

# GOLF

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## Auckland.

THE members of the Auckland Golf Club completed on Saturday at Otahuhu two rounds of the captain's prize competition. In the first round of the A grade matches Gillfillan beat Jackson, MacCormick beat P. Upton, Burns beat Alexander, Lawrence beat Denniston, S. Upton beat Colbeck, and Lusk beat Ball, Kirker and Ruddock received byes from Sykes and Dutton. In the second round Carrick beat Hanna, Bamford beat Dargaville, MacCormick beat Gillfillan, Lusk beat Kirker, and Tonks beat G. Bloomfield.

The first round of the B grade resulted as follows: Parkes beat Mills, Moore Jones beat Frater, E. G. Foster beat Lambert, Louisson beat C. Nathan, A. Myers beat Purchas, H. Horton beat C. Pierce, S. Hanna beat Bruce, Kingswell beat Wyatt, Owen beat Farmer, and Gordon and Duthie received byes. In the second round Moore-Jones beat Parkes, E. G. Foster beat Louisson, Chatfield beat Grant, McIntosh beat S. T. George, Benjamin beat Brigham, B. Kirker beat H. Allen, S. J. Clark beat T. Myers, Cooper beat A. Carrick, Follen beat MacFarlane, Richmond beat E. Bloomfield, Hanna beat Madill, Kingswell beat Gordon, and Owen and H. L. Bloomfield received byes.

The committee has decided that the mixed foursomes be played on Empire Day, as originally arranged, it being found inconvenient to alter the date now.

## Gisborne.

A bogey competition for a club presented by Mr F. H. W. Traill was played on the links on Saturday. Owing to the very heavy rain, the majority of players did not finish the round, the best cards handed in being: G. W. Willock, scratch, 2 up; N. Ball (5), 1 up; A. Paku (4), 1 up; L. W. Manning (15), all square.

## LADIES' GOLF.

### Auckland.

On Monday, 16th, the final for Mrs Hope Lewis' trophy was played, when Miss Ethna Pierce defeated Miss W. Colter, 5-4. This is the second time Miss Pierce has won the Rose Bowl, but not in succession. The conditions are two wins in succession or three times at intervals, and the bowl becomes the property of the winner.

On Monday, 16th, the eight players who qualified to play for Mrs Strood's trophy played the first round. Miss Richmond received a bye from Miss M. Towle; Miss E. Martin defeated Miss B. Garrie, 4 up 3; Miss M. Alison defeated Miss M. Cotter, 1 up at the 20th; Miss T. Buckland and Miss S. Payton disqualified themselves through not playing a stymie. Miss Richmond now plays Miss E. Martin, and the winner of this match plays Miss M. Alison.

Several players have reduced their handicaps—Miss E. Pierce from 13 to 12, Miss M. Towle from 33 to 30, Miss T. Buckland 36 to 29, Miss Jean Richmond 25 to 24, Miss Alice Stevenson 40 to 38; Miss C. Thorpe has earned her handicap of 10. Numbers of others are struggling hard to get a handicap, so many of the young players take out cards and start off with determination in their hearts; but, alas! when they reach their first swamp or other trouble, begin backing and banging away, and finally, in a moment of irritation, pick up and so disqualify themselves. If only they would look well at the position of being able to play it or not, pick up and take advantage of Rule 11, for stroke play, which reads: "A ball may be lifted from any place on the course under penalty of two strokes. A ball so lifted

shall be teed and played behind the place where it lay; if this be impossible, it shall be teed and played as near as possible to the place where it lay, but not nearer the hole."

The Coronation Medal will be played for on Friday, 27th. This competition is for players with L.G.U. handicaps of 25 or less, and is played on the same date all over the Dominion.

On Monday, the 23rd, the first round for Mrs Colbeck's prize for those players who have no handicap will be played. Senior players have been drawn with each player, and the draw is as follows: Misses L. Kirker v. K. Clark, H. Bloomfield v. G. Buller, M. Hesketh v. R. Buckland, I. Cooke v. M. Towle, E. Cumming v. M. Colter, M. Clark v. C. Thorpe, R. Greig v. Mrs Edmunds, M. Lennox v. C. Hull, A. Carr v. W. Cotter, Mrs Markham v. H. Buckland, M. Cooper v. L. Clark, J. Reed v. E. Pierce, V. Duthie v. Mrs W. R. Bloomfield, E. Grierson v. Mrs Colbeck, Mrs H. Richmond v. P. Gorrie, M. Peacock v. M. Alison, S. McLean v. Miss Shuttleworth, M. McLean v. Mrs O'Rourke.

