

CAMBRIDGE.

The following are the best cards returned for the monthly medal competition at Cambridge for the month of June:—S. Dunbar, gross 102, handicap 16, net 86; T. Middleton, 104—14—86; K. J. Wilkinson, 99—12—87; Father Murphy, 110—22—88; M. Wells, 98—10—88; R. Muir, 102—11—91. Messrs. Dunbar and Middleton will play off to decide who wins.

THAMES.

The bogey handicap for men for the captain's second trophy resulted as under: C. Montgomery, winner, being 2 up; J. Metson 1 up, S. J. Clendon 1 up, Dr. Rogers all square, A. Gillespie, K. E. Rudman, G. L. Shaw, H. A. Joyce each 3 down, Bagnall 4 down, W. Baker 5 down, and F. McCullough, H. C. Gillespie, R. Abbott, R. MacMorran each 6 down.

The tie for the captain's first trophy was re-played, resulting in Joyce beating MacMorran by 2 strokes on the medal round of 12 holes.

The Thames Golf Club's medal round of nine holes for mixed foursomes was played on Saturday in unfavorable weather. The winners were Mrs. Pickering and Joyce, with a net score of 45. The best of the other scores handed in were: Miss Gillespie and Shaw, 46; Miss Hunter and Rudman, 48; Miss McCullough and Stewart, 51; Mrs. Baker and Montgomery, 54; Miss Wilkes and Dr. Rogers, 58; Miss Stewart and Baker, 59.

The three competitions for captain's trophies have now been completed. Miss Stewart winning the ladies' section, and Joyce and Montgomery respectively winning in the men's section.

Next, the golf professional, has been engaged for the coming week, starting on Tuesday next. An improvement in play should be noticeable if members take full advantage of his services.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

A pairs best ball bogey handicap for prize presented by Mr. D. K. Morrison was played at Nga Motu last week. The winners proved to be Messrs. Ward and Glasgow, who returned the good score of 3 up on the Colonel. The best scores out of the entry of 26 players were:—Ward 2, Glasgow 5, 3 up; Bary 2, W. S. C. Paton 7, 2 up; Honan 15, Anderson 15, 1 up; Morrison 8, Keblell 15, all square; Johns 1, A. Bewley sr., all square.

POVERTY BAY.

The first round in the handicap tournament in connection with the Poverty Bay Golf Club was commenced last week. The following are the results of the afternoon's operations:—

A Grade: F. W. Nolan (13) beat W. F. J. Anderson, 7 up and 6; F. H. W. Traill (scr.) beat J. H. Bull (3), 1 up at the 20th; N. Bull (scr.) won by default from J. Barnes-Graham (scr.); G. M. Dodgshun (scr.) beat R. Wilcock; 5 up and 4; W. B. Wilcock (13) beat A. Fenwick (5), 6 up and 5; A. Paka (scr.) beat J. Howie, 1 up at the 19th; P. H. Hamilton (12) beat W. R. Barker (4), 1 up; B. C. Jeffreys (12) won by default from G. B. Smith (12); L. T. Brown (8) won by default from E. W. Johnson (3); P. Keiha (scr.) beat G. W. Wilcock (scr.), 3 up and 2; R. U. Burke (10) beat E. Adair (8), 1 up at the 19th. This pair met in the second round, as both drew a bye in the first round.

B Grade: G. Kells (4) beat A. R. Watson (10), 5 up and 4; Spillsbury (10) beat C. Morgan (3), 2 up and 1; H. Bennett (scr.) beat A. D. Murray (scr.), 3 up; C. de Lantour (10) beat H. Rees (10), 1 up; Balfour (10) beat I. B. Smith (10), 2 up and 1; P. G. Andrew (2) beat Moore (scr.), 8 up and 6.

MANAWATU.

The following were the best cards handed in for the bogey competition played last week:—

SENIOR.

C. A. Poulsen, handicap 8, 1 up; P. L. Sim, handicap 9, 1 down; H. P. Abraham, handicap 7, 2 down; A. Seifert, handicap 2, 3 down; J. Slack, handicap 8, 3 down; L. Seifert, handicap 2, 4 down; H. Cooper, handicap 7, 4 down; W. Rendall, handicap 10, 4 down; A. Barraud, scratch, 5 down; St. C. Jounneaux, handicap 8, 5 down; L. A. Abraham, handicap 4, 5 down; J. Strang, handicap 2, 6 down; W. Strang, handicap 2, 7 down; J. R. MacLennan, handicap 11, 7 down; P. Mellardy, handicap 0, 8 down; R. Moore, handicap

9, 8 down; A. Stedman, handicap 11, 8 down; C. Louison, handicap 11, 8 down.

JUNIOR.

In the juniors A. Morgan, a new player with a 12 handicap, returned a good card of 2 up, G. Slack with a 2 handicap, returning a card of all square for second place. A. H. Pavitt, handicap 7, came third with 1 down, and O. H. Porritt, handicap 5, fourth with 2 down. A. Morgan, handicap 12, two up; G. Slack, handicap 2, all square; A. H. Pavitt, handicap 7, 1 down; O. H. Porritt, handicap 5, 2 down; J. Beale, handicap 6, 6 down; P. Williamson, handicap 11, 7 down.

