

a handsome cup to Mr J. A. Tapper, whose bridle dog Brandy won the Challenge Stakes. Mr Coombes was accorded three hearty cheers on making the presentation. The slipping of Mr D. Brennan was very good throughout, while all the other arrangements were successfully carried out by Messrs H. H. Hurr, J. O. Eviatt and M. Foley. The following are the results:—

GREAT NORTHERN CHALLENGE STAKES.—Winner, £13; runner-up, £4 10s. (A handsome cup, presented by the judge, Mr F. W. Coombes, will be given to the winner of the above stake).

Mr J. A. Tapper's brdl d Brandy, by Stormfiend—Dora B., beat Mr T. Dunford's (ns) blk and wh d Gaittee More III.

Mr G. W. Stevens' wh and brdl d The Gift, by Stormfiend—Cerito, beat Mr C. Whitten's f d Blucher.

Mr S. Mack's blk and wh d Garfield, by Newport—Little Mary, beat Mr A. W. Wilson's blk and wh d Admiral Samson.

Mr D. S. Donaldson's blk and wh d Spray, by Merchant—Spruce, a natural bye.

SECOND ROUND.

Brandy beat The Gift. Garfield beat Spray.

FINAL COURSE.

Mr J. A. Tapper's brdl d Brandy, by Stormfiend—Dora B., beat Mr S. Mack's blk and wh d Garfield, by Newport—Little Mary, by 6 points to 2, and won the stakes and cup.

RECOVERY STAKES.—Winner, £12; runner-up, £4; two dogs at £2 each. Mr J. Ryan's wh and rd d Reinder, by White Hind—Belle, beat Mr A. Hooker's f d Waiuku.

Mr C. Jenkins' blk and wh d Warsaw, by Port Admiral—See-saw, beat Mr F. Morton's f and wh b Louie, after an undecided run.

Mr J. Penman's blk and wh d Portergaff, by Frisky Lad—Wisdom, beat Mr H. Brierley's rd d Rosebery.

Mr G. Proudfoot's (ns) blk and wh d Explosion, by Melos—Hard Case, beat Mr E. Morton's brdl and wh b Miss Delaval.

Mr G. Proudfoot's (ns) brdl and wh d Frisco, by Frisky Lad—Bessie McCarthy, beat Mr J. Hancock's blk and wh d Admiral Drake.

Mr J. Penman's wh and blk d Master Sydenham, by Sydenham—Miss Kimberley, won from Mr J. Lindsay's f b Miss Shylock, the latter getting unsighted, and being withdrawn at the request of the Club.

Mr J. Gillespie's brdl and wh b Lady Trilby, by Stormfiend—Trilby, beat Mr S. Mack's brdl and wh b Wild Dora.

Mr W. Chipman's brdl b Mona, by Seal Packet—Sweet Alice, beat Mr C. Clarke's f d Newton.

SECOND ROUND.

Warsaw beat Reinder. Portergaff beat Explosion. Master Sydenham beat Frisco. Mona beat Lady Trilby.

THIRD ROUND.

Portergaff beat Warsaw. Mona beat Master Sydenham.

FINAL.

Mr J. Penman's blk and wh d Portergaff won the stake, Mona being drawn.

ALL-AGED SUPPLEMENTARY STAKES.

Blucher beat Gaittee More III. Admiral Sampson beat Silvertorn.

FINAL.

Mr C. Whitten's f and wh d Blucher, by Merchant—Sweet Water, beat Mr A. W. Wilson's blk and wh d Admiral Sampson, by Port Admiral—Sea Saw, by 34 points to 2, and won the stakes.

SUPPLEMENTARY MAIDEN STAKES.

Rosebery beat Hampton. Explosion beat Lady Trilby. Admiral Drake beat Bobadil. Frisco beat Wild Dora.

SECOND ROUND.

Rosebery beat Explosion. Admiral Drake beat Frisco.

FINAL.

