders ...	108	24	84	Miss Reid ...	116	24	92
Mrs. Sanderson ...	92	3	89	Miss Cocking ...	113	20	93
Miss D'Albiac ...	116	27	89	Mrs. Shifner ...	123	20	103
				Miss B. Hobson ...	130	22	108

Sixteen started.

On the last day Mrs. Barry completed the course in 88 strokes, a really fine piece of play, winning the scratch prize presented by Miss D'Albiac. Her net score was 75. Mrs. Shifner, with the best net return, secured the prize presented by Mrs. Creagh Osborne. For the club prize for the best last nine holes Miss Sanders and Mrs. Keen tied with a score of 37. This tie has yet to be played off. A nine-hole sweepstake competition was won by Mrs. Barry with 36½ net. Mrs. Magruder's prize for the best aggregate for the three days was won by Mrs. W. G. Nicholson. Score :—

Gross Hcp. Net.		Gross Hcp. Net.					
Mrs. Barry ...	88	13	75	Mrs. W. G. Nicholson ...	103	17	86
Mrs. Shifner ...	99	20	79	Miss Dill ...	103	16	87
Mrs. Keen ...	99	18	81	Miss Hobson ...	112	22	90
Miss M. Heathcote ...	94	12	82	Miss Reid ...	114	24	90
Miss H. Farnall ...	99	16	83	Miss Sullivan ...	120	29	91
Miss Chapman ...	105	22	83	Miss Bell ...	114	20	94
Miss Sanders ...	106	22	84	Miss D'Albiac ...	121	27	94
Mrs. Germon ...	107	22	85	Miss Hitchins ...	123	29	94

Twenty-five started.

BURY GOLF CLUB.

The first monthly competition for the club medal for all players under handicap was held upon the links at Redvales on Saturday, October 5th, in very inclement weather. The result was a very popular win by the captain of the club, Mr. P. G. Gow, who must be congratulated upon thus, before closing his year of office, breaking the spell of ill luck which has for some time followed him in his play. Mr. F. Murgatroyd won the last of the prizes presented by the hon. secretary (Mr. Butcher) for players with long handicaps. The following are the returns made :—

Gross Hcp. Net.		Gross Hcp. Net.					
Mr. P. G. Gow ...	94	13	81	Mr. F. Muagatroyd ...	122	25	97
Dr. W. B. Gow ...	102	13	89	Rev. C. B. Knox ...	116	11	105
Mr. S. F. Butcher ...	95	4	91	Mr. C. B. Farr ...	122	15	107
Mr. D. Nicoll ...	112	18	94	Mr. F. Perham ...	118	7	111

Several players failed to make a return. The sweepstakes were taken, first, by Mr. Gow; second, by Dr. Gow; third, by Mr. Butcher.

EDINBURGH GOLF CLUB.—This club held its monthly competition for the medal, on the Braids, on October 1st, with the following result :—Mr. Chisholm, 105, less 20=85; Mr. Peck, 107, less 20=87; Mr. Somerville, 101, less 13=88.

BURNHAM (SOMERSET) GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting of this club was held on Tuesday, October 1st., and four following days. The weather throughout the week was enough to damp the ardour of the keenest golfer. The first day being very wet, but with bitter wind, and for three days afterwards one of the worst gales which has been experienced for many years on this coast raged without intermission, accompanied by thunder and blinding storms of rain and hail. Accurate play was therefore next to impossible, more especially on the Thursday, when even most of the best players came hopelessly to grief. Mr. W. H. Fowler, in his second round in the competition for the Kennard cup beat the amateur record for the nine holes with the very fine score of 3 3 6 4 5 3 4 4 4=36, and followed this up with a 37 in his first round when playing in his match against Clifton. His fine and consistent play secured him the club mementos for the best aggregate scratch score during the first three days' play, and for the best aggregate under handicap for second rounds. He and the Rev. J. Crump played a fine game in the height of the gale for the open prize, the latter gaining a popular win. The links were in excellent order, the lies having greatly improved of late. Notwithstanding the heat and long droughts of the present year the attendance would certainly have been much larger if the weather had been more propitious. The matches in the afternoons against other clubs excited a great deal of interest, the home club (which has only been beaten once in over two years, and that when playing a second class team) winning all four. The afternoon "Bogey" competitions were very well patronised with the following results:—

October 1st: First prize, Mr. W. H. Fowler (plus 1), 1 up; second prize, Mr. F. J. Clark (14), all square. October 2nd: First prize, Mr. H. L. Foster (5), 2 down; second prize, Mr. W. H. Fowler (plus 3), and Mr. J. T. Stephens (15), 3 down. October 3rd: first prize, Captain H. Broke (8), 2 down; second prize, Mr. H. L. Foster (5), 5 down. October 4th: first prize, Mr. F. J. Clark (14), 5 down; second prize, Mr. H. L. Foster (5), 6 down. October 5th (nine holes): First prize, Mr. M. B. Castle (3), 2 up; second prize, Mr. F. H. Haviland (2), 1 up. Eighteen holes: First prize, Rev. C. F. Montgomery (3), all square; second prize, Dr. J. Wallace (3), Rev. T. Crump (5), and Major Archdale (8), each 2 down.

Tuesday, October 1st.—First prize, the Kennard silver challenge cup (members only) and two-thirds of entrance fees (open). Second prize presented by the club. Third prize, one-third of entrance-fees. Scores as under:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
* Mr. W. H. Fowler	79 +1 80	Rev. G. Eden	107 16 91
† Mr. M. B. Castle...	93 8 85	Mr. F. J. Clark	111 18 93
‡ Mr. H. St. B. Goldsmith	102 16 86	Lieut. H. L. Bethune,	
Mr. G. M. Archdale	90 3 87	R.N.	112 18 94
Mr. J. T. Stephens	107 20 87	Rev. C. R. Blathwayt	114 18 96
Rev. T. Crump	94 6 88	Rev. A. Marwood-Elton	116 18 98
Mr. H. E. H. Kent	95 6 89	Rev. C. F. Benthall	116 18 98
Mr. C. R. Rodwell	98 7 91		
Dr. J. G. Harsant...	101 10 91		

* First prize. † Second prize. ‡ Third prize.

Eight players were over 100 net or made no returns.

Burnham v. Clifton:—

BURNHAM.		CLIFTON.	
Holes.	Holes.	Holes.	Holes.
Mr. W. H. Fowler	10	Mr. R. C. Carter	0
Mr. G. M. Archdale	8	Major Archdale	0
Rev. C. F. Montgomery	0	Mr. M. B. Castle	3
Rev. T. Crump	0	Capt. H. Broke	6
Mr. H. L. Foster	0	Mr. H. V. James	3
Mr. C. R. Rodwell	4	Mr. A. B. Reece	0
Mr. H. E. H. Kent	6	Mr. W. Macpherson	0
Mr. H. St. B. Goldsmith	0	Mr. L. C. Masterson	0
	28		12

Burnham won by 16 holes.

Wednesday, October 2nd. First prize, the Holt silver challenge cup (members only) and two-thirds of entrance-fees (open). Second prize, presented by the club. Third prize, one-third of entrance-fees.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
* Mr. J. P. Herringham	100 14 86	Rev. C. F. Montgomery	96 4 92
† Mr. J. H. Palmer	94 5 89	Rev. T. Crump	93 6 92
‡ Mr. C. R. Rodwell	97 7 90	Mr. G. Hayward	110 16 94
§ Mr. J. Gundry	99 8 91	Rev. C. R. Blathwayt	113 18 95
|| Mr. F. J. Clark	109 18 91	Mr. W. H. Fowler	93+4 97
¶ Mr. J. T. Stephens	111 20 91	Dr. J. G. Harsant	107 10 97
		Rev. G. Eden	113 16 97

* Two-thirds of entrance-fees. † Cup. ‡ Second prize. § Tied for third prize.

Burnham v. Minehead. Scores:—

BURNHAM.		MINEHEAD.	
Holes.	Holes.	Holes.	Holes.
Mr. G. M. Archdale	0	Mr. W. H. Fowler	4
Rev. C. F. Montgomery	2	Mr. O. T. Sadler	0
Rev. T. Crump	6	Mr. M. B. Castle	0
Mr. C. R. Rodwell	8	Rev. G. Eden	0
Mr. H. E. H. Kent	4	Rev. G. Utten-Todd	0
Mr. H. L. Foster	12	Mr. G. Hayward	0
	32		4

Burnham won by 28 holes.

Thursday, October 3rd.—First prize, presented by the club, value £5 (open). Second prize, two-thirds of entrance-fees (open). Third prize, one-third of entrance-fees (open). Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
* Rev. T. Crump	103 6 97	Mr. G. M. Archdale	113 3 110
† Rev. G. Eden	117 16 101	Mr. H. L. Foster	118 6 112
‡ Mr. F. H. Haviland	109 5 104	Mr. M. B. Castle	120 8 112
§ Rev. A. Marwood-Elton	122 18 104	Mr. W. M. Goodwyn	120 8 112
|| Mr. W. H. Fowler	103 +4 107	Rev. F. N. Smith	131 18 113
¶ Mr. T. Spencer	123 16 107	Capt. H. Broke	126 10 116
Rev. C. R. Blathwayt	126 18 108	Mr. O. T. Sadler	122 5 117
		Mr. C. R. Rodwell	124 6 118

* First prize. † Second prize. ‡ Divided third prize.