HAWKE'S BAY.

Waipukurau v. Takapau.

The Waipukurau Golf Club played a match against the local club on the Takapau links last week. Takapau managed to secure a win by a narrow margin. The following are the result, Waipukurau players being mentioned first:—Richardson lost to Kopala; Peacock beat Panapa; Reid lost to Heperi; Edwards halved with Dr. Carter; Carroll lost to Russell; White lost to Te Whetu; T. Harper lost to Scott; H. Harper beat Woods; Moss beat Claughey.

LADIES' GOLF.

The Ladies' Championship.

The programme for the New Zealand Ladies' Golf Championship meeting has now been issued by the Nelson Ladies' Golf Club. The meeting begins on the 29th August, and ends on the 4th September.

For the championship proper entries are limited to players having handicaps of 15 or under, the entry fee being 5/ to members of L.G.U. clubs, and a guinea for members of non-affiliated clubs.

There are three medal competitions, one of these being for the Donnelly Cup, and one for the Coronation Medal. The other is an ordinary handicap medal competition, played on the first day to enable players to get accustomed to the course.

In addition to the usual trophies, the player making the best gross aggregate in these three rounds will hold for the year the Mellsop Gold Cup.

Three bogey rounds appear on the programme, the last being a consolation match for players who have not won prizes in any of the other events. Teams matches of four, and an inter-island stroke match (the best six scores out of eight) are to be played in conjunction with the Donnelly Cup and Coronation Medal rounds.

Miss Elsie Booth, Union Bank, is the tournament secretary.

The South Auckland Meeting.

Great was the disappointment felt by numbers of lady golfers when it became known that there were to be no ladies' events in the programme of this meeting. It came as a great surprise, for it was thought that as the last meeting had been such a success it would become a yearly fixture. Two years ago a mixed meeting was held, and the matches were played together, but this was found far from satisfactory as the links became so congested that everyone's patience was strained to breaking point. Last year the ladies' programme was got through on the Monday and Tuesday. The men's ran from the Wednesday till Friday, and this arrangement proved a complete success. So delighted was everyone who made the trip that it is safe to say that about thirty players from the Auckland clubs alone would have made the trip this year. Last year Mr. Muir successfully managed the ladies' meeting, and we are sorry that this same arrangement cannot be made this year.

AUCKLAND.

The tie for the June Medal between Miss Milly Colter and Miss Muriel Albon was won by the former with a net score of 87 to 90.

The first round was played on Monday, 17, of the eclectic match, for which Mrs. Carr (president) is presenting prizes. Heavy showers fell during the afternoon, and this was not conducive to low scoring. The best round was that of Miss Gwen Gorrie, whose 97 was good considering the conditions.

The match for the Hove Lewis Cup could not be played on Thursday owing to the wet weather, the links being closed for play on that day.

The Auckland Ladies' Golf Club arranged their Provincial Championship meeting so as to get in with the Cambridge meeting. In the programme of this meeting given last week a mistake was made. The foursomes are to be played on the Monday, and the approaching and putting and driving competitions on the Tuesday.

The second round of the eclectic match, for which Mrs R. A. Carr (president) presented trophies, was played at Middlemore on Monday. The weather was fine, but a strong cold wind made it very unpleasant. The course was heavy in places, but, considering the heavy rains that had fallen, was in fair condition, Miss Milly Colter was the winner in the senior division with a best card of 78. Miss Nellie Upton was close up with a 79. Miss Mah Rice was the winner in the junior division with 79.

THAMES.

The ladies' handicap bogey competition for the captain's trophy resulted in Miss A. Stewart winning with 2 up, Miss Lily Price and Miss Hunter were each 1 up, Mrs. Rudman and Mrs. Clendon, and Miss I. Read 1 down, Mrs. Pickering, Miss Wilkes, and Miss Price 2 down, Mrs. Baker 5 down, Mrs. Bagnall and Mrs. Dunlop 3 down.

HAMILTON.

The medal competition last week resulted as follows: Ladies (9 holes)—Miss Cussen 1st, 42 net, the next best cards being Mrs Stewart 46, Mrs Douglas 47, Miss Tui Ring 53. Gentlemen (18 holes):—Shand 1st, 77 net, other cards being Wilson 79, Anderson 80, McLeod 80, Shepherd 81, Winter 81, Westoby 81, H. Dodson 82.

NAPIER.

A handicap bogey match was played on the ladies' nine-hole course at the Waiohiki golf links last week. The following were the best cards handed in:—

"A" Class.—Miss C. Hindmarsh (handicap 8), all square; Miss M. Hindmarsh (5), 1 down; Miss I. Balfour (11), 1 down; Miss Dean (6), 2 down; Miss J. Crosse (5), 4 down.

"B" Class.—Miss L. Snodgrass (15), 1 down; Miss D. Bernau (15), 1 down; Mrs Manning (12), 2 down; Miss Miller (12), 3 down; Mrs Aspinall (15), 3 down; Mrs Kelly (14), 4 down; Mrs Moore (12), 5 down; Mrs Gould (15), 5 down; Miss Murdoch (15), 6 down.