## The Maungakiekie Club.

The formal opening of the new club-house of the Maungakiekie (One-tree Hill) Golf Club took place on Saturday, 21st, under glorious weather conditions. A large number of golfers and spectators wended their way out to the old spot, which teems with memories—not all pleasant ones either. Visions of hacking out of long grass, sticking on the side of Jacob's, and such-like horrors arose in one's mind as we passed the old club-house, now transformed into a charming residence, but still recognisable with its picturesque grey stone pillars. The club-house is on the high ground at the right between the old seventeenth and eighteenth greens, and, needless to say, has a charming outlook. It would be hard to find a place in Cornwall Park that was not beautiful. The club-house is plain and simple; no doubt the "frilliness" will come later on. Meanwhile it is useful. The opening ceremony was performed by the Mayor of Auckland (Mr. L. J. Bagnall), who made an appropriate speech, in which he regretted the absence of Sir Logan Campbell, the generous donor of the beautiful park. Mixed foursomes were then started, and the winners were Miss Ethna Pierce and Mr. D. Hay, with a score of 47 net for ten holes; Mrs. Ferguson and Mr. Cooke would have tied, but owing to some breach of the rules were disqualified. Miss W. Cotter and Mr. J. Burns and Mr. Ball and Mr. Lambert tied for second place with a score of 50 net; Miss H. Buckland and Mr. J. H. Frater were 53 net; Miss Jean Richmond and Mr. F. Kelly, and Miss G. Gorrie and Mr. Parker Upton were the same score. Others taking part were: Mrs. W. R. Bloomfield and Mr. Arnold, Miss M. Cotter and Mr. E. Dargaville, Miss I. Carr and Mr. Ferguson, Miss H. Bloomfield and Mr. A. Carr, Miss R. Buckland and Mr. H. Tonks, Dr. and Mrs. Dudley, Dr. and Miss Murray, Miss N. Coultis and Mr. Grieg, Miss B. Keating and Mr. Vickerman, Miss Soutor and Mr. Newton, Miss E. Martin and Mr. S. Upton, Mrs. Hardy and Mr. O'Halloran, Mrs. O'Halloran and the Rev. Reeves, and some others. Afternoon tea was enjoyed by both onlookers and players, and was dispensed by the ladies. Mr. P. Upton (captain), Mr. J. Burns (secretary), and Mr. Marriner (treasurer) looked after the guests splendidly. Mr. P. Upton (in the absence of Mr. Kingsmill, the president, who had presented the prizes) made the presentation to the lucky winners.

## Stratford.

The first of the ladies' competitions was played on Wednesday. The weather was glorious, and many golfers were to be seen on the links. The following are the best scores handed in:—Miss F. Or-

bell, scratch, 62; Mrs E. C. Robinson, 76-7-89; Mrs Meagies, 95-12-83; Miss Fussell, 87-3-84; Miss Orbell, 89-5-84.

The new links were opened in Ellingham on Saturday. Judging by the large gathering on the opening day, the season promises to be a most successful one.

## Hawera.

At the Hawera links the ladies held a competition for junior players last week. Mrs. (Dr.) Campbell winning with a gross score of 105, handicap 25, net score 80; Miss Shirley was second, gross score 116, handicap 28, net score 88. Only fourteen holes were played. Last week the last of a series of four competitions for a trophy presented by Mr. Chettle was played, Mrs. McLean returning the best score with 110; Mrs. Bell returned the next best card with 111. Mrs. McLean has now won the trophy, her four net scores being: 113, 105, 110, 110, total 438; Mrs. Bell being second with 110, 111, 110, 111, total 442.

## Gisborne.

The monthly competition under the auspices of the P.B. Ladies' Golf Club was played on Tuesday last. Mrs. Cole topping the score in the A Grade—80 gross, 15 handicap, total 65. In the B Grade Mrs. Burke led—89 gross, 34 handicap, total 65.

Word has been received from the Hastings Club that it is fairly certain they will send a team to Gisborne at an early date, and requesting the Gisborne Club to visit Hastings on the Poverty Bay Club's annual visit and match with the Napier Golf Club.

## Palmerston North.

The weather was dreadful on Saturday for the Manawatu and Otaki match, which resulted in a win for the former team. Only two Otaki ladies made the trip—Mrs. Bevan, champion of New Zealand, and Miss Robison. They had as opponents Miss Wray and Mrs. Mellsop, both of whom won their matches. Great interest was taken in the meeting of Mrs. Bevan and Miss Wray, and later, when Mrs. Bevan had got into

form—she has only played three games this season—a match between them will be worth going a long way to see.

The first monthly bogey competition for the prize given by Mrs. L. A. Abraham was played in perfect weather on Thursday afternoon, and was won by Miss Sylvia Abraham (handicap 30), 7 down; Miss Moore, second (26), 8 down; Mrs. Stewart (19), Mrs. Mellsop (13), equal, 9 down. Jimmors—Miss Robinson (11), 10 down; Mrs. Tripe (8), 11 down; Miss Mumphries (4), 12 down.

## Manawatu.

The first monthly bogey match of the season took place on Tuesday, May 17. Following were the results:—

Seniors.—Miss Sylvia Abraham, handicap 30, 7 down; Miss Moore, handicap 26, 8 down; Mrs. Mellsop, handicap 13, 9 down; Mrs. Stewart, handicap 10, 9 down.

Juniors.—Miss Robinson, handicap 11, 10 down; Mrs. Tripe, handicap 8, 11 down.

## Pictou.

The Pictou Golf Club promises to have a successful season—at any rate, as far as the ladies are concerned. Many new members have been enrolled of late, and recently no less than fifteen indulged in practice on the links at the same time. The men, however, are not so numerous, but those who play the game are enthusiasts, and do not allow the lack of numbers to affect them.

The Mount Pleasant course is in very fair order, considering that it has received no attention this year up to the present, but the greens are far from perfect, and will need a great deal of rolling before they can be deemed at all satisfactory.

Several of the "old hands" have taken up the arduous task of coaching the new lady members, and they are proving most apt pupils.

It is not yet known if the annual match against Glenheim will take place on June 3rd. The fixture has proved a popular one in the past, and local enthusiasts are hoping it will eventuate as usual.



RULES AND ETIQUETTE OF GOLF.

A ball flying in the fork of a tree must be played, or the player shall lose a stroke. (A drawing by the late Tom Brown. See page 42).