

**By His Clubs Ye Shall Know Him.**

This motto is specially adapted to golfers, and should be made a note of. By the condition of a set of clubs, a true index can be obtained as to the handicap of the owner, and, in a slight measure, to his character. Let me prove the truth of this assertion.

At Westward Ho? it used to be the custom, when a stranger arrived, for the caddies to examine his clubs, and speculate as to his handicap, and it was really extraordinary the accuracy with which they could forecast this. After all, their deductions were arrived at in a very simple manner. They would first take careful note of the condition of the clubs. Then they would examine the heads of the wooden ones. The presence of a few well-defined ball-marks on the neck, or the toe, immediately conveys to the most uninitiated that the owner has

**still something to learn**

of the game. The caddie examining this set would be perfectly justified in fixing the owner's handicap at not less than 20.

Again, should the centre of the face show signs of countless true-struck balls, this player is decidedly not a novice. The grip often betrays the powers of the owner. Strange as it may appear, very few good players play with thick grips. There are exceptions, of course, but very few. When the heads of the wood clubs are sans varnish, dented all over, and otherwise showing unmistakable signs of neglect, the owner of these derelicts may be classed as a careless, indifferent golfer, one who plays the game only for the exercise he derives from it.

**Certainly not a keen golfer.**

for your true golfer would see to it that his clubs are always in good repair, and would look carefully after them.

The presence of a much-battered nibble would also prove that here is a golfer who has played for a considerable time, with a knowledge of a large number of courses. Iron heads with a total absence of name on the back, due from constant cleaning, would also place the

North), 117-18-99. The following players entered, but for various reasons did not return cards:—Mrs W. R. Bloomfield, Miss E. Martin, Miss J. Draper, Miss M. Cotter, Mrs Edmunds, Miss Rachel Gorrie, and Miss Alison. The Palmerston North scores are:—Mrs L. Abraham, 93; Miss S. Abraham, 93; and Miss Wray, 94. The match was played in a very high wind, which no doubt accounts for the high scores.

**Maungakiekie Club.**

The first medal handicap was played for by the lady members, over a ten-hole course, Miss Eva Cumming, with a score of 67-20-47, being the winner. Miss Nellie Coultas, 66-12-54; Miss M. Cotter, 60-9-60; Miss E. Martin, 71-7-64; Miss W. Cotter, 79-12-67; Mrs Robertson, 93-25-68; Miss E. Hamilton, 88-15-73. A number of players did not return cards, as their score was ruined at Jacob's Ladder. There is some talk that the ladies' toe will be put one step higher. There is no doubt that this hole is fatal to most beginners, and is more or less the nature of a "frank" hole. I believe it is unique.

**Hawera.**

A putting and approaching competition was played on the Hawera links last Tuesday. The distances were 20, 40, 60, and 80 yards. Mrs Glasson was the winner, with a net score of 14 for the four distances. Mrs Wallace was second with 15.

**Wellington.**

The annual bogey competitions for the Joseph Cups were played at Heretaunga on Saturday, May 21st. The winner of the senior cup was Miss G. Ewen (1 down); and of the junior, Mrs Firth (all square).

The Miramar Club sent a team of ten to play against Heretaunga on Wednesday, May 25th.

The following were the best scores in the Coronation Medal at the Heretaunga Links:—Miss N. Brandon, gross 94, handicap 10—net 80; Miss A. Peuser, 94, 8—86; Miss M. Tweed, 104, 22—82; Miss M. Simpson, 101, 18—83; Miss W. Hanney, 90, 6—84; Miss E. Stafford, 108, 23—85; Mrs Freeth, 103, 15—88; Mrs Holmes, 103, 14—89.

**VOLUNTEER NOTES.**

(By Rifleman.)

The Victoria Rifles will fire the final competition for the company belt on 3rd June (King's Birthday), at ranges 800, 500, and 1000 yards, commencing 3 a.m. Escopette matches will be fired during the afternoon. The range time-table and officers for duty during June are as follows:—4th June, 1910, 200 and 500 yards, Capt. Green; 11th June, 1010, 200, 500, and 800 yards, Capt. Atkinson; 18th June, 600 and 700, Capt. Burgess; 25th June, 1910, 500 and 600, Capt. P. Potter.