HASTINGS.

The Hastings Golf Club played a mixed foursome last week. The best cards handed in were as follows: E. Waddington and Miss R. Wellwood (handicap 11), 74; N. Beaton and Mrs Woodward (13), 74; M. Fenwick and Miss Williams (14), 78; E. Nuttall and Mrs Synovans (18), 80; S. Baird and Miss D. Wellwood (19), 85; W. A. Kiely and Mrs Kiely (14), 89; J. Beaton and Miss S. Wellwood (17), 80.

DANNEVIRKE.

The best cards in the Junior Stroke Handicap were:—Miss G. Irvine, 107—30—77; Mrs. Roake, 99—15—84; Miss Lawford and Miss McDermott, 125—30—95. The first round for the captain's medal and Stroke Handicap resulted as follows:—Miss Tansley, 94—6—88; Miss Hartgill, 97—9—88; Mrs. Lawford, 123—35—88; Mrs. Nyman, 121—24—97; Mrs. Baddeley, 121—24—97.

TARANUI.

The following are the four best cards handed in for the Ladies' Medal Handicap for the club button played last week:—Miss Collins, gross 103, handicap 25, net 78 Miss E. C. Patti, 93, 0—93; Miss A. Patti, 98, 0—98; Miss F. Patti, 99, 0—99.

MANAWATU.

The June bogey matches resulted as follows:—Senior A.—Mrs. A. Seifert, handicap

13, 4 down; Miss Nabil Abraham, 8, 5 down.

Senior B.—Mrs. Tripp, handicap 20, 6 down; Mrs. Whitmore, 30 7 down.

Juniors.—Miss Porter, handicap 24, 10 down.

WANGANUI.

The first bogey match of the season was played in perfect weather. The following were the best scores handed in:—Class A.—Miss Montgomery Moore, handicap 21, 2 down; Miss Harper, 21, 4 down; Mrs. Armstrong, 22, 5 down.

Class B.—Miss Lambert, handicap 23, 6 up; Miss Greaves, 19, 2 down; Miss C. Nixon, 25, 3 down. The links are getting into very good order, so it is to be hoped that there will be a large number of entries for the annual tournament, which eventuates on the 21st and 10th July.

OTAGO.

The following were the best scores in the monthly bogey competition, held last week:—Miss K. Rattray, handicap 4, 3 down; Mrs. Mackie, 9, 7 down; Miss D. Williams, 8, 9 down.

CHRISTCHURCH.

The first round of the handicap tournament for Mrs Wigram's prize was played at Shirley last week. Most of the matches in this round were won easily, the only close one being that of Mrs Symons and Miss Cowlshaw, who tied, but when playing it over again Miss Cowlshaw had an easy win. In the other games Miss Campbell beat Mrs. H. Wood 7 up and 5; Mrs Godby won from Miss Ogle by default; Miss Wood won easily from Mrs Day; Miss Trolove beat Miss D. Anderson; Miss Fisher beat Miss G. Holmes; and Miss Cracroft Wilson beat Miss N. Holmes 7 up and 5.

In the second round the matches played so far are: Miss Cowlshaw beat Miss Campbell; Miss Wood beat Miss Trolove; Mrs Godby after a close match beat Mrs Donald 2 up and 1; Miss Fisher won from Miss Cracroft Wilson, who had to scratch owing to having sprained her ankle; Mrs Vernon beat Mrs Hill 6 up and 5. Three other matches have yet to be played in this round: Mrs. Campbell plays Mrs Cripps; Miss Harley plays Miss P. Anderson and Miss Wilkin plays Mrs Longman.

Water Hazard Play.

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"Ariston men idor" as the poet Pindar sang in a sober moment—the which, being interpreted, means there is nothing like water. When hazards are being considered it is certainly so, for there is nothing which so completely takes the heart out of a player as a fair carry over a decently wide brook or lake—whether it be that the golfer is troubled with some sort of moral and mental hydrophobia, or whether he is merely oppressed with the consciousness that while from any other hazard it is possible to recover with greater or less success, out of water it is usually the simplest and driest—plan to lift under the one stroke penalty. There have been one or two famous occasions, however, when the advantage of learning how to play the stroke when required has appeared clearly enough, in spite of Mr. George Glennie's famous dictum that such a stroke was "no golf at all, only monkey's tricks."

A Championship Final.

The water-hazard episodes of the British Championships are pretty well confined to St. Andrews and Prestwick, but by far the most famous of them occurred where there was not, properly speaking, a water-hazard at all. This was in the Amateur Championship at Prestwick in 1899, when the two finest match players who ever took part in that event—Mr. John Ball and the late Lieutenant F. G. Tait—met in the final round, and the English player won by getting the thirty-seventh hole in a splendid 3. That particular incident produced what was, perhaps, the most exciting tussle in the whole thirty years of the tournament, but the full history of it cannot be given here. Suffice it to say that going to the seventeenth, the Alps, Mr. Ball was one up, and both players hit good seconds into the big bunker on the further side of that famous hazard.