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Wellington, 21st September, 1903.
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By order.

T. RONAYNE,
General Manager.

DISTRICT LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE.
Auckland, 9th Oct., 1903.

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(Signed)
G. MUELLER,
Commissioner Crown Lands.

THE SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Head Office of the Company, Queen-st., Auckland, on WEDNESDAY, the 14th day of October, 1903, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

BUSINESS:

- To receive the Report and Balance-sheet for the year ended 31st August, 1903.
- To Elect Two Directors in place of H. A. Carr, Esq., and J. H. Upton, Esq., who retire in accordance with the Articles of Association, but offer themselves for re-election.
- To Elect Two Auditors in place of W. B. A. Morrison, Esq., and G. S. Kissling, Esq., who offer themselves for re-election.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 20th September to the 14th October, 1903, both days inclusive.
Dated at Auckland this 1st day of September, 1903.

By order of the Board of Directors,
JAMES KIRKER,
General Manager.

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GOLF NOTES.

(By Stoney Dead.)

On Wednesday, October 8, a very enjoyable At Home was held at the Golf Club-house at One-Tree Hill. Both the men's and the ladies' clubs combined to make the evening a success. There were no guests invited, as the members of the two clubs are numerous enough to more than fill the main club-room. Mr Sykes, the captain of the men's club, worked like a Trojan to make the affair a success, and was heartily congratulated on accomplishing his object. The big club-room looked very well when it was filled with the ladies in their pretty dresses. All round the verandah and on the balcony Chinese lanterns had been hung. This gave the house a very picturesque effect when looking at it from the main road. Light supper was served in the Ladies' club room. The entertainment was opened by a pianoforte solo by Mrs Duthie, who also played most of the accompaniments. Then followed songs by Mrs Russell, Miss Biddle, Miss Cotter and Miss Lennox, Messrs Sykes, Watt, MacCormick, and D. Nathan. Perhaps the chorus songs were most enjoyed, as everyone joined in heartily. There is nothing like a good rousing chorus to break down all stiffness and put everyone at his or her ease. An excellent quartette was given by Mrs. Blair, Miss Coates, Mr Sykes, and Mr Gillilan. Dr. Lewis was very happy in a recitation entitled "A Golfer's Jeremiad." The technicalities of this piece appealed to an audience of golfers, and the men amused themselves by illustrating by way of interruptions by local instances the various types of golfers portrayed in this bit of poetry. The gathering broke up at a convenient hour, and all went home feeling they had enjoyed a very pleasant evening. It is to be hoped that this will not be the last of such pleasant evenings, for there is no reason why it should not be a monthly fixture on full moon nights during the summer, with the variation of a bread and butter dance. It costs nothing, is very little trouble, and gives a great deal of pleasure.

Owing to the fact that the public are now availing themselves to a far greater extent of the enjoyment of the fresh air and beautiful scenery of One-Tree Hill, the committee have decided to alter the course so as not to interfere with the public. The holes that have been cut out are the 11th and the 12th holes, which are the present 11th and 12th holes on the course. These two holes are the only ones that are dangerous to the public, and all will agree that we are better without them. Apart from convenience, these two holes were bad golfing holes, even for One-Tree Hill course. The 11th was a one-shot hole of a very unfair type. Two men would play two exactly similar shots, perhaps, pitching within an inch of each other, and one ball would run stoney dead and the other would run over the green or stop short. I have seen one man play a shot with far more power and run than his opponent's shot, and yet the ball that ought to have run is short of the green, while the other one has run right over. If the ground could be got into perfect order for some 20 yards short of the hole, and the green a good one, the hole would be a good one, but as it was it was a bad one. The 12th was, again, a hole that was a correct one for its type—a drive and a pitch. The tee-shot was an awkward one, and the pitch had to be accurate to make sure of a four, to say nothing of a three. But the trouble with the hole was that it was an impossibility to get the ground in anything like fair condition for playing one's second. To play a neat pitch from a bad lie is not golf. In place of these

two holes two new ones are to be formed in the tramway paddock—that is, over the hedge. The fourth hole will remain the same, but from the fourth green one will play up to the corner of the paddock to near where the second green is, probably a drive and an iron. From there one will play to the present fifth hole, probably two full shots. From the present fifth green one will play a long hole, passing to the right of the fourth green, a three-shot hole. From this new green one will play to the present sixth green and play the seventh as before. This change is in the way of a makeshift, but will undoubtedly be an improvement. The fault of the new holes will be that they will be too crowded unless the first new green is placed over the fence and more to the left than is proposed at present. Otherwise the lines for the three holes will be much too close together.

An amusing incident happened lately on a course not a thousand miles away from Auckland. A member of the club who was very far from being proficient at the game, but was, as is often the case, proportionately keen, proceeded one day to have a round. He had been practising very sedulously at home with a captive ball, and was quite certain he could drive a real good ball. The caddie allotted to him was very new to his work, and was very fearful of doing anything to arouse the anger of his master. Now, it happens that the hero of this story is one of those persons upon whom Nature has played a trick. He suffers from inability to fasten the gaze of both eyes on one spot at one time; in fact, his optics looked at right angles. When he got to the first tee he took out his driver, and when in position apostrophised his ball in the following manner: "Now, you little —, I'll give you what for." Of course the usual fizzle ensued, but when he turned round to change his club his caddie had fled out of sight. His left eye had been on the ball, but his right eye had looked fairly at his caddie, and the boy had fled in mortal terror.

By the way, in last week's notes I took a cutting from the "Lancet" without mentioning where it came from. It was the paragraph about over-playing golf, or, rather, where the game ends and the business begins.

