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AUCKLAND.

In the final of the captain's tourney A grade, between Burns and Howden, the former player won the first six holes. The next three were halved, leaving Burns six up at the turn. He won the 10th and halved the 11th. Howden then won the 12th and 13th. The 14th was halved, leaving Burns dormy four. Howden was most unfortunate to drive an exceptionally long ball into the ditch at the 15th, and Burns won the hole and the match, 5 up.

Bruce and Kinder had a most exciting match in the B grade final. Not more than two holes ever separated the players, but Bruce was always up. They were all square at the 6th, 8th, and 9th, and again at the 16th, Bruce winning the next two holes, secured a victory, 2 up.

The second round for the E. Bloomfield Bowl was played, 56 competing. E. A. Dargaville won, with a net score of 81. The following are the best cards handed in:—E. A. Dargaville, 87—6—81; A. Farmer, 102—20—82; E. Poole, 102—20—82; J. B. Lusk, 91—8—82; H. Tonks, 93—10—83; W. McIntosh, 95—12—83; M. Thorne-George, 103—20—84; W. B. Colbeck, 80—3—83; T. D. Ball, 97—13—84; S. Hanna, 96—14—84; C. Nettleton, 92—8—84; J. Sharland, 99—15—84; J. B. Macfarlane, 99—15—84; G. Pierce, 104—18—86; G. A. Miller, 96—12—85.

Concurrently with the above match, D. Hay and J. J. King-well played off their tie of the first round, D. Hay winning with a net score of 94.

WELLINGTON.

Hutt Club.

(By Telegraph.—Own Correspondent.)

WELLINGTON, Saturday.

The Hutt Golf Club played a mixed foursomes' competition this afternoon, in glorious weather. Owing to the recent heavy rain, the course was somewhat muddy, and Brown and Mrs. Bridge's score was really good. The results are as follows:—A. E. Brown and Mrs. Bridge, 1 down; W. T. Wainyard and Mrs. Coverdale, 2 down; J. H. Wagg and Mrs. Gordon, 3 down; S. Turner and Miss Rathbone, 3 down; J. L. Clinie and Miss Phillips, 6 down; J. P. Murphy, and Miss Stuart Forbes, 5 down; W. Callender and Miss Wilson, 5 down.

CAMBRIDGE.

The ladder system started on Coronation Day, when Mrs. N. Banks defeated Miss Beale, and R. J. Roberts and R. Muir finished "all square." Mr. A. H. Nicoll defeated M. Wells.

On Saturday Mrs. Nicoll defeated Miss Brooks, and Miss Richardson defeated Miss Cox, and Miss Swayne defeated Miss Keys.

ROTORUA.

The ladies' and gentlemen's monthly medal competitions took place last week. The links are in very fair order, but the greens are not quite what they might be. The ladies' scores are as follows:—

Mrs. Worthington, gross 64, handicap, 20, net, 44; Mrs. Grove 59—4—54; Mrs. Kusaba 65—13—52; Mrs. Dyson, 70—17—53; Mrs. Crouther, 79—20—59; Mrs. Bonnett, 84—20—64; Miss Marsh, 95—20—75.

In the gentlemen's division, Mr. MacFarlane signalled his return to form by winning the trophy. The following were the scores:—

MacFarlane, gross 97, handicap 10, net 86; Sheriff, 94—8—88; C. Kusaba, 98—4—94; Robinson, 108—8—97; G. Brown, 132—10—116; Redward, 130, 10, 114.

The adjustment of the ladies' handicaps is as follows:—

Mrs. Groves, 4; Mrs. Sheriff, 10; Mrs. Kusaba, 13; Mrs. Worthington, 14; Mrs. Dyson, 17; All others, 20.

POVERTY BAY.

The progress of the A and B tournaments has increased interest in the play on the local links during the past fortnight. The conditions were favourable last week, when the second round in each tournament was played.

"A" Tournament.

Three games were got off in the A. division. G. M. Dodgson was in capital form, and, playing from scratch, easily accounted for W. G. Evans (11) by the large margin of 7 up and 6 to play. Evans played his usual steady game, but had no chance against the brilliant play of his more experienced opponent, who was at the top of his form, and brought in the excellent card of 81 for the full journey.

E. Adair (11) defeated W. Gilson (8), by 2 up. This was an even fight, the pair being all square at the 10th, but Adair, by steady and accurate play, took the last two holes.

W. F. J. Anderson (12) accounted for W. Hamilton Irvine (8) by 4 up and 3 to play. Anderson was in good form, and his approaching and putting were responsible for his comfortable victory.