Mr J. Hancock's blk and wh d Admiral Drake, by Frisky Lad—Wisdom, won the stake, Rosebery being drawn.

GOLFI Our Club for the new month is the first ever offered by an Australian Golf Club. The Golf Club of New Zealand. CLUBS by Papan, Auckland, Morrill, Dunedin. GOLF BALL The Silvertown, Thornton, Papan, A. Hand. Clubs repaired, re-bound, re-band. Balls re-made and re-pointed. BALL-CLEANERS, TERN HALL, 4th. L. W. PAPAN, Proprietor. E. PORTEK and Co. QUEEN STREET, AUCKLAND.

GOLF NOTES.

(By Bogey.)

Owing to the spell of fine windy weather the links are now dry and firm, and the turf is crisp and short. The daisy fiend is showing his head rather much for the player who cannot tell within fifty yards where his ball will lie. On some links, where the daisies are very bad, players resort to the expedient of painting their ball red, blue, yellow, or some other striking colour. The best colour in my opinion for neutralising the effect of daisies is a light blue.

Golfers will be glad to hear that Mr Grimshaw has so far recovered from his recent indisposition as to be able to walk round the links on Saturday.

The great New Zealand golfing event of the year is now in progress, and by the time of our next issue the championship for 1899 will have been decided. The meeting now being held by the Wellington Golf Club at Miramar promises to be the finest meeting that has yet been held. Golfers from all parts of New Zealand are present, and a more representative meeting could not be wished for. With one or two exceptions the meeting is thoroughly representative. As I write, one particularly hard case forces itself upon me. Mr Spencer Gollan, who cabled his entry from Hobart, which is four days late on the voyage from Hobart to Auckland. Had he arrived two hours earlier he would have been in time to reach Wellington for the N.Z. Championship, as he had drawn a bye in the first round. As matters now stand he cannot even reach Miramar in time for the open championship, which is played on Wednesday, and he has had to abandon the idea of being present at the meeting.

I am glad to hear from a club-mate that the Miramar course is in fine order, and that there is only one thing he does not like about the links, namely, the very trappy nature of some of the ditches, which are so numerous on the flat country. At Bondi during the playing of the Australian Championship this year the unfairness of an unfair trappy ditch at the 9th hole was obviated by allowing the player if within a certain boundary to lift his ball from the ditch without penalty.

The draw for the N.Z. has just reached me by telegraph, and from this I see that Dunedin is represented by 7 players, Oamaru 2, Timaru 1, Christchurch 3, Wellington 15, Manawatu 1, Wanganui 2, Napier 3, Auckland 5; total players 39.

The following matches take place in the first round:—Kyd—McEwin, K. Duncan—W. E. Darling, W. Pryde—E. S. Pearce, E. D. O'Rourke—G. W. Palmer, R. M. Kitto—H. D. Stronach, W. T. Harman—Baron Wedill, Geo. Todd—D. B. Howden.

In the second round the winner of Kyd or McEwin plays D. Brown; K. Duncan or Darling plays C. R. Howden; W. Pryde or Pearce plays D. Pryde; O'Rourke or Palmer plays J. Harold; Kitto or Stronach plays H. H. Tripp; Harman or Wedill plays N. E. Perston; Todd or D. B. Howden plays Dr. Purdy.

The stiffest matches in the first round promise to be those between Wilder and A. Duncan, Colbeck and Scott, O'Rourke and Palmer.

In the second round W. Pryde, if he beats E. S. Pearce, will have to meet his brother, D. Pryde, and this should furnish a splendid match.

Local golfers are awaiting the results of the matches with keen interest.