Seventeen players were over 120 net, or made no returns.

Burnham v. Portishead:—

BURNHAM.		PORTISHEAD.	
Holes.	Holes.	Holes.	Holes.
Mr. W. H. Fowler	11	Mr. M. B. Castle	0
Mr. G. M. Archdale	6	Mr. R. C. Carter	0
Mr. H. L. Foster	3	Capt. H. Broke	0
Rev. C. F. Montgomery	4	Mr. A. E. G. Way	0
Rev. T. Crump	0	Mr. T. Spencer	0
Mr. C. R. Rodwell	10	Mr. W. Jefferis	0
	34		0

Burnham won by 34 holes.

Friday, October 4th.—Foursome competition (open). First prize, two-thirds of entrance-fees and one dozen balls each. Second prize, one-third of entrance-fees. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Rev. A. Marwood-Elton and Mr. H. L. Foster (first prize)	97 12 85
Rev. G. Eden and Mr. H. St. B. Goldsmith (second prize)	105 16 89
Messrs. W. M. Goodwyn and H. E. H. Kent	105 7 98
Messrs. M. B. Castle and C. R. Rodwell	106 7 99
Dr. J. G. Harsant and Mr. F. H. Haviland	110 7½ 102½
Revs. F. N. Smith and C. R. Blathwayt	122 18 104
Major A. Wise and Canon Kennard	117 12 105
Rev. T. Crump and Mr. G. F. Slator	114 9½ 105½

Remaining players made no returns.

Saturday, October 5th.—Putting competition (open). First prize, presented by the club, Mr. H. L. Foster. Second prize, two-thirds of entrance-fees, Mr. C. R. Rodwell. Third prize, one-third of entrance-fees, Rev. T. Crump. Seventeen entries.

Burnham v. Weston-super-Mare. Scores:—

BURNHAM.		WESTON-SUPER-MARE.	
Holes.	Holes.	Holes.	Holes.
Mr. M. B. Castle	0	Dr. J. Wallace	2
Rev. C. F. Montgomery	3	Major Archdale	0
Rev. T. Crump	0	Mr. H. E. H. Kent	0
Mr. R. H. Thomas	0	Mr. R. E. L. Townsend	0
	3		2

Burnham won by 1 hole.

BUXTON AND HIGH PEAK GOLF CLUB.

In the "Bogey" competition of this club which has extended over July, August, and September, fifty-eight cards were taken out, and the following were the scores returned:—Mr. E. Bythway (11), 1 up; Mr. T. Firth (10), halved; Mr. H. E. Acklom (4), 1 down; Mr. W. A. Millner (6), 1 down; Mr. E. M. Owen (13), 1 down; Mr. C. Coventry (10), 2 down; Mr. R. W. Cory (14), 4 down; Mr. C. Jowett (7), 6 down; Mr. A. Coventry (15), 6 down; Major Carrington (10), 6 down. Mr. Bythway wins the cup, and Messrs. Firth, Acklom, Milner, and Owen divide entry money, Mr. Firth taking half.

CHESTERFORD PARK GOLF CLUB.

The competition for the gold medal took place on Saturday, September 28th, and Mr. G. Waterhouse proved an easy winner, with the following good score:—97, less 9=88. The ladies' gold medal was played for the same day, and won by Miss Nockolds—106, less 15=91.

COUNTY DOWN GOLF CLUB.

The annual competition for the Annesley challenge cup, presented by the late Countess Annesley, took place on Saturday, the 28th ult., at Newcastle, in weather more suggestive of the dog days than of the last days of September. The play was by holes (nine), under handicap, and resulted in a most popular win by Mr. George Combe, the captain of the club. Mr. Combe's win was most popular with every competitor, for not only does he make an excellent captain, but he is a thorough-going lover of the game in the highest sporting sense. In another sense the win was generally appreciated, as it served to justify the action of that usually much-abused body, the handicapping committee, who recently relegated Mr. Combe to the honourable position of playing from scratch. This stringent measure apparently has not crushed the captain's prize-winning tendencies, and the aforesaid committee have been compelled in his case to affix the foreign word "plus" to the solitary unit, which indicates the weight the captain has to carry in the future. There will no doubt be some consolation to Mr. Combe in the fact that he is the first Irishman who has been awarded the distinction of being plus 1 on an Irish green. The following is the result of the play:—

First round.—Mr. W. J. MacGeagh (4) beat Mr. R. B. Deake (9) by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. H. Shaw (scratch), beat Mr. M. Roberts (1) by 5 up and 4 to play; Mr. S. N. Brush (10) beat Mr. F. Hoey (5), absent; Mr. W. L. Stronge (7) beat Capt. Mosse (6) by 3 up and 2 to play.

Second round.—Mr. Claude Brownlow (5) beat Capt. W. R. Ritchie (8) by 2 up and 1 to play; Col. Cutbill (4) beat Mr. D. J. Lindsay (8) by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. W. J. Hurst (7) beat Mr. J. MacCormac (5), absent; Mr. F. Gordon (9) beat Mr. F. P. Gunning (9) by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. George Combe (scratch), beat Mr. James Hurst (8) by 1 up; Dr. Magill (5) beat Rev. D. Hadden (7) by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. H. Shaw (scratch), beat Mr. W. J. MacGeagh (4) by 3 up and 1 to play; Mr. W. L. Stronge (8) beat Mr. S. N. Brush (10) by 3 up and 1 to play.

Third round.—Col. Cutbill beat Mr. C. Brownlow by 3 up and 2 to play; Mr. F. Gordon beat Mr. W. J. Hurst, after a tie; Mr. G. Combe beat Dr. Magill, after a tie; Mr. W. L. Stronge beat Mr. H. Shaw by 3 up and 2 to play.

Semi-final.—Col. Cutbill beat Mr. F. Gordon, 1 up; Mr. George Combe beat Mr. W. L. Stronge, 1 up.

Final.—Mr. George Combe beat Col. Cutbill by 2 up.

Captain's prize.—The second qualifying competition for this prize also took place on Saturday. In the first class, for best gross score, Messrs. T. Dickson and W. J. McGeagh tied at 97. In the second class Mr. F. Hoey won with 100.

Monthly medal.—On the previous Saturday the monthly medal was played for, and resulted as follows. Scores under 100 net:—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
*Mr. S. Ferguson...	107	24	83	Mr. J. Taylor	110	24	86
Mr. R. H. McIl-				Mr. G. H. Clarke	124	30	94
waine ...	109	24	85	Capt. Mosse	119	24	95
Mr. F. Gordon	111	26	85	Mr. W. J. Hurst	117	20	97
Rev. D. Hadden	109	23	86				

* Winner.

Ladies' monthly medal.—This was played on Tuesday last over the long course, with the following result:—Miss L. Brush, 128, less 18=110 (winner); Miss Garratt, 125, less 12=113; Miss Magill, 125, less 8=117; Mrs. Cutbill, 170, less 30=140.

COVENTRY LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

On Thursday, October 3rd, the annual scratch competition took place for the ladies' Kenilworth silver challenge shield, open to all Warwickshire clubs, five of which entered. Coventry having won it last year, it was played for on their links, where it will remain for another year, as Miss N. Verrall won it with a score of 83. Good scoring was impossible, as rain and a very high wind prevailed all day. The following were some of the best scores sent in:—Miss N. Verrall, Coventry, 83; Mrs. O'Leary, Kenilworth, 87; Miss Verrall, Coventry, 89; Miss A. Tyrwhitt-Drake, North Warwick, 93; Mrs. E. Blackburne, Coventry, 93; Miss Darlington, Kenilworth, 96; Miss Dawkins, North Warwick, 97; Miss G. Jepson, Kenilworth, 99. Twenty-two made no return.

ELTHAM LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The members of the Ladies' Golf Club were fortunate in having perfect weather for their autumn meeting, which was held during the last week in September. The first three days were devoted to a single tournament, for which nineteen players entered. The first prize, a silver sweet-dish, was won by Miss E. E. Mocatta, and the second, a silver midget frame, by Miss W. Richardson.

First heats.—Mrs. Massey beat Mrs. Lord by 5 up and 4 to play; Miss W. Richardson beat Mrs. Penrose by 2 up and 1 to play; Miss Blenkiron beat Miss Knapping by 5 up and 3 to play.

