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Manungakoleki.

IN the match for the captain's (Mr. P. Upton's) prize, the conditions were three rounds of 10 holes. Mr. J. P. Ridings won in the men's division, and Miss Gwen Gorrie in the ladies. Mr. J. P. Ridings' aggregate was 122, Rev. F. Carew-Thomas being second (138), and A. G. Cooke third (141). Miss Gwen Gorrie's aggregate was 104, Miss E. Martin second (109), Miss C. Hull third (179).

On Saturday, 9th, a bogey competition was played over a ten-hole course. In the ladies' division, Miss E. Martin and Miss Gwen Gorrie tied with 5 down. The men's match also resulted in a tie between A. G. Cooke and G. George, with 4 down. Other cards returned were: Miss G. Gorrie 5 down, Miss E. Martin 5 down, and Miss C. Hull 6 down. Men: A. G. Cooke 4 down, G. George 4 down, J. P. Ridings 5 down, F. Hull 7 down.

The members' list (including those proposed to date) is now full, and any further nominations will have to wait for vacancies. The club have issued a very attractive list of matches for the remainder of the season.

Waitemata.

The first and second rounds of the championship were played off on Saturday, 9th. First round: Snythe beat Fulton. Second round: Penman beat Foster, Howden beat Johns, Clouston beat Nettleton. Snythe and Stringer have still to play off the second round.

In the nursery handicap, Brabant beat W. J. Philson in the first round. Second round: Wilson beat Somerville, McNeill beat Hobbs, Cousins beat Goudie, Leekie beat Jafferis, Storey beat Howell, J. Macky beat Choyce, Hall beat Le Sieur, Clark beat Milne, R. Macky beat R. T. Philson.

Members who have not played off their matches must do so by next Saturday.

Wellington.

It was a great disappointment to both the Manawatu and Wellington Golf Clubs that the latter were able to take up a team of only five men for their annual match with the former at Palmerston. At almost the last minute Arthur Duncan, J. M. MacEwan, H. G. Didsbury, and F. G. Dalziel found themselves unable to make the trip, thus leaving a team of only five men to do battle for Wellington. These, however, proved themselves too strong for their opponents, winning by four games to one. Walter Reid was in good form, and in beating A. Barrand put up a record of 81 for the new course, and he could possibly have knocked two or three off this but for missing some short putts. Allan Strang succeeded in defeating McCosh Clark, after an even and interesting struggle. R. W. Kirkby, G. Thorne-George, and A. S. MacShane won their games against H. G. Moore, D. G. Moore, and M. L. Young respectively.

Considering the increased number of both sexes who are now taking up the game of golf, and the fact that there are now in the Dominion some eight or nine professionals, who formerly there were none, or one at most, it is a matter for surprise and regret that few, if any, of the newer devotees of the game are coming on, i.e., developing into scratch or short handicap players. The tendency is—and old players view it with alarm—for players to rush round the links as fast as possible, more with the idea of seeing how many holes—eighteen, thirty-six, or even fifty-four—they can play in the day, rather than devoting an hour or even half-an-hour to practice. The whole crux of the matter is that the bulk of the new men will not go through the

drudgery of the game at the start. They argue that they get just as much fun out of it if they go round in 100 as does your scratch player who goes round in 80. They, the 100-men, however, cannot possibly be in a position to argue this matter, never having known the delights of 80 round, and if the 80-man should ever go round in 100 again he certainly would not enjoy the game. To sum up, half-an-hour's practice is worth many rounds.

(By Telegraph.—Own Correspondent.)

WELLINGTON, Saturday.

The Hutt Golf Club's silver button monthly competition was played to-day, being won by G. W. Callender, 3 down. The other cards handed in were: F. Willis, 4 down; R. Purdy, J. H. Wagg, W. A. Hudson, and B. Wilson, each five down; J. P. Murphy, 6 down; R. Abbott 7 down; J. R. Callender, 8 down; P. Howden, 8 down.

The Miramar Golf Club's monthly medal competition attracted a large entry, and was won by P. C. Freeth, with a net score of 86.

WELLINGTON, Monday.

The Wellington Golf Club's Victoria Cup competition resulted in a tie between Arthur Duncan and E. J. Reid, 1 down, and this will be played off during the week. Other cards handed in were: L. C. Hales, 2 down; Dr. F. G. Webster, 2 down; E. S. Pearce, 3 down. The Hutt Golf Club's monthly medal was won by E. H. Liddle, net 83. P. C. Freeth and A. De B. Brandon tied for second place with a net score of 86 each. The junior competition was won by E. A. Liddle.

Rotorua.

The very uncertain weather has much hindered any golf matches of late, enthusiasts are hoping this week will see the links in good playing order again.