At Melbourne, playing for Sargood's trophy, our old club mate, Mr L. A. Cuff, had a great game with Mr Balfour Melville, who was giving him 6 strokes. The result (says "Badger"

in the "Australasian") was most peculiar. Mr Cuff went off strongly and was three ahead at the turn, which lead he increased to 4 up at the 11th with 7 to play. Mr Balfour Melville then got into form and did the next five holes in 19, winning everyone of them. This put him 1 up and 2 to play. At the 17th hole Mr Cuff shaped very badly and had played four more than his opponent before reaching the green, where his opponent was lying in two. In playing his next shot however the ball accidentally jumped up and hit Mr Balfour Melville's club, thus losing him the hole and a certain victory. Mr Cuff had a stroke at the next hole, played it splendidly, and won the match by one hole. The rule by which a player loses the hole if his club hit the ball twice is everywhere considered a very severe one, as the player gets no advantage by it, and his shot is spoiled. In the new rules about to be introduced the penalty is reduced to 1 stroke. Even this is severe, but better than the present laws, which in the above case meant 5 or 6 strokes.

My own experience of hitting the ball twice, or the double stroke as I think it should more properly be called, is that only the best and most punctilious players know when a ball is struck twice with the same swing of the club. The average player cannot recognise that he has struck the ball twice unless the incident is very plainly marked.

The first competition for the Captain's Prize, presented by Mrs Arch. Clark, was played on Thursday last. The links were in good order, and the weather all that could be desired. Miss A. Barstow proved the winner with a net score of 61, Mrs W. Bloomfield being next best with a 62. The following are the scores handed in:—Miss A. Barstow, 67, 6, 61; Mrs W. Bloomfield, 62, scr. 62; Mrs G. Bloomfield, 69, 4, 65; Miss L. Gillies, 68, 2, 66; Mrs Baldwin, 85, 18, 67; Mrs W. B. Colbeck, 85, 16, 69; Miss Gillies, 74, 4, 70; Miss M. Wilkins, 74, 2, 72; Miss Shuttleworth, 83, 3, 80; Mrs J. H. Reed, 95, 14, 81.

WANGANUI.

The return match between the Manawatu and Wanganui Golf Clubs was played at Balgownie on August 13th in perfect weather. Greenkeeper Murchison had the course and putting greens in good order. Play began at 1 o'clock on the old course, to enable the visitors to catch the afternoon train to Palmerston. Manawatu was without the services of Dr. Wilson and Mr A. Strang, but had sent up a team of seven, practically the same as Wanganui had beaten in May by two holes. As Wanganui had a full team it was thought likely that the local players would win, but the most sanguine could not have expected to complete a victory, for Wanganui won by 33 holes to 1. No doubt the difference in the links is largely accountable for this. The Palmerston links present no great difficulty to strangers used to hills and sand bunkers, and punishment for nearly every footeed drive. Cooke and Palmer had a close fight, Cooke alone of the visitors beating his man. The veterans J. S. Wilson and S. T. Fitzherbert had, as usual, an interesting match, being level at the 16 tee; but Fitzherbert won the last three holes. Mr Wilson was not quite at his best, but his approaching was as clever as ever. R. S. Abraham established a lead of 3 on Greville Saunders in the first round, but it was of no avail, for he was unable to win another hole. All the other matches resulted in very easy wins for Wanganui. Harold drove excellently, but his short work was not good; he has not been seen at his best for several weeks. It is hoped that a couple more matches will be played this season between the two clubs. The next will be played in Palmerston early in September. It is matter for regret that both the Napier and Palmerston tournaments are to be allowed to lapse this year. The following are the scores:—

MANAWATU. WANGANUI. J. S. Wilson 0 S. F. Fitzherbert 3 J. Still 0 J. Harold 5 F. H. Cooke 1 A. W. Palmer 0 C. Moore 0 D. Meldrum 6 A. Ferguson 0 H. E. Watson 6 H. S. Abraham 0 U. Saunders 7 E. N. Barrand 0 I. Saunders 7

We were glad to see Messrs Turner and Colbeck (Auckland) on the links on their way to the Wellington meeting. Mr Turner was one of the first secretaries of the Club.

POVERTY BAY.