Second heats.—Mrs. Archie Keen beat Mrs. Partington by 6 up and 5 to play; Mrs. Laird walked over, Mrs. Brown, scratched; Mrs. Athill beat Mrs. Brooksmith by 7 up and 6 to play; Miss W. Richardson beat Mrs. Massey by 8 up and 6 to play; Miss Blenkiron beat Mrs. Tasker by 3 up and 2 to play; Mrs. Andrews beat Mrs. Absalom by 7 up and 6 to play; Miss E. E. Mocatta beat Miss Richardson by 1 up; Miss A. Blexam beat Mrs. Sandford Smith by 3 up and 2 to play.

Third heats.—Mrs. Archie Keen beat Mrs. Laird by 6 up and 5 to play; Miss W. Richardson beat Mrs. Athill by 2 up and 1 to play; Mrs. Andrews beat Miss Blenkiron by 1 up; Miss Mocatta beat Miss A. Blexam by 2 up and 1 to play.

Fourth heats.—Miss W. Richardson beat Mrs. Archie Keen by 1 up; Miss E. E. Mocatta beat Mrs. Andrews at nineteenth hole.

Final.—Miss E. E. Mocatta beat Miss W. Richardson by 4 up and 3 to play.

A putting tournament was arranged for Tuesday morning, followed by a driving competition. The first was won by Miss Knapping, who beat Mrs. Athill in the final round. Mrs. Laird was the winner of the driving competition, with a good drive of 124 yards.

A prize was given for the best aggregate score made on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. The same scores also served for separate prizes on Thursday and Friday, and for the monthly medal on Saturday. Miss Fraser's prize on Thursday, for those having handicaps of 10 or under, was won by Mrs. Penrose; Mrs. Fraser's prize for handicaps over 10 was won by Mrs. Massey. Mrs. Andrews won Miss Knapping's prize for the best score on Friday, and Mrs. MacArthur was the winner of the monthly medal on Saturday.

	Hcp.	Net Scores.				Total.
		Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.		
Mrs. McArthur	10	74	74	65	213	
Mrs. Andrews	17-14	76	67	83	226	
Mrs. A. J. Brown	17	76	83	72	231	
Mrs. Penrose	3-2	72	81	79	232	
Mrs. Blenkiron	15	81	72	80	233	
Mrs. F. S. Ireland	9	80	81	73	234	
Miss Knapping	13	80	85	70	235	
Miss Richardson	6	75	83	79	237	
Mrs. Lord	8	84	78	76	238	
Mrs. Massey	14-13	74	87	77	238	
Miss Sheringham	12	76	83	81	240	
Miss A. Blexam	16-15	89	70	83	242	
Mrs. Athill	16	78	86	78	242	
Miss Mocatta	10	76	82	88	246	
Miss W. L. Richardson	9	82	84	86	252	
Miss C. Bean	16	93	90	77	260	
Miss W. Massey	24-22	94	79	89	262	
Mrs. Laird	6	87	94	92	273	
Mrs. Newton	20	89	90	96	275	
Mrs. Brooksmith	18	91	89	97	277	
Mrs. G. Spurling	14	82	—	—	—	
Mrs. Teesdale	20	84	88	—	—	
Miss E. Anderson	18	91	91	—	—	
Mrs. S. Smith	18	91	80	—	—	
Mrs. Edge Partington	18	94	83	—	—	
Mrs. Robert Whyte	15	—	73	87	—	
Mrs. Tasker	18	—	76	90	—	
Miss E. Kinder	16	—	—	83	—	
Miss D. Bean	18	—	—	84	—	

A prize was offered by Mrs. Mackern for the best scratch score made on either of these three days, this resulted in a tie between Mrs. Penrose and Mrs. McArthur, with the good score of 75.

FINCHLEY GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal and captain's prize competition played on October 5th:—

Gross.	Hcp.	Net.	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.		
Mr. H. B. Wimbush	87	7	80	Mr. J. Cleghorn	104	16	88
Mr. C. M. Bailhache	100	20	80	Mr. E. L. Milner-			
Mr. F. H. Swin-				Barry	94	5	89
stead	93	9	84	Mr. J. Hax...	99	10	89
Mr. A. F. Drew	95	11	84	Mr. A. MacGregor	100	11	89
Mr. J. M. McGregor	94	9	85	Mr. S. W. Tubbs	100	10	90
Mr. A. B. Smith	97	12	85	Mr. E. W. Nicholls	114	18	96

Others over 100 net or no return.

FOLKESTONE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal was played for on October 2nd under more favourable conditions for Golf than of late, as the ground was softer from the rain of the previous night, and the great heat of the last fortnight had abated. Mr. Jeffrey took the medal, as Mr. Cairns, who returned the best card, was not eligible to win it, and so took the first sweepstake only. The returns were as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. Cairns ...	89 8 81	Col. Jee ...	102 12 90
Mr. Jeffrey...	89 6 83	Col. Blake ...	103 13 90
Sir J. B. Edwards,		Rev. H. Wool ...	110 20 90
M.P. ...	93 8 85	Mr. E. T. Ward ...	107 16 91
Mr. Blackall ...	101 16 85	Mr. J. Walker ...	114 22 92
Mr. Toke ...	108 22 86	Capt. Tattersall ...	92 +1 93
Mr. Hirst ...	91 4 87	Col. Pison ...	114 20 94
Maj. Burton ...	99 12 87	Gen. Williams ...	116 20 96
Dr. T. Eastes ...	100 13 87	Mr. W. E. Marriott	119 22 97
Mr. A. C. Edwards	89 scr. 89	Sir W. Style, Bart.	119 20 99
Mr. E. F. Wood ...	101 12 89		

As, unfortunately, often occurs, the ladies' competition for the quarterly medal, on October 3rd, was not favoured by the weather. A strong south-west gale, with heavy rain, made good scoring in the morning most difficult, and, though the weather cleared in the afternoon, the wind continued strong. Miss Augusta Eccles, however, won the medal with a good score, which was all the more meritorious as it was made in the morning during the worst of the storm. The cards returned under 100 net were as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Miss Aug. Eccles ...	101 15 86	Miss Alice Eccles...	117 24 93
Mrs. Parker ...	107 16 91	Miss B. Wood ...	103 9 94
Miss Jeffery ...	113 22 91	Miss Starkie-Bence.	96 scr. 96
Mrs. Ward...	116 25 91	Miss L. Wood ...	120 22 98

FORFARSHIRE.

Monday, the 30th ult., being the annual autumn holiday in Montrose, the Golf course was crowded throughout the day. The Mercantile Club had a competition for money prizes given from the club funds, and in the three classes over seventy players entered. The prize for the lowest score on the green was won by Mr. J. G. Cobb, with 78. The other prize-winners were:—First Class—Mr. D. C. Clark, 86; Mr. William Middleton, 87; Mr. James Thow, 87—all 1 below registered number; Mr. W. A. Burgess, 85—at number; Mr. R. Cobb, 83; Mr. William Findlay, 86; Mr. J. P. Cook, 91—all 1 above; Mr. G. M. Smith, 82; Mr. William Jack, 87; Mr. J. C. Fairman, 88; Mr. William Forbes, 91—all 2 above; Mr. R. Winton, 83; Mr. James Hampton, 83, Mr. D. Burgess, 85; Mr. William Valentine, 86; Mr. A. Napier, 92—all 3 above; Mr. Wm. Gordon, 90; Mr. John Falconer, 91; Mr. Tom Robertson, 91—all 4 above; Mr. Alex. Patterson, 92; Mr. Andrew Wilson, 92; Mr. James Murray, 92; Mr. Wm. Clark, 94—all 5 above. Second Class—Mr. Alex. Graham, 92—4 below; Mr. John Clark (1), 90; Mr. James Caird, 98—each 2 below; Mr. George Smith, 99—at number; Mr. Wm. Nicol, 94; Mr. John Law, 95; Mr. E. Scott, 98; Mr. A. Rennie, 100—all 1 above; Mr. D. Bowick, 97—3 above; Mr. C. D. Napier, 100; Mr. A. Jack, 100—each 4 above; Mr. William Douglas, 97—5 above; Mr. J. Milne, 101—6 above; Mr. William Dickie, 98—7 above. Third Class—Mr. A. Strachan, 98—5 below; Mr. H. Brown, 101; Mr. J. Gordon, 101—each 4 below; Mr. Geo. Petrie, 104, and John Laing, 105—3 above; Mr. James Bowick, 109—5 above.

A match in foursomes of the Montrose Victoria Club was played over Montrose course between teams chosen by the president (Mr. J. R. Pullar) and the secretary (Mr. J. D. Simpson). There were eleven players a side. The secretary's team scored 13 holes to the President's 5.

The final tie in the Montrose Ladies' Club competition for the medal presented by Mr. George Paton, Mall House, was played off on the ladies' driving course on the 30th ult. The finalists were Miss Duncan and Miss Anna Woodward. The match was a close one, but Miss Woodward eventually won, and was the first to secure the medal, which is to be played for monthly on the new driving course during the season, the winners afterwards competing for a special prize.