On Tuesday last a general meeting of the Club was held, when a report was made intimating that 72 acres, between Totarua and Whakarewarewa, had been obtained from the Tourist Department, on most favourable terms. Clearing, etc., is to be started at once, and it is anticipated that ere long a very fine course of 18 holes will be obtained. It is said to be an ideal spot, with natural bunkers, etc. The club was duly registered, and everything placed in good going order. Golf has certainly come to Rotorua to stay.

New Plymouth.

There were over thirty competitors in the medal match played on the Nga Motu links last Saturday week. The match was for a prize donated by Mr. F. Taylor, and also served as the first round for Mr. F. G. Hood's prize (the second round of which will be played next Saturday). The following are the best six scores:—D. Hutchen, gross 105, handicap 25, net 80; H. Fraser, 104—23—81; H. H. Ward, 85—3—82; E. S. Bayley, 97—15—82; W. E. Wilson, 91—7—84; E. Barry, 105—20—85.

The tie for the Nga Motu trophy was played between T. Hanson and T. R. Southall, and was won by the former. The tie for Rev. F. G. Evans' trophy was won by V. Elliott.

The following is the draw for the Ladies' championship: Mrs. Paton, a bye; Miss Stephenson, a bye; Miss Brewster, a bye; Mrs. Johns, a bye; Miss Standish, a bye; Miss Percy Smith plays Mrs. Gunnson; Miss Reid, a bye; Miss Fitzherbert, a bye. The following is the draw for the Junior Scratch Competition: Miss Blundell, a bye; Miss McKella, a bye; Miss Roy plays Miss Simpson; Miss Jackson plays Miss Saxton; Miss Doris Fitzherbert plays Miss F. Evans; Miss Gwen Jewley plays Miss G. Roy; Miss A. Jones, a bye; Miss Kirkby, a bye.

LADIES' GOLF.

Auckland Championship, Meeting.

The annual provincial championship was played during the past week. This is the first championship held on the new course at Middlemore Park. Naturally comparisons were made with One-tree Hill. I may say the conditions which prevailed for this championship were, as usual, wet, so a fair contrast could be made of the course. Though Middlemore Park was quite as wet, the ground being of a more level nature, one's progress was not so laborious, and then by far the most important fact, the "lies" are much better, so taking everything into consideration, the new course, though severely tested, came through the ordeal well. There were 13 entries for the championship.

FIRST ROUND.

The first round was played on Monday morning, 4th July. Miss E. Martin beat Miss J. Richmond, 5 up and 3 to play; Miss M. Alison beat Miss N. Gorrie, 4 and 3; Miss E. Pierce beat Mrs. W. R. Bloomfield, 8 and 7; Miss R. Gorrie beat Miss W. Cotter, 2 and 1; Miss M. Cotter beat Miss N. Coutts, 4 and 3; Miss H. Buckland, Miss K. Willis and

Gisborne.

Last week Mr. F. Traill (scr.) met Mr. G. Willcock (scr.) in the semi-final of the A section, handicap tournament, the result being a victory for F. Traill by 5 up and 4 to play.

In the semi-final B tournament, Mr. H. Barker (scr.) beat R. Schilerning (13), 4 up and 3 to play.

Wairarapa v. Napier.

Teams representing the Wairarapa and Napier Golf Clubs played a match last week for the Wilson Cup. Napier, who are the holders, won by five games to two.

The English Open Championship.

James Braid has again won the open championship. His record in this great event is now as follows:—1896, fifth; 1897, second; 1898, seventh; 1899, fifth; 1900, third; 1901, won; 1902, second; 1903, fifth; 1904, second; 1905, won; 1906, won; 1907, seventh; 1908, won; 1909, second; 1910, won. The event was played this year at St. Andrews, and Braid, in winning, has put up a double record. He has now won this championship five times, which is once oftener than any one else, the two Morrises, Vardon and Taylor having each won it four times. His stroke round this year was 299, making one stroke under 75 for each round.

In 1895, at St. Andrews, Taylor won with 322; in 1900 with 300. In 1905 Braid won with 318, and now in 1910 Braid wins with 299.

The St. Andrews course is 6,487 yards in total length. It takes 37 strokes to reach the greens, 18 out and 19 home; adds to this two putts for each green, and we have a par of 73, which will show the merit of this performance. It must be remembered also that at least four or five of these holes require a full brassie to reach the green in the second shot in par play, as they are from 400 to 420 yards.

Miscellaneous.

Europe has 50 languages and 587 variations. Golf language is one of the latter.