E. H. Mann and R. U. Burke won their games by default.

J. H. Bull (2), and S. M. Palmer (2), had a great fight in the second round of the A. tournament on Coronation Day. Both men were in good form, and could not get away from each other at any time during the journey over the eighteen holes. It was not until they had arrived at the 21st hole that finality was arrived at, Bull here taking the game by 1 up.

"B" Tournament.

The second round of the B. tournament also caused keen interest.

H. Bennett (2), defeated W. B. Willock (ser.) by 3 up and 2 to play.

G. Grant (1), and F. W. Nolan (ser.) had a hard battle, honours eventually resting with the former by 1 up.

P. G. Andrews (4) accounted for L. T. Burnard (14) by 6 up and 5 to play.

C. Morgan and R. Schurning won their matches by default.

A game in the third round of this tournament was also played, H. Bennett defeating P. H. Hamilton by 2 up and 1 to play.

Hastings v. Waipukurau.

A match between Hastings and Waipukurau took place on the local links on Coronation Day, and the following is the result:—Hastings, 8; Waipukurau, 7. The details are as under:—

Men.—Peacock lost to Banks; Ropata beat Kiely; Richardson beat Fenwick; Ellingham beat Bowie; Harper lost to Mason; Edwards beat White; Hooper beat Baker; Sainsbury lost to Fenwick.

Ladies.—Miss E. Gilbertson lost to Mrs. Murray; Mrs. Harper beat Miss Baird; Miss Hooper lost to Mrs. Pinckney; Miss Gilbertson lost to Mrs. Woodward; Miss Smith lost to Mrs. Borrie; Mrs. Reid beat Miss Lanzaue; Miss Bryant lost to Mrs. Banks.

BLENHEIM.

A large number of enthusiasts attended the Riverland Golf Links last week, when the mixed foursomes were played. The following were the results: Mrs. MacLaine and F. Horton, gross 47, handicap 8—net 39; Mrs. Hulme and F. Reid, 48, 0—40; Mrs. B. Clouston and J.

Riddell, 51, 10—41; Mrs. B. Clouston and B. S. Clouston, 56, 12—44; Miss MacLauchlan and A. J. Wicks, 54, 0—48; Mrs. Sharp and H. Sharp, 58, 10—48; Miss C. Clouston and A. E. Mortimer, 56, 8—48; Miss Ross and F. W. Hart, 57, 7—50; Miss Griffiths and C. P. Hulme, 63, 13—50; Miss N. Mowatt and I. Grace, 62, 11—51.

DANNEVIRKE.

The result of the June competitions played on the Tahoraita links are as follows:—

Knight Cup (second round).—Miss Pettit, 104, 19—85.

L.G.U. Silver Medal.—Miss Pettit, 104, 19—85.

L.G.U. Bronze Medal.—Miss B. Robertson, 128, 40—88.

President's Bracelet.—Miss E. Robertson, 115, 35—80.

Captain's Medal.—Miss Hartgill, 107, 10—97.

Stroke Handicap.—Miss B. Robertson, 136, 40—96.

Bogey Handicap.—Mrs. Prichard, 1 up.

Junior Stroke Handicap.—Miss Wiltshire, 77, 7—70.

The match arranged for Coronation Day between Manawatu and Dannevirke had to be abandoned on account of bad weather.

LADIES' GOLF.

AUCKLAND.

The first round of the Electric match for Mrs. Carr's trophy was played last Monday, when nearly 60 players took part. Some of the best cards handed in were those of Miss Ethelna Pierce, Gwen and Rachel Gorrie, N. Upton, and W. Cotter, all of whom had a fair sprinkling of 4's and 3's.

The second round of this match will be played on Monday, 10th.

The July handicap medal match was played on Monday, July 3, in glorious weather, and resulted as follows:—Mrs. W. Colbeck, 124—40—84 (winner); Miss May Cameron, 123—38—85; Miss Winnie Cotter, 104—19—85; Miss Thorp, 123—34—89.

Waitemata v. Maungakiekie.

The lady members of the above clubs played a match, which resulted in a win for Waitemata. The following is a list of the matches played: Miss Souter (M.) beat Miss (Hudson) (W.), 4 and 3; Miss Macklow (M.) beat Miss Craigmill (W.) 1 up; Miss F. Duder (W.) beat Mrs. Ferguson, 2 and 1; Miss Bray (W.) beat Miss Gordon (M.), 4 and 2; Miss Newell (W.) beat Miss Barstow (M.), 1 up; Miss Kirker and Miss G. Graham, all square; Mrs. Martin (W.) beat Mrs. Hardy, 3 up.

CHRISTCHURCH.