The semi-final round in the Broughty Club cup tournament for the cup presented by Sir William Robertson has now been played. Both ties were very closely contested, Mr. David Wilson, allowing 3 or 4 strokes, only defeated Mr. Hugh McCulloch by 1 hole; while Mr. W. K. Lorimer obtained a similar victory over Mr. J. J. H. Henry. Messrs. Wilson and Lorimer meet next week to play the final.

The autumn meeting of the Montrose Royal Albert Club was held on the 3rd inst. The weather was very wet and boisterous, and there was not a large attendance of golfers. For the Albert medal the following players started:—Mr. W. M. Jameson Paton and Mr. William

Bouch; Mr. A. R. Duncan of Parkhill and Sunnyside, and Captain Boothby, St. Andrews; Mr. W. A. Key, Montrose, and Mr. W. Smith, Benholm Castle; Mr. R. C. H. Millar jun., of Rossie Castle, and Rev. T. A. Cameron, Farnell; Mr. A. R. Smith, Law of Craigo, and Mr. Cameron Morrison, Laurencekirk. The greens were very heavy on account of the rain, and the scoring was above the average. Rev. T. A. Cameron won the medal with the score of 86. The next best scorers were Mr. Bouch 87, and Mr. Cameron Morrison, 89.

GUILDFORD GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting was held on Merrow Downs, on Thursday and Saturday, October 3rd and 5th. On Thursday the weather was very wet, with a gale of wind blowing, which may account for the bad scores returned. Mr. E. S. Trouncer won the Duncan scratch medal with a score of 96, while the Bannatyne challenge cup, which is played for under handicap, fell to Mr. R. A. Oldham, with a net score of 89. The undermentioned list shows the net scores under 100:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. R. A. Oldham	105 16 89	Mr. R. Seymour ...	104 10 94
Mr. E. S. Trouncer	96 5 91	Mr. W. P. Trench...	105 10 95
Mr. W. H. DuBuisson	101 10 91	Mr. A. Owen ...	108 12 96
Mr. F. N. Harvey	102 10 92	Capt. Malcolmson ..	109 12 97
Mr. A. E. Harter ...	102 10 92	Lieut.-Col. Sykes ...	109 10 99
Rev. H. C. Gaye ...	97 4 93		

On Saturday the weather in the morning was good, but the late comers suffered from heavy rain. Mr. E. S. McEwen won the gold medal with the best gross score of 87; the same player tied with Mr. A. Owen for the captain's prize. The cup, lately presented to the club by Mr. Walter Carr, and awarded as a challenge prize for the best aggregate under handicap of the second half-rounds on the two days was carried off by Mr. W. H. DuBuisson. The aggregate prize fell to Mr. F. N. Harvey. Returns as under:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. E. S. McEwen	87 4 83	Mr. B. Howell ...	92 1 91
Mr. A. Owen ...	95 12 83	Mr. E. S. Trouncer	96 5 91
Mr. F. N. Harvey	94 10 84	Mr. W. H. DuBuisson	101 10 91
Mr. A. Chandler ...	96 11 85	Mr. B. E. Cammel	103 12 91
Lieut.-Col. Webster	104 13 86	Mr. C. J. Scott ...	109 18 91
Mr. R. B. Reid ...	97 10 87	Mr. C. H. Sapse ...	100 7 93
Rev. H. C. Gaye ...	92 4 88	Mr. R. Fr. derick ...	104 10 94
Mr. D. L. Poole ...	92 4 88	Mr. R. A. Oldham	107 12 95
Mr. W. Carr ...	90 1 89	Mr. H. L. Forbes...	99 3 96
Mr. W. P. Trench...	100 10 90	Mr. A. W. McDnell	111 14 97
Mr. J. C. Taylor ...	105 15 90	Mr. F. H. Beaumont	114 16 98

The course generally was in very good order, and much credit is due to David Pinkerton, the professional.

HARROGATE GOLF CLUB.

Nussey-Thom's Bowl—the concluding round for this prize was played on Saturday, October 5th. It was generally recognised that the return of 92, less 9=83, made by Mr. A. Swinburne in the first competition for the bowl, would require some beating, and so the result has proved; as the nearest approach was a net score of 87, made by Mr. Cook. The winner is entitled to hold the trophy for one year, whilst he receives a souvenir from the club. The best returns on Saturday were as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. E. B. Cook ...	97 10 87	Mr. C. Kitchen ...	115 18 97
Mr. R. E. Wood ...	106 16 90	Mr. D. Stuart ...	108 10 98
Mr. C. E. Prouger	101 10 91	Mr. J. M. Howson	117 18 99
Mr. C. R. Caird ...	109 14 95		

HEATON MOOR GOLF CLUB.

For some competition for Brooks' prizes.—The final was played off on Saturday last, before a fair number of spectators. The links were in good condition, but the weather bad—a drizzling rain falling all the afternoon. The play on the whole was good, very interesting, and at times exciting. The bold warriors were Messrs. Marsden and Guy against Messrs. Miniati and Raibleigh. The latter couple, who received a stroke at the fourth, seventh, thirteenth, and sixteenth holes, were, after praiseworthy play, 1 hole up at the end of the first round, nine holes. They won the next two, and then lost the four following holes, which left them 1 down at the fifteenth. The sixteenth hole was halved, thus leaving the contestants all even and 2 to play, which Mr. Miniati and his colleague won.

INNERLEVEN GOLF CLUB.

On Wednesday evening, Oct. 2nd, the members met in their club-house, Mr. T. C. Balfour presiding in the absence of the captain. The club again met on Thursday morning, when two new members were admitted. Immediately thereafter, eighteen couples started to compete for the

Chiene silver putter. At the close of the competition it was found that Mr. John Foggo had won the putter with a score of 85 strokes. The next best scores were—Mr. W. Norman Boase, 88; Dr. A. E. Watson, 88; Dr. A. F. Crole, 89; Rev. W. H. Gray, 91; Rev. Alexander N'Kenzie, 92; Dr. D. Wallace, 94. The sweepstakes were gained by Mr. John Foggo (scratch), 85; Rev. Alexander M'Kenzie, 92, less 6=86; Dr. A. F. Crole, 89, less 2=87; Mr. W. Norman Boase (scratch), 88; Dr. A. E. Watson (scratch), 88.

ISLE OF WIGHT LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting of this club was held last week. The weather, which had been so beautiful all through September, broke up here on the October 1st, and the gales and rain much interfered with the enjoyment of the members and good scoring.

On Wednesday, the 2nd, a medal play competition took place for a scratch prize presented by Mr. A. Forrester Brown. A gold scarf-ring, with the crest of the Royal Isle of Wight Golf Club set in crystal, which was won by Mrs. Latimer Le Marchant. The first handicap prize, a silver-mounted scoring-card holder presented by Misses Hilda and Evelyn Morton, was won by Mrs. F. W. Bush, and the second handicap prize, presented by the club, was won by Miss Jessie Gordon.

On the same day the annual general meeting was held, when the captain had the pleasure of announcing a very satisfactory state of affairs, the membership having increased, in spite of many inevitable resignations, from 85 to 101. The accounts also showed a comfortably increased balance. Mrs. Oglander, of Nunwell Park, was elected captain, and Miss Fane and Mr. M. Tabuteau, respectively hon. treasurer and hon. secretary. Mrs. W. F. Bush, Mrs. Tabuteau, and Mrs. E. H. Francis to the three vacancies arising on the committee under the rules of the club.

On Friday and Saturday, 4th and 5th, a mixed foursome tournament took place for a case containing six silver desert-spoons, presented by Miss Richards, and was won by Miss Henry and Mr. Tabuteau. Subjoined are the scores. October 2nd. Mrs. Le Marchant, scratch prize, 107 :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Mrs. F. W. Bush	125 36 89	Mrs. Sapte Blake ...	140 34 106
†Miss Jessie Gordon	109 16 93	Miss Knox ...	143 36 107
Miss Evelyn Morton	130 36 94	Miss Ethel Blake ...	143 36 107
Miss Helen Tabuteau	132 36 96	Miss Pigou ...	147 36 111
Mrs. Le Marchant...	107 10 97	Miss B. Thornycroft	155 36 119
Miss Henry...	109 9 100	Miss K. Tabuteau...	177 36 141
Miss Greenwood ...	140 36 104		

* First handicap prize and first sweepstake.

† Second handicap and second sweepstake.

Mrs. Bulkeley, Miss Ethel Tabuteau, and Miss N. Thornycroft made no returns.

October 3rd.—Mixed foursome tournament. First heat:—Mrs. Hamilton (29) and Major Hamilton (5), bye; Miss Cozens (36) and Mr. D. Knight (8) beat Miss Pigou (36) and Mr. C. Tabuteau (12); Miss E. Morton (36) and Mr. R. Barker (8), bye; Miss Henry (9) and Mr. Tabuteau (5), bye; Miss V. Browne (36) and Mr. Ashworth (8), bye; Miss H. Tabuteau (36) and Mr. A. Knight (12) beat Mrs. Bush (36) and Mr. Bush (12); Mrs. Le Marchant (10), and Mr. Le Marchant (9), bye; Mrs. S. Blake (34) and Major Gordon (8), beat Miss Jessie Gordon (16) and Rev. C. Shilson (4).