There was a large gathering on the links on Saturday last, when the second mixed foursomes match was played. The lady members turned out eighteen strong, but, as happened in the former match, a number of them could not join in the match, because only twelve men were available. This seems an unsatisfactory state of things, but it was unavoidable on this occasion. Business engagements kept some of the most regular players away, and only a few country members were in town. The match was over a thirteen-hole course, those omitted being the eighth to the twelfth inclusive. When the results were made up, it was found that Mrs H. Bull and Mr Cuthbert had tied with Mrs King and Mr Morgan for first place, while Miss Crawford and Mr R. Barker were third. It was decided to duplicate the first prize, and to present a club to both Mrs Bull and Mrs King. Afternoon tea was provided by the Misses Barker. The full scores were:—Mrs H. Bull and Mr Cuthbert, 95—scr—96; Mrs King and Mr Morgan, 102—4—96; Miss Crawford and Mr R. Barker, 110—12—98; Miss Rees and Mr Christip, 111—9—102; Miss Staitte and Mr H. Bull, 103—scr—103; Mrs Morgan and Mr Fuller, 111—6—105; Miss Matheson and Mr Faram, 113—6—107; Miss E. Barker and Mr E. Rees 118—9—109; Miss L. Barker and Mr Staitte, 118—9—109; Miss Willis and Mr Hutchison, 111—scr—111; Miss Bennett and Mr Willock, 113—16—97; and Miss Nixon and Mr A. Rees, 135—16—119. On August 30th a match 'Town v. Country' will be played. The teams will be ten a side, and if the country can bring its strongest team, the town will have its work cut out to win. The town representatives will be chosen at noon on the day of the match.

On the invitation of Mr W. Hutcheson, of Puhotikotiko, about a dozen members had last week an enjoyable two days' golf on his links. They are about twenty-two miles from town. At present there are only nine holes, but the players found them very sporting. The ground was not uncomfortably wet, but here and there some results of the continuous rain were seen. They should be very fine links after a week's fine weather.

A handsome aluminium Brasse, presented by Mr G. Maclean (the president) to the ladies, was made the prize in a tournament, the final round of which was played last week. Miss F. Adams proved the winner.

CHRISTCHURCH, August 16, 1899.

The third Bogey Competition of the season was played on the Hagley Park Links on Saturday last, for a prize of six balls, presented by Mr W. Harman, resulting in a win for Mr C. H. Weston, who has 6 up on the "Colome." Mr Weston is a new player, who is very "keen," and as he has been practising assiduously of late, his win is but a just reward, although the handicappers may have been somewhat lenient with him. Personally I am always glad to see these prizes falling to beginners, even though their handicaps may be very large, as it must spur them on to fresh efforts. There are golfers (of the old school) who will tell you that there should be no competitions in golf at all; that it is a game which should be played for love only. This is all very well (for the old golfers), but how are the young players to be got to take an interest in the game unless you give them something to play for? There must always be competition so long as the characteristics of the British race endure, and in my humble opinion, the "Bogey" competition in golf is one of the very best we have. Following are the scores:—C. H. Weston, gross score, 107—handicap 30—net score 77 6 up on bogey; L. Orbell 95—12—83 1 up on bogey; E. O'Rourke 85—2—83 all square; W. G. Cotterill 95—12—83 all square; W. H. Burton 100—14—86 all square; W. Reid 111—20—91 all square; W. Harman 91—6—85 1 down; Major Taylor 97—12—85 1 down; F. Wardrop 94—8—86 2 down; Dr. Fenwick 106—16—90 2 down; J. W. H. Wood 93—6—87 3 down; H. H. Loughnan 105—16—89 3 down; W. C. Weston 129—30—99 4 down; R. L. M. Kitto 95—scr—89 5 down; J. M. Turnbull 95—6—89 5 down—W. H. Graham 104—13—89 6 down; Dr. Jennings 108—18—91 6 down.

The inter-club match between teams representing the Christchurch and Timaru Golf Clubs was played yesterday on the Russley Links and