Last week Hood journeyed down to Waitera to lay out a golf-course there for the proprietors. He tells me that he has laid out six really good holes behind the hotel. As far as I understand it the holes are on the farm land on the same side as the hotel, but further up than the bridge. Nothing satisfactory can be done with the sand stretch on the promontory alongside the hotel, and so the meadow land has been brought into requisition. I am sure the proprietors will never regret spending the small amount of money necessary for six holes, and my belief is that it would be sound business for them to have spent the money necessary for forming a first-class 18 hole course. Such a course would prove such a draw to Waitera that they would be paid back their outlay in one year.

WHAKATU GOLF CLUB.

The Whakatū (Hastings) Golf Club held their last meeting of the season on Saturday week, and the matches brought out many players and visitors to the links. Eight ladies competed in the Stroke Handicap, Mrs Perry's card showing 50—52—50, was the best return. Miss Brathwaite won the Ladies' Drive and Approach, and Miss Fitzroy won the Putting Competition. Miss Benson and Cox, 80—8—81, took the first place in the Mixed Foursomes. The Men's Four-one Handicap was won by Messrs Circuit and King, writes our Napier correspondent.

LAWN TENNIS.

WEST END LAWN TENNIS CLUB.

The thirteenth annual meeting of the West End Lawn Tennis Club was held last week in the Ponsonby Hall. The hon. secretary, Mr. H. McCoy, read the annual report, which showed the club to be in a flourishing condition. The membership roll had reached the limit. The club was still the proud retainer of the lady and gentleman championships for the Auckland province. The hon. treasurer, Mr. W. H. Burton, read the balance-sheet, which disclosed a small credit balance, notwithstanding the large amount spent on improving the lawns during the winter recess. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mr. C. J. Parr (re-elected); vice-presidents, Bishop Lenihan, Ven. Archdeacon Calder, Dr. Hood, Messrs J. Kirker, J. H. Upton, John Court, J. Hodgson, A. Litter, P. Dashi, E. R. Foster, W. Hutchinson, A. S. Russell, W. J. Napier, T. W. Davis; hon. secretary, Mr. W. A. Brown; hon. treasurer, Mr. R. Angus; ground superintendent, Mr. J. Paterson; gentlemen's committee, Messrs, W. H. Burton, H. McCoy, A. Goidie, R. Gittos, F. Tibbs; ladies' committee, Mrs. Howell, Misses Billington, A. Nicholson, Gittos, and Butters; delegates to association, Messrs. H. McCoy and J. Paterson; handicapper, Mr. W. H. Burton; auditors, Messrs. H. Gentles, F. Ewen.

A spirited discussion took place with reference to classifying of players and the incoming committee were instructed to take such steps as they deemed necessary to improve the standard of play, at the same time considering the welfare of all members. A number of new members were nominated for election. Votes of thanks were accorded to the outgoing committees. A special vote of thanks was tendered to the ground superintendent, Mr. J. Paterson, and on behalf of the club the president presented him with a handsome case of pipes as a slight token of the members' appreciation of his valuable services.

BOWLING.

OPENING OF THE SEASON.

MOUNT EDEN CLUB.

The Mount Eden Bowling Club opened their green for the season on Saturday afternoon, when there was a large attendance of members and visitors from other clubs. The president, Mr. O. Nicholson, welcomed the visitors, and Mrs. Nicholson then threw the jack across the green, according to the usual custom. Cheers were given for Mr and Mrs Nicholson, and play then commenced between teams chosen by the various club presidents and vice-presidents. Since last year considerable improvements have been made to the grounds. A committee-room has been added, and a furnished room for ladies and a tea-room. The whole is set off with a verandah 60ft by 80ft. The pavilion has been considerably improved, and the grounds on the valley road side of the green have been prettily laid out and planted with flowers and shrubs. The green is in splendid order, and now provides room for 14 links, and the green superintendent, Mr. S. G. Burns, deserves great credit for its fine condition.

During the afternoon the president announced the election of 20 new members and the donation of several trophies for the incoming season. These trophies include a beautiful cricket, chess, table, and billiard table, and a set of W. Wrathall; a silver cup, presented by Messrs Skeates Bros.; and a pair of silver-mounted presentation bowls, presented by Mr. T. Taylor, the well-known Glasgow maker. The president announced that Mr. E. Mahoney had presented a clock for the pavilion and Mr. G. Gairick a garden seat. Subsequent to this announcement, Messrs G. Martin, McStary, Walton, Finlayson, and Rankin presented to the club 213 points to 181. During the afternoon, afternoon tea was handed round.

ROCKY NOOK CLUB.

There was a large attendance at the Rocky Nook green on Saturday, when the club opened the season. A number of improvements have been made to the grounds since last season. A beautiful octagon tea-kiosk has been erected, and special thanks were passed to Messrs G. H. Page, for frame-work; Lennox, timber; Craddock, plumber; Boskell, concrete-work; Casper, painting; Elliston, shrubs and plants; and the working bee during the vacation, which consisted of Messrs Hodge, Boskell, R. Kayes, Haselton, Veale, Manson, Butler, G. Hatcher, B. Hatcher, W. Taylor, Rathbone, Fletcher, and Gwilliam. The president endorsed the splendid work done by the club's superintendent, Mr. J. Boskell, in preparing such a capital and true drawing green, and this was heartily endorsed by the players. The president's wife, Mrs. Hodgson, threw the jack across the green and declared the green open for play.

During the afternoon tea was dispensed by the ladies. The vice-president's team defeated the president's by 181 to 174.