Second heat :—Mrs. Hamilton beat Miss Cozens; Miss Henry beat Miss E. Moreton; Miss V. Browne beat Miss H. Tabuteau; Mrs. Le Marchant beat Mrs. Blake.

Third heat :—Miss Henry beat Mrs. Hamilton; Mrs. Le Marchant beat Miss V. Browne.

Final :—Miss Henry beat Mrs. Le Marchant.

KENILWORTH GOLF CLUB.

Last week the lady members competed for a handsome silver clock (presented by Miss M. F. Verrall) in tournament under handicap.

First round (played Monday, September 23rd).—Miss Pope (15) beat Miss Middleton; Mrs. O'Leary beat Miss Howe (14); Miss Gem beat Miss Darlington; Miss Humphreys beat Mrs. Mayfield (8); Mrs. Smith-Turberville beat Miss Stead (18); Miss Jepson (9) beat Mrs. W. H. Mitchell. Mrs. Kemp Bourne and Mrs. Hornby, byes.

Second round (played Tuesday, September 24th).—Mrs. O'Leary beat Miss Pope (34); Miss Gem beat Miss Humphreys (11); Miss Jepson (9) beat Mrs. Smith-Turberville; Mrs. Kemp Bourne beat Mrs. Hornby (scratched).

Third round (played Wednesday, September 25th).—Miss Jepson (11) beat Miss Gem; Mrs. O'Leary beat Mrs. Kemp Bourne (25).

Final (played Thursday, September 26th).—Mrs. O'Leary beat Miss Jepson (11).

LEICESTERSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medals, played for October 3rd and 4th. Short-handi caps :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Mr. A. Lorrimer ...	95 9 86	Mr. Lorrimer ...	109 11 98
Mr. F. Ashwell ...	104 16 88	Mr. H. L. Goddard.	114 15 99
Mr. W. Whetstone .	102 12 90	Mr. B. W. Russell .	118 18 100

* Winner.

Many others over 100 net.

Long handicaps.—Mr. C. Pegg, 108, less 20=88 (winner); Mr. H. S. Elliott, 114, less 21=93; Mr. J. Goddard, 130, less 35=95; Mr. H. W. Reynolds, 119, less 20=99. Many others over 100 net.

LIMPSFIELD CHART GOLF CLUB.

The autumn handicap was played under the most disadvantageous circumstances of weather, on October 5th, for those unlucky wights who were compelled to go round in the afternoon. Continuous rain storms swept over the course, and the greens were sodden and slow. Mr. Ashley Gibbings—a gentleman far too leniently treated by the handicappers—sent in a card of 99, less 17=82, a creditable performance enough with the grass on the course so long and heavy. Albeit it was done in the morning, and Mr. Hughes' score of 91, made in the very teeth of the storm, deserves high praise even for a golfer of such experience and skill.

Autumn handicap and monthly medal, October 5th :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. Ashley Gibbings	99 17 82	Mr. W. E. Hughes	91 3 88
Mr. F. C. Streatfield	95 9 86	Mr. F. N. Streatfield	94 4 90
Mr. A. P. Bryson ...	107 20 87	Mr. A. S. Barnes ...	101 10 91

MACCLESFIELD GOLF CLUB.

The first monthly handicap competition for this season was played on Saturday. Result :—Mr. R. G. Brooke, 111, less 30=81; Mr. E. Budden, 113, less 25=88; Mr. A. Ramm, 102, less 10=92; Mr. W. Welsh, 122, less 26=96; Mr. M. H. Hall, 110, less 10=100.

MID-SURREY LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal competitions, played on Tuesday, October 1st. The following returns were made :—

Senior division (handicaps 1 to 18).—Mrs. Taunton-Collins, 99, less 15=84 (wins senior medal); Miss Agnes Roberts, 96, less 4=92; Mrs. Craven, 117, less 9=108.

Junior division (handicaps 18 to 30) :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Mrs. Hepburn ...	111 24 87	Mrs. A. Holford-	
Mrs. H. Chapman...	119 30 89	Gower ...	116 21 95
Mrs. Woodd ...	110 20 90	Mrs. H. Booth ...	117 20 97
Miss G. E. Roberts	112 20 92	Mrs. Coote...	120 22 98
Mrs. A. T. Marson...	121 27 94		

* Wins junior medal.

Others over 100 net, or no returns.

NEASDEN GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, September 28th. Senior :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. A. L. Foley ...	81 5 76	Mr. F. W. Watts ...	91 9 82
Mr. S. M. Dent ...	93 12 81	Mr. G. G. Smith ...	83 scr. 83
Dr. E. Lewis ...	92 11 81	Mr. C. A. Barton ...	98 12 86
Mr. A. H. Beard ...	93 11 82		

Junior :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. S. Haward ...	99 22 77	Mr. T. H. Lewis ...	103 18 85
Mr. W. J. Grierson	93 15 78	Mr. T. Thomson ...	101 15 86
Mr. E. R. Lodder...	95 16 79	Mr. W. H. Fassett	109 22 87
Mr. F. D. Davy ...	105 25 80	Mr. L. Wildy ...	116 25 91
Mr. W. Rushworth	107 25 82	Mr. J. A. Limebeer	115 23 92
Mr. G. H. Boyce ...	101 18 83	Mr. E. Moore ..	121 22 99
Mr. J. C. Monsell	104 20 84		

PETERBOROUGH GORDON GOLF CLUB.

First monthly gold medal competition, handicap, Thursday, September 26th :—Rev. T. Ward, 90, less 2=88; Mr. W. H. Sharpe, 107, less 7=100; Mr. M. V. English, 121, less 14=107; Mr. F. Bower, 125, less 16=109; Rev. A. F. Masken, 139, less 25=114; Mr. H. J. Amies, 131, less 16=115; Mr. E. H. English, 141, less 18=123.

PORTHCAWL GOLF CLUB.

Autumn meeting, September 27th and 28th. The following are the corrected scores of the winners in the competitions played off on Friday and Saturday in connection with the autumn meeting of the Porthcawl Golf Club. It should be stated that the Ebsworth and Wyndham-Quin cups were played for the first time, and were made by Mr. Maton, Queen Street, Cardiff.

The Morgan cup, value £20.—Winner, Mr. J. E. Williams, 42, 42=84, less 9=75; second, Mr. J. F. F. Common, 50, 44=94, less 16=78; third, Mr. F. Mason, 47, 43=90, less 11=79.

The Ebsworth cup, value £25, for handicaps of 17 and under:—Winner, Mr. J. F. F. Common, 46, 45=91, less 16=75; second, Mr. S. Earle, 48, 45=93, less 15=78; third, Mr. H. Flower, 48, 48=96, less 15=81.

The Wyndham-Quin cup, value £10 10s., for handicaps of 18 and over.—Winner, J. F. R. Rainforth, 52, 49=101, less 20=81; second Mr. J. G. Thomas, 49, 57=106, less 20=86; third, Dr. S. Wallace, 55, 56=111, less 24=87.

Open single handicap.—First prize, J. F. F. Common, 46, 49=95, less 16=79; second prize, Mr. H. W. Vivian, 46, 45=91, less 10=81; Mr. H. Flower, 48, 48=96, less 15=81; and Mr. P. Hagarty, 47, 44=91, less 10=81 (equal).

Open foursome handicap.—First prize, Messrs. C. Ward and J. Hunter, 47, 44=91, less 8=83; second prize, Messrs. F. Bond and E. Brefit, 50, 54=104, less 20=84.

Prizes for the best gross scores.—First class, Mr. J. E. Williams; second class, Mr. J. F. R. Rainforth.