A golf match was played on Monday afternoon at the Shirley Links between teams which were picked by the captain (Mrs. Boyle) and the secretary (Miss Nora Campbell). The competition resulted in a rather easy win for the secretary's team.

MANAWATU.

On Tuesday the seniors played a stroke competition for a trophy presented by Mrs. F. Seifert. Following were the results:—Miss Sylvia Abraham, 100, 23—83; Mrs. L. Seifert, 107, 22—85; Mrs. Adams, 121, 33—88; Miss Moore, 108, 19—89; Miss Wray, 93, scratch—93.

Napier v. Manawatu.

The above match was played at Palmerston North between teams of six a-side on Friday morning, and resulted in a win for the home team by 4 games to 2. The results were as follows, Manawatu players being mentioned first:—Miss Sybil Abraham 0 v. Miss Hindmarsh 1; Mrs. L. A. Abraham 0 v. Miss M. Hindmarsh 1; Mrs. Mellish 1 v. Miss M. Cross 0; Miss Moore 1 v. Miss Macfarlane 0; Miss Sylvia Abraham 1 v. Miss Clarke 0; Miss E. McLennan 1 v. Mrs. Kelly 0.

INTERPRETATION OF RULES.

(By "DORMY.")

There seems still to be considerable laxity in adopting the new Rules of Golf as amended and adopted by St. Andrew's two years ago.

The point as to whether a club may be grounded on permanent grass in a "hazard" is one that has been troubling both English and colonial clubs.

The definition of a hazard in the old code (now superseded) used to read:—"A 'hazard' is any bunker, water (except casual water), sand, path, road, railway, whin, bush, rushes, rabbit scrape, fence, or ditch. Sand blown on to the grass, or sprinkled on the course for its preservation, bare patches, sheep tracks, snow, and ice, are not hazards. Permanent grass within a hazard is not part of the hazard."

In the new code (now in force) the definition is altered to read thus:—"A hazard is any bunker, water (except casual water), sand, path, road, ditch, bush, or rushes. Sand blown on to the grass, or sprinkled on the course for its preservation, bare patches, sheep tracks, snow, and ice are not hazards."

The words and clauses given in heavy type above in the old definition are not omitted in the later one merely by accident or because they were superfluous. Committees are directed to provide local rules to deal with railways, rabbit scrapes, and fences, but no further reference is made to permanent grass in hazards. The inference from this is that permanent grass is part of the hazard, and must be so treated in accordance with rule 25 (new code).

As a further support of this view, the following query and answer from the column "Points and Problems" in *Golfing* (19th January, 1911) may be quoted:—Query: "Is one allowed to ground one's club on grass in a hazard, or does permanent grass in a hazard now form part of the hazard?"

Answer: "Permanent grass in a hazard is part of the hazard."

The answer seems to have been taken as correct, as no exception to it has appeared up to date 18th May.

Again in *Golfing*, 11th May, 1911, several decisions by the Rules of Golf Committee were given. The Sundridge Park Golf Club submitted to the committee this point:—"H. Hummocks, groups of hummocks and grass bunkers have been artificially formed on this course. May the club be grounded on these hummocks and in the grass bunkers?"

Answer:—"A 'bunker' is a depression in the ground where the natural soil is exposed and sometimes top-dressed with softer soil or sand. It is the duty of the authorities in charge of the golf course to define its hazards by local rule. In the absence of a local rule defining these hummocks and grassy depressions as hazards, the club may be grounded."

This answer surely makes it plain that if these places had been declared "hazards" by the club authorities, clubs could not be grounded even though the whole hazard were composed of permanent grass.

The Encyclopaedia Bradfordica.

Clubhouse.—A Tabernacle wherein Terminological Inexactitudes are allowed full scope. A "Bridge" resort, occasionally used for the purposes of Golf.

Dormy.—(From the Latin Dormio, to sleep). A term signifying the impossibility of your opponent or opponents drawing the stakes. A pleasant position for the person Dormy; though in the true sense of the word "to sleep" would be fatal. It is often the prologue to what is known as the "Bye," and "Bye-Bye," which again is a term signifying in juvenile language "To sleep."

Handicapper.—An unfortunate person whose duty it is to handicap. One who tries to act impartially, but never succeeds. A person upon whose head we vent our wrath. One who vouches for our respectability when we play on other courses.

Amateur.—A person who would scorn to accept a monetary consideration for services rendered, such as (1) Golf journalism, testimonials given for wearing apparel, golf balls or clubs, artificial manures, laying out of courses, and suggestions relating to the same. (2) A person who never, under any consideration, pays less than 30/ for one dozen golf balls, and who would be grossly insulted if they were offered for less. (3) One who refuses a cheque in lieu of a