Now that the new establishments under the regulations have been issued, commanding officers may go on enlisting recruits. Mounted squadrons will consist of 89 of all ranks, and infantry companies of 84 of all ranks. The Field Engineers are

length of the owner's acquaintance with the game at anything over ten years, this being the length of time necessary to remove the maker's stamp by the mere use of emery cloth. You will also find that the colour of the varnish on the shaft or the head of a wooden club is a sure guide to its age. This cannot be imitated successfully. I know of a friend of mine, a cabinetmaker, who for a brief time got his living by boring worm-holes in new furniture

**to make it look aged.**

And this, we know, or suspect, is a trade by itself. But this is impossible in a wooden club.

These, then, are the methods employed by caddies to arrive at their deductions. And, now, as to the care of clubs. Give me the player who, when he has holed out his last putt, sees to it that his clubs are put away in his locker, well cleaned, and in a good condition, ready for the next time that he may require them. The inclination of the ordinary caddie is to scamp the cleaning. Personally, I never pay the caddies until they hand me over the clubs well cleaned, and if golfers would refrain from tipping their caddie until he has done so, the caddie would soon be taught to take an interest in this necessary part of his work.

Mr. Horace Hutchison has laid it down that no golfer should take his pet driver out on a wet day. This is sound advice, and golfers would

**do well to remember it.**

But, if you should, by any chance, be playing in an important match, and you really cannot leave it in your locker, when the round is over see that your clubs are all perfectly dried with a cloth. Then take an oily rag and rub well the shafts and the heads of the wooden clubs, but not the faces, as I have often seen players do. Keep them out of the bag until that also is dry, or the grips will suffer.

If this advice is followed, your clubs will last far longer. We all have some club in our bag which we might justly describe as our "breadwinner." Attempts to copy this favourite have only resulted in a club that resembles it in shape and length, thickness of grip, possibly in the feel—in fact, a good copy—but there is something lacking. What is it?

In a violin it is the tone, and in the case of a favourite club it is

**that indescribable something.**

We know not what, whereby you could swear to it, even if your eyes were bandaged. Perhaps it is in the feel of it, as you swing it lazily back. The slightest difference in the weight at the end of the shaft can be felt, be it ever so little. Whatever it is, you should take great care of not only this but of all your clubs.

Get a good club and stick to it, until you understand its peculiarities, for no two clubs are alike, though they may look alike.

**Despite the now historical fact**

that Harry Vardon won a championship by the help of a putter that he never used before, or since that time, it is a good policy to stick to the same putter. Even if you are not putting well with it to-day, it may be just the opposite to-morrow. Chopping and changing about is no good in golf.

Now, just examine your bag; see that your clubs are not red with rust. Look after them for the future, and when you go to a strange course, there will be a rush of caddies for the honour of bearing your burden.

A man is known by the company he keeps, and it is equally true that a golfer is known by the condition of his clubs. HARRY FULFORD.

**ROWING.**

**The Sculling Championship.**

During the past few days Ernest Barry has been showing his sprinting powers (says our London correspondent under date of April 22): Having after two and a-half months' training attained physical fitness, he is, on the advice of his trainer, Sullivan, putting in some fast work. As a pacemaker Barry has had the benefit of the services of the second fastest man in the kingdom, "Bossy" Phelps, one of the best known oarsmen in Putney. Barry weighs 115-lb., and thus maintains his weight in a satisfactory manner. He could not be better, and no fears are entertained that he will become stale. He is doing strong work, but, as during the journey to the Zambesi to meet Arnie he will have three weeks away from his boat, the rest will do him much good. Of the £1,100 required to pay the expenses of the race, £900 has now been subscribed, and the final appeal that is being made will, it is hoped, end in the collection of the remaining £200 within the next few weeks.

**SPORT IN THE WAIRARAPA.**

An effort is being made to resuscitate "Philly" football in Wairarapa. Mr. S. Pearson, manager for T. Gibson & Co. (A. C.), and formerly a well-known Auckland athlete and member of the Newton Football Club, being the prime mover. He is in the process of organising a competition, and already a club has been formed. The first match, one is being formed at Te Whiti, an-

raised to 212, and the Field Ambulance to 76.

A printed copy of the resolution passed by the Empire Veterans' Association on the death of the King was forwarded to his Excellency the Governor. In reply, the Secretary, Mr. L. Levy, has received a letter from Captain Shannon, A.D.C., to Lord Hunter, stating that the resolution of sympathy would be submitted to England in due course.

His performance was that put up on Saturday week in connection with the "Daily Mail" Empire Day rifle contest, by the Akatarua Rifle Club. Seven shots were fired at three ranges (200 yards, 200 yards, and 600 yards), and under the conditions of the contest the club finished second. The day's shooting constituted the team. The total put up was 772, out of a possible 810.