PRESTWICK GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting of the Prestwick Golf Club was held on Thursday October 3rd, under unfavourable weather auspices, rain falling almost continuously during the competition, making the putting-greens somewhat dull, and limiting the number of players. At this meeting the Eglinton gold medal is competed for at scratch, and the St. Andrew's cross under handicap, and for these honours thirty couples started in the usual medal round of eighteen holes, being despatched in the following order by Mr. C. Hunter:—Messrs. R. J. McMillan and J. W. Glen, Messrs. G. R. Fleming and A. W. Evans, Mr. D. D. Whigham and Col. Hastings Anderson, Messrs. D. W. Kidston and R. B. Bryce, Messrs. A. Rintoul and J. Muirhead, Mr. A. Birrell and Lieut. C. H. Carter, Messrs. C. Thomson and J. McNeill, Messrs. J. H. Wilson and T. R. Lamb, Messrs. G. H. Grant and C. E. Grant, Rev. J. R. Macdonald and Mr. W. F. Orr, Messrs. J. A. Neilson and E. D. Prothero, Messrs. J. Harvey and G. W. Richardson, Lieut.-Col. H. Cranford and Capt. H. Crawford, Mr. W. S. Wilson and Col. J. L. Stewart, Messrs. W. H. Dunlop and J. C. H. Dunlop, Messrs. A. W. Coats and J. E. Orr, Messrs. R. Niven and J. T. Goudie, Messrs. W. N. Scott and A. R. Paterson, Messrs. C. K. Aitken and H. Moncrieff, Messrs. Henry Aitken and R. D. J. N. Austin, Messrs. F. P. Smith and W. J. Pollok, Col. Logan and Neil Robson, Mr. T. S. Cree and Dr. J. Highet, Rev. J. Sime and G. Davidson, Messrs. T. Anderson and J. S. Carrick, Messrs. R. Cassells and G. W. Younger, Messrs. J. O. Fairlie and R. N. Fairlie, Mr. C. Kinnard and Rev. W. T. Houldsworth, Mr. Walter Neilson and Col. D. A. Vincent, Messrs. Dundas Hamilton and W. McLellan. The cards showed that the medal had fallen to Mr. E. D. Prothero with the scratch score of 83, made up thus:—Out, 5 2 5 5 3 4 4 4 6=38; in, 5 4 5 6 5 6 4 6 4=45; total, 83. The other best scratch scores were those of Mr. T. Anderson, 85:—Out, 6 4 5 5 3 5 4 6=43; in, 5 5 5 4 4 6 5 4 4=42; total, 85. Mr. J. O. Fairlie, 85:—Out, 6 4 5 4 3 5 4 5 7=43; in, 6 4 4 5 5 4 4 6 4=42; total, 85. The St. Andrew's cross fell to Mr. G. W. Younger at 82, with 10 of odds. The first sweepstake fell to Mr. Younger, and the second and third tied for at 85 by Mr. Prothero, Mr. Anderson, Col. Vincent, and Mr. A. M. Coats. The following are the principal scores:—Mr. E. D. Prothero (scratch), 83; Mr. G. W. Younger, 92, less 14=82; Mr. T. Anderson (scratch), 85; Mr. J. O. Fairlie (scratch), 85; Mr. A. M. Coats, 91, less 6=85; Mr. T. R. Lamb, 90, less 4=86; Mr. H. Moncrieff, 90, less 4=86; Mr. J. T. Goudie, 97, less 9=88; Mr. J. W. Glen, 94, less 5=89; Mr. R. Niven, 101, less 12=89; Mr. J. Harvey, 96, less 7=89; Mr. G. H. Grant, 95, less 6=89; Mr. F. P. Smith, 100, less 10=90; Rev. J. R. Macdonald, 99, less 9=90.

PRINCES LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The October medal was played by Princes Ladies' Golf Club, at Mitcham, on Wednesday, October 2nd, with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Miss Pascoe ...	75 scr. 75	Miss Rutter ...	91 10 81
Mrs. Harry Wilcock ...	80 5 75	Miss Aston ...	99 13 86
Mrs. Lawrell ...	87 12 75	Miss L. Margetson ...	111 18 93
Miss Hassard Short ...	87 6 81	Miss Homersham ...	109 14 95

There were sixteen entries.

RAYNES PARK GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, October 5th. First division:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. N. R. Foster ...	79 +2 81	Mr. S. G. W. Adams	96 8 88
Mr. L. W. Rolleston ...	97 15 82	Mr. T. G. Harkness	98 9 89
Mr. H. Martin ...	100 16 84	Mr. T. E. Limmer	107 18 89
Mr. W. H. Glanville ...	101 16 85	Mr. N. Prentice ...	101 8 93
Mr. L. G. Leslie ...	103 18 85	Mr. H. C. Archer ...	111 16 95
Mr. G. Winslow ...	101 15 86	Mr. H. R. Morrison	107 10 97
Mr. W. S. de Mattos	92 6 86	Mr. S. G. Parsons ...	113 16 97
		Mr. B. H. M. Smith	111 13 98

Second division.—Winner, Mr. S. Sharp, 105, less 20=85.

Mr. N. R. Foster's excellent round of 79, plus 2, was enhanced by the fact of its being played in the afternoon, when it was very wet.

REDHILL AND REIGATE GOLF CLUB.

The usual competition against "Bogey" for the Club monthly medal took place at Earlswood on Saturday, October 5th. The morning players had the best of the weather. The scores returned were:—Mr. A. H. Lloyd (18), 1 up; Col. J. Freeland (17), all even; Rev. J. H. Bland (12), 1 down; Rev. R. J. Woodhouse (9), 2 down; Mr. J. F. Gordon (7), 3 down; Mr. A. H. Allen (22), 3 down; Mr. J. S. Miller (14), 4 down; Mr. W. H. J. B. Joyce (18), 4 down; Mr. G. H. Emmett (10), 5 down; Mr. W. J. Dyer (15), 5 down; Mr. P. Riddoch (27), 7 down; Mr. W. B. Avery (13), 8 down.

ROYAL BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB.

At Blackheath on Tuesday, October 1st, in fine and warm weather, the members of the Royal Club (to the number of thirty-four) competed for the Penn cup, the Glennie medal, and the monthly medal. Mr. F. W. S. Le Lièvre was the winner of the Penn cup and monthly medal, while the Glennie medal (scratch) fell to Mr. F. S. Ireland. Four members made no return.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Mr. F. W. S. Le Lièvre ...	119 9 110	Mr. W. E. Hughes	128 7 121
Mr. W. Murray ...	135 24 111	Mr. W. J. Dyer ...	137 16 121
Mr. J. G. Gibson ...	114 2 112	Mr. J. H. W. Davies	146 25 121
Mr. S. Castle ...	130 18 112	Mr. D. Christopher-son ...	146 25 121
Mr. W. O. S. Pell ...	114 scr. 114	Mr. E. W. Sampson	138 16 122
Mr. F. S. Sawyer ...	124 9 115	Mr. G. W. Smyth ...	141 19 122
Mr. W. C. Johnson	140 25 115	Mr. W. R. M. Glasier ...	154 31 123
Mr. R. Winch ...	130 14 116	Mr. W. Morris ...	137 13 124
†Mr. F. S. Ireland ...	112 +5 117	Rev. J. H. Ellis ...	139 14 125
Mr. G. Spurling ...	130 13 117	Mr. C. B. Lindsay ...	142 17 125
Mr. C. Bell ...	135 18 117	Mr. H. C. Burton ...	143 15 128
Mr. A. Schacht ...	116 +2 118	Mr. J. H. Mosley ...	147 19 128
Surgeon Lieut.-Col. Staples ...	132 14 118	Mr. G. O. Jacob ...	145 16 129
Mr. W. H. M. Christie ...	143 25 118	Mr. A. M. White ...	160 30 130
Mr. R. Whyte ...	122 3 119	Mr. J. E. Crickmer	152 21 131

* Winner of Penn cup and monthly medal.
† Winner of Glennie medal (scratch).

ROYAL EPPING FOREST GOLF CLUB.

The winners of the monthly medals during the year competed for the captain's prize on Saturday, October 5th, with the following result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. R. J. Pinney ...	88 8 80	Mr. H. E. Fisher ...	92 7 85
Mr. Sidney Kemp ...	86 4 82	Mr. R. Oxenham ...	100 14 86
Dr. J. D. Cruickshank ...	91 9 82	Mr. J. W. James ...	97 9 88
Mr. Alfred Kemp ...	89 6 83	Mr. A. W. Good ...	100 9 91
		Mr. W. Lush ...	101 10 91

Besides winning the captain's prize, Mr. Pinney becomes holder of the Gordon challenge cup for the year.

ROYAL ISLE OF WIGHT GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting of this club commenced on October 1st in brilliant weather, when Capt. Corse-Scott took the scratch prize (Tottenham gold medal) with a score of 91. The first club handicap prize also went to him, Major Hamilton taking the second club prize with a net score of 90. The following are the scores:—

Gross Hcp. Net.		Gross Hcp. Net.	
Capt. Corse-Scott ...	91 2 89	Mr. F. Harcastle ...	108 14 94
Major Hamilton ...	100 10 90	Rev. C. Shilson ...	106 8 98
Mr. Davenport Knight ...	106 15 91	Mr. F. Johnson ...	111 12 99

The remainder were either over 100, or made no returns.

In the foursome tournament, on October 3rd, the Rev. C. Shilson, Mr. Latimer, Mr. Le Marchant, Major Gordon, and Mr. Davenport Knight, ultimately played off the final, when the two former became the winners at the eighteenth hole with 2 up.

ROYAL WINCHESTER GOLF CLUB.

Scratch competition for the Moss shield, October 1st:—Mr. E. H. Buckland, 85; Rev. J. T. Bramston, Mr. H. C. Steel, Mr. H. C. Gore Browne, and Mr. C. C. Cave, 97.

Handicap competition for Northesk bowl, October 2nd:—

Table with 4 columns: Name, Gross Hcp. Net., Name, Gross Hcp. Net. listing players like Rev. W. M. Merry, Mr. H. Gore Browne, etc.