Some sixty odd bunkers have been added to the recently laid-out course at Addington Court, and despite these difficulties, Philip Wynne, the local professional, is able to go on making new records. The other day he went round in 71, which is one better than his previous record, and two strokes lower than the open champion's. The details were:—4, 4, 4, 5, 4, 5, 4, 2—30; 5, 3, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4—25. The total length of the holes is 6,200 yards. The course is very dry, being situated on high ground and well exposed.

Progress.—"Does your husband still lose his temper as quickly at golf?" "Oh no! He allows the children to watch him now."

A Fact.—Small Boy: "Carry your clubs, sir?" (No answer.) Small Boy: "Come, gov'nur, you can't be player and caddie as well, you know!"

Miss G. Gorrie had byes. The most notable incident in this round was the defeat of Mrs. W. R. Bloomfield, who on several occasions has won this championship. Miss Ethna Pierce was on the top of her game, and won all the way, though the game was much closer than the result looks. Miss Pierce compiled the round, and did a record for the course—92.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss Martin beat Miss Hazel Buckland, 7 up and 6 to play; Miss E. Pierce beat Miss M. Alison, 1 up at the 19th hole; Miss Rachel Gorrie beat Miss M. Cotter, 5 up and 3; Miss G. Gorrie beat Miss K. Willis, 2 up.

THIRD ROUND.

This round was most exciting. Miss E. Pierce, whose chance for the championship, was considered almost a certainty, had the most strenuous battle with Miss M. Alison. At no part of the game was Miss Pierce "up" on Miss Alison. At the turn, Miss Alison led 2 up. The match was squared at the 11th, and again at the 18th. Playing the 19th, which is a short 3 shot (bogey) hole, Miss Alison went all to pieces, taking 9. Miss Pierce, playing perfect golf, won the hole in 3 and the match.

Miss G. Gorrie, who played Miss K. Willis, the only outside competitor, and who comes from the Cambridge Club, had a hard fight. Miss Willis failed to take a very good chance of winning. The Cambridge player has a most attractive style, but her game lacks "sting." The match ended 2 up in Miss Gorrie's favour on the home green. Miss Rachel Gorrie had a most meritorious win from Miss M. Cotter, who is playing a good solid game this season. Miss Rachel Gorrie, the youngest competitor in this year, is a most promising player, who, I venture to predict, will, at no very distant date, carry off championship honours.

THE SEMI-FINAL.

Miss G. Gorrie beat Miss Rachel Gorrie 4 up and 2 to play. Miss E. Martin beat Miss E. Pierce 2 up and 1 to play.

As was generally expected, the match between Miss Pierce and Miss Martin was a very close one, and there is little doubt that the severe game Miss Pierce had on the previous day against Miss Alison told very much on her nerves. Her putting was lamentable, and on 17 greens she missed more or less easy "putts." Miss Martin, who has a very easy style, played good golf, and fully deserved her win. The first hole was halved in 4's, the second Miss Pierce missed an easy 3, won the hole in 4. Both got good drives at the third across the swamp; Miss Pierce missing an easy putt, failed to halve the hole. The next, No. 4, was halved in an indifferent 5, after good drives. At the fifth hole Miss Martin got away a beautiful drive, which just reached the green. Miss Pierce, with a well-played tee shot, ran through the green. Both players should have got a three here, but halved in 4. The next hole was also halved in 5. No. 7 was badly played throughout. Miss Pierce failed to carry the bunker, had to drop and lose one. Miss Martin, though driving well, could only get an 8 against Miss Pierce's 9. No. 8, the longest hole on the course, was played against a strong head wind, and was halved in 8, and the 9th in 6, thus leaving Miss Martin 1 up at the turn. The next two holes were halved 4 and 6. No. 12: Miss Pierce, playing perfect golf, won the hole in 5, squaring the match, having the honour for the first time since the second hole. Miss Pierce fooled her drive badly; Miss Martin, making no mistakes, won the hole in 6 against 7. No. 14 was halved in 7, and the 15th Miss Martin won in 6, leaving her 2 up and 3 to go. The 16th hole Miss Pierce won with a perfect 3, reducing the lead to 1 up, but No. 17 Miss Pierce lost through poor playing, and the match went to Miss Martin 2 up and 1 to play. The sisters Gorrie had an interesting game, the elder winning on the 16th green 4 up and 2 to play.

THE FINAL.

Heavy rain had fallen all through the week, and by Friday morning the course was in a very bad state. The match was started at noon. Miss Gorrie won the honour, and started by playing a beautiful tee shot, which landed on the green. Miss Martin failed to carry the fence, and had to play her second from under the fence out of long grass. This she did successfully, reaching the green in 3. Miss Gorrie, with two good putts, won the hole in a perfect 3. Both got good drives from the second tee. Miss Gorrie ran through the green in her second.