The No. 3 Company, A.D.G.A., resumed their weekly drills on Monday week, when an excellent muster of 120 men was on parade. Quartermaster Perston was presented with the boys' championship belt, he having won it for the year. His lecture was to be given to the officers and N.C.O.'s of the Garrison Corps by Capt. Richardson last week has been postponed until further notice.

Two mounted corps are at present undergoing their annual military training in camp. The Franklin Mounted Rifles, under Capt. McKenzie, are in camp in Clevedon, and the Montgomery Mounted Rifles went into camp at Manakau on the 21st inst. Serjt. Major Bell is with the Franklin Mounted, and Capt. H. H. Brown, military staff instructor, is with the corps in the Far North.

There is much speculation in Christchurch as to who will be Lieut. Colonel of Field Artillery. Under the new regulations there will be two batteries, each with a major, and the two batteries will be commanded by a lieutenant-colonel. The Engineers, who have a mounted company attached, will also have a major in command. As Captain Jones has already passed his examination for his rank, it is probable he will be appointed in this case.

Before the Second Regiment of the A.M.F. broke up at Cambridge, several presentations were made. Colonel Allan Bell, who is going home for nine months to gain military experience at his own expense, was presented with a pair of field glasses and a cheque. Serjt. Major Coleman, staff instructor, was presented with a gold watch and a sword, and the members of the Puke Mounted Rifles' shooting team, which carried off the Regimental Challenge Shield, were each presented with a gold medal.

The appointment of Capt. Mabin as finance member of the Defence Council in the place of Colonel Collins, R.S.D., respecting which there has been much discussion by all who know him. As quartermaster of the Dominion Rifle Association, a most difficult position, Capt. Mabin has made hosts of friends during the last six years, and it is doubtless owing to his tact and ability that so large a percentage of the competitors at the Tremblam meeting five years ago were from the Dominion. He has been connected with the Dominion Rifle Association for some years, and has already filled the post temporarily.

The Sledion Horse training camp, just finished, has been one of the most successful yet held. The camp was held at Waikarewa, and most of the mounted work was done on the fine bench at Orewa. Major Broadfield has come to feel proud of the splendid work and good conduct of the 70 men who attended. Colonel Wall inspected the squadron on Saturday week at Orewa, and then visited the camp. General satisfaction was expressed when the energetic Mr. MacIntyre visited the camp afterwards. On Friday week the squadron inspected Mr. Dave, manager of the Hot Springs Hotel, with a cigar holder, in recognition of his many kindnesses during the camp.

other at Christchurch, and probably one at Featherston.

In connection with the Wairarapa Rugby Union competition, the leading teams in the various sections are: Senior, Red Star; Junior, Dalefield; third class, Red Star and Carterton.

Edgar Wrigley, formerly of Masterton, but now playing in England, has successfully undergone an operation for appendicitis, and is now recuperating at the Isle of Mau.

The third series of matches in connection with the Wairarapa Hockey Association's championships resulted as follows: Senior: Excelsior beat Knox by six goals to nil; Post and Telegraph defeated Marlborough by six goals to nil; Junior: Excelsior A defeated St. Matthew's B by 5 goals to nil; Carterton A beat Excelsior B by 10 to nil; and St. Matthew's A beat Carterton B by 3 goals to 2.

In the ladies' championships, Hata and Katon drew, no score; Rumliders beat Kiriwi by 4 goals to 2; Linnaea beat Masterton High School by 2 goals to nil.

As showing how hockey has caught on in the Wairarapa, there are now 120 players representing twenty teams engaged in competitions.

If a father leaves his wealth to his children through pride, in order that his sons may be above their fellows, he does a thing that is beneath the true American spirit. There is no room for Daddyism here.—*Mr. Andrew Carnegie.*

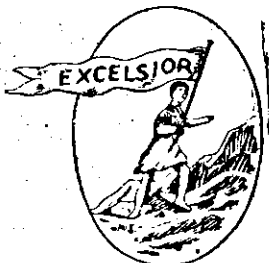
There is a feeling in the Maori breasts, which strengthens every day, that should the Great Lord preserve the days of our present King to reach that period when he will be crowned, some representative of the Maori people might be present at the coronation. We have spoken to him month by month; we have seen him face to face; and we have lived together for a day.—*Mr. Te Heuheu.*

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