Monthly medal, October 3rd:—

Table with 4 columns: Name, Gross Hcp. Net., Name, Gross Hcp. Net. listing players like Rev. J. T. Bramston, Rev. W. P. Smith, etc.

SOUTHPORT GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting of the Southport Golf Club took place on the links at Churchtown on Saturday in very unfavourable weather. In the morning it was squally with some showers, while in the afternoon rain fell incessantly from shortly after one o'clock. Notwithstanding this, sixty-three members competed for the valuable prizes offered. The Pilkington scratch medal and memento was won by Mr. G. F. Smith with a score of 84. The president's handicap prize, one round, open also to the members of the Birkdale club, was won by Mr. F. W. H. Campbell with the net score of 81; the Southport members' scores in this competition were reckoned also in the competition for the captain's prize, two rounds in which Mr. F. D. Irvin was successful with a net score of 165. Mr. Campbell, the runner-up in the captain's prize, took the entrance-fee and also the first sweepstakes, the second sweepstakes being taken by Mr. W. J. Stewart, and the third by Mr. F. D. Irvin. Scores. President's handicap prize:—

Table with 4 columns: Name, Gross Hcp. Net., Name, Gross Hcp. Net. listing players like Mr. F. W. H. Campbell, Mr. J. S. Remer, etc.

Other players were over 100 net, or made no return.

Captain's prize.—

Table with 4 columns: Name, Gross Hcp. Net., Name, Gross Hcp. Net. listing players like Mr. F. D. Irvine, Mr. F. W. H. Campbell, etc.

SCARBOROUGH GOLF CLUB.

The second annual competition for the Beefarth challenge cup was completed last week by match play, when Mr. Broadwood, the previous holder, again won the cup. The result of the draws was as follows:—

Mr. H. Lesley beat Dr. Taylor by 3 up and 1 to play; Mr. A. D. Hill beat Mr. L. P. Edwards by 1 up, after a tie; Mr. C. G. Broadwood beat Mr. W. M. Barwick by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. F. Bedwell beat Capt. Freeth by 1 up, after a tie. Mr. Wood Taylor a bye.

In the second round, Mr. C. G. Broadwood beat Mr. F. Bedwell by 6 up and 5 to play; Mr. Hill beat Mr. Wood Taylor by 5 up and 4 to play; Mr. Lesley a bye; Mr. Broadwood beat Mr. Lesley by 5 up and 3 to play; Mr. Hill a bye; Mr. Broadwood beat Mr. Hill by 4 up and 2 to play.

The ladies' monthly medal competition, played on September 28th, was won by Miss Mackie, 78, less 7=71.

TIMPERLEY GOLF CLUB.

The ladies' monthly medal competition was played on Friday last, and resulted as follows. First class:—Miss James, 62, less 17=45; Miss Bell, 63, less 15=48; Miss J. Thompson, 70, less 19=51; Miss M. Taylor, 72, less 14=58. Second class.—Mrs. Fletcher, 69, less 8=61; Miss M. Redfern, 86, less 12=74; Miss Taylor, 85, less 6=79.

TOOTING BEC GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, October 5th:—

Table with 4 columns: Name, Gross Hcp. Net., Name, Gross Hcp. Net. listing players like Mr. C. H. Dorman, Mr. F. W. Leaf, etc.

Seventy members started.

TRAFFORD GOLF CLUB.

The opening of this club took place on Saturday last for the winter season. It was a great success, so far as the ladies and afternoon tea were concerned, but Golf in such tropical heat was almost impossible. About twenty members, however, risked sunstroke. Good cars were scarce. The course is a nine-hole one, a mile and a-half round, with a few rail fences. At present the turf is old meadow land, grazed with sheep. The links are within three miles of the Manchester Exchange, with train and tram service close at hand. The following were the cards under 100 net:—Mr. F. Wilkinson, 108, less 14=94; Mr. S. B. Graves, 100, less 4=96; Rev. H. H. Brayshaw, 99, less 2=97; Mr. R. Bennett, 110, less 12=98.

WALLASEY GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting of the Wallasey Golf Club took place on Wednesday, October 2nd, on their links at Wallasey. The weather was oppressive, with a thunderstorm late in the afternoon. Some twenty-eight couples started, and the result was that Mr. F. H. Pickworth won the scratch medal presented by Mr. James Cullen with 88. Mr. F. B. Salmon won the first handicap prize with 56, less 14=82. The second was won by Mr. W. S. Patterson, 95, less 12=84. The prize presented by R. Kirk, the club professional, was won by Mr. J. S. Graham. The first sweepstake was won by Mr. W. S. Patterson, the second by Mr. J. S. Graham, and the third by Mr. F. H. Pickworth. The following were the best scores returned:—

Table with 4 columns: Name, Gross Hcp. Net., Name, Gross Hcp. Net. listing players like Mr. F. B. Salmon, Mr. W. S. Patterson, etc.

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WARWICKSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition for the club cup was played on Saturday, September 28th, in fine golfing weather, the course being in first-rate order for play. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Rev. J. Adams ...	101 19 82	Hon. and Rev. R. C. Moncreiff ...	91 4 87
Hon. and Rev. W. R. Verney ...	97 13 84	Mr. H. F. Thursby ...	102 15 87
Mr. H. T. Hickman ...	96 10 86	Dr. Hicks ...	120 20 100

The remainder over 100 net, or no return.
The "Bogey" winner for September proved to be Mr. W. H. Abell (14), 1 up to "Bogey."

The autumn tournament for the Graham-Savile challenge cups was held last week, with the following result:—

First round.—The Hon. R. H. Lytton and Mr. H. F. Thursby (3) beat the Hon. and Rev. R. C. Moncreiff and Mr. W. J. Burman by 5 up and 4 to play. Messrs. T. Latham and J. A. F. Moncreiff had byes.

Second round.—Messrs. Latham and Moncreiff (scratch), beat the Hon. and Rev. R. C. Moncreiff and Mr. Burman by 5 up and 4 to play, after a tie.

The winners then challenged the holders of the cups, Messrs. M. T. Brown and C. G. Graham, whom they played level, and defeated by 1 hole.

The course promises to be in splendid condition for the autumn meeting, which takes place on October 16th, and three following days, and for which all the best players in the club are expected to put in an appearance.

WEST DORSET GOLF CLUB.

October 5th.—Monthly medal, played in high wind:—Rev. St. J. Methuen, 100, less 16=84; Rev. G. Wickham, 108, less 19=89; Mr. R. F. Jones, 120, less 20=99; Rev. F. W. Crick, 114, less 18=96; Mr. J. Escombe, 119, less 21=98.

WEST LANCASHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The last of the monthly competitions was played over the links at Hall Road on Saturday, September 28th, and resulted in a win for Mr. O. Dobell with 92, less 10=82.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. O. Dobell ...	92 10 82	Mr. R. Kerr-Waddell ...	102 10 92
Mr. J. A. Beausire ...	98 14 84	Mr. W. B. Sproule ...	108 15 93
Mr. D. H. Greenwood ...	88 1 87	Mr. T. Henderson ...	101 8 93
Mr. P. Dobell ...	91 3 88	Capt. Chamier ...	95 1 94
Dr. A. Fisher ...	94 6 88	Mr. M. Rollo ...	100 5 95
Mr. A. K. Fernie ...	106 18 88	Mr. H. F. Fernie ...	108 13 95
Mr. J. E. Pearson ...	90 1 89	Mr. E. Cook ...	109 14 95
Rev. C. de B. Winslow ...	107 18 89	Mr. W. F. Barrell ...	109 13 96
Mr. W. Potter ...	90 scr. 90	Mr. W. R. Gardner ...	112 16 96
Mr. G. A. Thomson ...	105 15 90	Lieut. J. Cox ...	116 20 96
Mr. O. Blundell ...	97 6 91	Mr. W. Revis ...	109 12 97
Mr. E. Evans, jun. ...	101 10 91	Mr. G. Durandu ...	107 9 98

Sweepstakes:—Mr. D. H. Greenwood, first; Mr. W. Potter, second; Messrs. O. Blundell and E. Evans, jun., divided third.

Dull, cold, and rainy weather on Saturday greeted the six players who had registered wins for the monthly optional subscription prize, and who competed, under special handicap, for actual possession. Mr. W. Buckley, 105, less 14=91 proved the winner, the other five cards reading:—Mr. O. Dobell, 98 less 6=92; Mr. J. G. Thompson, 106, less 11=95; Rev. D. G. F. Smith, 109, less 10=99; Mr. T. R. Henderson, 100 (scratch), and H. F. Fernie, 113, less 13=100. Mr. Thompson won the day prize.

The four-ome tournament for a prize given by the president of the club (Mr. W. J. Blundell) has been advanced to the fifth stage in which Messrs. Pearson and Greenwood will play Messrs. Luzmore and Fowler, while Captain Chamier and Mr. H. J. Chisholm play Messrs. Harold Hilton and A. Chisholm.

WEST MIDDLESEX GOLF CLUB.

The R. dford challenge gold medal, Saturday, October 5th:—Mr. F. Carver (4), 1 up; Mr. W. F. Currey (4), 1 up; Dr. C. S. Murray (11), 1 up; Mr. E. B. Ellington (14), 1 up; Mr. S. W. Smith (5),

halved; Mr. F. B. Becker (9), 1 down; Mr. H. Francis (12), 1 down; Mr. J. R. P. Phillips (12), 1 down; Mr. E. Farr (9), 2 down; Mr. J. Sanderson (14), 2 down; Mr. E. Bradley-Hunt (1), 5 down; Mr. Clifford Gibbons (6), 5 down; Mr. Hal Ludlow (4), 6 down; Mr. J. Hardie (17), 6 down; Mr. A. G. Low (16), 9 down; Mr. J. Moody Stuart (16), 10 down.

Not entered for the "Radford":—Mr. A. Hart (11), 2 down; Mr. T. Ballantine (13), 2 down; Mr. F. E. Ward (20), 2 down; Mr. W. Grindlay (18), 3 down; Mr. J. W. Hart (17), 5 down; Mr. W. G. Greig (9), 6 down; Mr. J. Turner (20), 8 down; Mr. F. D. Williams (17), 10 down.

No return from twenty other players.

WINDERMERE GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday last, the 28th inst., the gentlemen's sixth and last monthly medal competition of the season took place over a course of one round (eighteen holes). The competition was under handicap, and ten competitors entered the contest. Beautiful summer weather had been enjoyed at Windermere during the previous two or three weeks, and on Saturday last, after a dewy and misty morning, the sun again broke out in a cloudless sky, making the district look most lovely. Without a breath of wind, however, the heat in the afternoon became very excessive, and a walk round the links under such a brilliant sun must have been an exertion in itself, to say nothing of playing the game. Mr. G. H. Briggs, with 88, less 9=79, won the memento, but he having previously qualified for the final, the next two in order of merit took places in respect of Saturday's competition. Rev. J. McCowan, with 90, less 10=80, gained a place, and Mr. J. M. Sladen and Rev. R. M. Samson, having tied for the next place with net scores of 83, will play off to decide which shall play in the final. The following are the scores of the cards returned:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. G. H. Briggs ...	88 9 79	Mr. V. Jones ...	100 16 84
Rev. J. McCowan ...	90 10 80	Col. Liston ...	100 13 87
Mr. J. M. Sladen ...	95 12 83	Dr. Parker ...	102 12 90
Rev. R. M. Samson ...	96 13 83		

Messrs. J. T. Bowness, N. Green, and C. J. Cropper, made no returns.

The final medal competition for the captain's (Mr. C. Telford Smith) prize, a silver cigarette-box, value £6 6s., was played on Saturday, October 5th, under handicap, over a course of two rounds (thirty-six holes). Eight out of the twelve qualifying members competed, but, owing to the tremendous downpour of rain during the week, the links were very heavy, and on Saturday much rain fell, marring the pleasure of the competition. Taking the above facts into account, the scores of the first three competitors, particularly those of the Rev. J. McCowan and Mr. A. R. Sladen, were capital, and the competition, which resulted in a close finish, merited the character of a "final." Considering the advanced age of the Rev. J. McCowan, his return of 89 for the first round—viz., 5 7 4 5 4 4 6 4 4=43, out, and 5 7 4 4 5 5 6 5=46, home; and 90 for the second—viz., 7 4 3 6 5 3 6 6 4=44, out, and 4 5 5 4 4 7 5 6 6=46, home—were wonderful achievements, testifying to his strong and steady play under exceptional disadvantages of bad weather, and he is to be congratulated upon his victory. Mr. A. R. Sladen, who was the virtual scratch, displayed an excellent performance of Golf. The record gross score in competition by members of this club is 82, and Mr. Sladen, notwithstanding having to contend against heavy odds, viz., a drenched and heavy course, and showers during play, went round in the morning in 84—viz., 5 5 6 4 5 6 6 4 4=45, out, and 6 4 4 3 4 4 5 6 3=39, home; and in the afternoon he completed his second round in 85—viz., 5 4 5 5 6 5 5 4 4=43, out, and 4 4 4 4 5 6 6 3=42, home, his total net only being 2 strokes behind the winner. After the competition the captain presented the Rev. J. McCowan with the prize, congratulating him upon his success. The following table gives the scores:—

	Rounds		Gross Hcp.	Net.
	1st.	2nd.		
Rev. J. McCowan ...	89	90	179	18 161
Mr. A. R. Sladen ...	84	85	169	6 163
Mr. G. Wordsworth ...	93	90	183	12 171
Mr. A. Tucker ...	92	95	187	10 177
Mr. C. Dunn ...	89	106	195	14 181

Messrs. G. H. Briggs, J. M. Sladen, and N. Green made no returns.

WILLESDEN GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting of this club was held on Saturday, September 28th, when a fair number of players competed for the several prizes offered. Mr. H. Higgs won the short handicap prize with 81, less 11 = 77, and Mr. H. Bell, the long handicap, with 96, less 25 = 71. The prize for the best score for the first nine holes was tied for by Mr. C. B. Handyside and Mr. D. McFarlane, while that for the second nine holes fell to Mr. C. J. Simpson. The consolation prize resulted in a tie between Mr. Franklin Ross and Mr. F. Chase with scores of 74, plus 7 = 81, and 97, less 16 = 81 respectively. Returns:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. H. Bell ...	96	25	71	Mr. F. Dewar ...	115	30	85
Mr. H. Higgs ...	88	11	77	Mr. M. Hardie ...	102	15	87
Mr. C. J. Simpson ...	87	9	78	Mr. Langham Carter ...	103	16	87
Mr. Franklin Ross ...	74	+7	81	Mr. W. F. Mapleston ...	95	6	89
Mr. F. Chase ...	97	16	81	Mr. D. J. Davis ...	102	12	90
Mr. C. B. Handyside ...	91	9	82	Mr. S. R. Davie ...	108	18	90
Mr. D. McFarlane ...	109	27	82	Mr. G. M. Mackness ...	117	27	90
Mr. J. Rawlings ...	98	13	85	Mr. J. Hardie ...	117	22	95

Others over 100 or no returns.

WOODFORD GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, October 5th. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. A. Rankine ...	102	18	84	Mr. J. W. M. Guy ...	103	9	94
Mr. W. Kemsley ...	100	8	92	Mr. S. Glanfield ...	116	18	98
Mr. E. McArthur ...	99	6	93	Mr. C. J. Glanfield ...	116	17	99
Mr. H. E. Kaye ...	105	12	93	Mr. R. H. Glanfield ...	112	12	100

Twenty-four entries. Continuous rain all the afternoon.

WORCESTERSHIRE GOLF CLUB.

The monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, October 2nd. The day was cold and the wind high. The sudden change in the weather seems to have affected many of the players, as only a few of the returns can be considered as good. Messrs. Burrow and Horn tied for the senior medal and the monthly cup, Mr. Meats won the junior medal, and Mr. Toppin the "Bogey" prize, defeating the invisible antagonist by 2 up. Scores as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. F. A. Horn ...	83	2	81	Rev. W. C. Wells ...	99	12	87
Mr. F. R. Burrow ...	87	6	81	Mr. C. E. Moilliet ...	102	15	87
Mr. C. Toppin ...	81	+1	82	Mr. G. W. Blathwayt ...	90	scr.	90
Mr. G. A. Jones ...	86	4	82	Mr. A. S. Archdale ...	91	1	90
Rev. M. Woodward ...	95	12	83	Mr. F. Cobbett ...	102	12	90
Mr. H. Meats ...	99	14	85	Rev. H. M. Faber ...	95	4	91
Rev. H. Foster ...	85	+1	86	Mr. H. H. House ...	99	8	91
Mr. R. H. C. Nevile ...	96	10	86	Mr. W. C. Perry ...	99	8	91

CARLISLE AND SILLOTH GOLF CLUB.—On Saturday, September 28th, Hugh Kirkaldy, the well-known St. Andrews professional, played over the nine-hole course at Dalston. He negotiated the round in 33, thus establishing a record for the green. The figures were:—4 4 4 5 5 3 3 2 3 = 33.

MARPLE GOLF CLUB.—The ladies' monthly competition took place September 30th. Mr. Hamilton, returning the lowest net score, put in a second win for the captain's prize.

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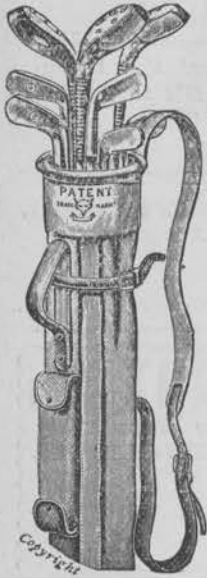


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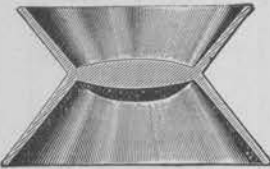
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