

my from Arthur Duncan, would be a guide and would help a tournament committee to gauge the value of local handicaps.

Three-shot Holes.

Once when Vardon was in America, they prepared for him a hole of nearly 900 yards, so that he should not get up in three shots. These, too, were the days of gully balls, so I doubt if he got there in 5. By general consent, no hole is put outside three shots from the tee, so that 520 to 540 yards is very nearly the extreme length of a golf hole. Anything longer is a freak. The general idea is that a three-shot hole should be reachable in three full-shots against a fairly strong wind with ground normal. That would seem to indicate 500 to 530 yards, hole as quite sufficient. By a three-shot I don't mean that sort which is just outside two-shots, say 420 to 450—these I think are just bad length two-shot holes. We shall have an excellent one at Shirley—Laud's End. The fairway is bounded by a road on the right, and will be bunkered on the left. The tee-shot must carry a water hazard, some 140 yards away, though short players may, by a slight sacrifice of distance, clear it at 120 yards. The line is slightly dog-leg, and the green is in the angle where two roads meet. The green, which is now being recast will be a raised one with a slight rise to the back. It will occupy a width of some 35 yards, and will be very large. The total length will be about 470 yards, perhaps a trifle short. Dunedin has a very good three-shotter in the 11th. The first shot is over a rush-bed, and must be short of the road; the second is on to a narrow fairway over a very rough, place, and the green itself is guarded by rushes. The total length is about 490 yards. At Wellington the one three-shot hole is over 500 yards, but owing to the flat nature of the ground it is commonplace. The green, too, is in a hollow and quite blind. Napier has in Shirley's a fine hole. Two long shots put one within an iron shot, and the hole is on a terrace at the top of a 20ft. bank. The road at the back penalises the too strong shot. The Willows is also a good hole, a trifle shorter. Long Tom at Wanganui would be better if the fairway were not so rough. The green, too, is placed in an extremely awkward position. It could be made a magnificent hole. The Dress Circle is also a good hole, the third shot being the chief feature. Auckland is well off in having two such good holes as the 9th and 18th. The 9th in particular, with its approach into the trees is an admirable hole.

NELSON.

The fourth round of the Encounter Shield competition was played last week. The match was won by G. Richmond. The following were the best cards handed in:—Richmond, 95—14—81; Egg-Walker, 102—19—83; Pollock, 109—26—83; McLaren, 104—20—84; Coote, 116—25—91; Dalziel, 118—25—93; J. H. Cook, 125—30—95; Fope, 125—30—95; Walker, 162—4—96; Dodds, 168—10—98; McCabe, 112—13—99; Robinson, 112—12—100.

HAMILTON.

The results of the mixed foursomes played last week are as follows:—Mrs. Stewart and E. Wilson 43 net, 1st. Other scores were: Miss Wilkinson and Cavanagh, 45; Mrs. Shepherd and Shepherd, 49; Mrs. Douglas and Mr. Douglas, 48; Miss Carroll and Dodson, 50; Mrs. Mears and Mears, 51; Mrs. Gillies and Winter, 52.

CAMBRIDGE.

The weekly bogey competition played last week again attracted a large entry. The object of these competitions is being achieved, namely, to familiarize players with match play conditions, and already the improvement is very noticeable, the winning scores being lower and better each week. The following are the best scores:—W. J. Murphy, 3 up; C. F. Dund, 1 down; A. H. Nicoll, 2 down; E. J. Wilkinson, 4 down.

A ladder match was also decided, Wilkinson beating Dunbar 3 and 2. The revised ladder, as decided at the Committee meeting last week, is as follows:—1—Nicoll, 2—Wells, 3—Muir, 4—J. Banks, 5—T. Middleton, 6—K. J. Wilkinson, 7—H. Dunbar, 8—N. Banks, 9—D. R. Caldwell, 10—C. W. McBride.

MIRAMAR.

The men's four-ball competition last Saturday week at Miramar was won by W. R. and W. T. Doughty—4 up on bogey. The best cards handed in were as follows:—W. R. Doughty and W. T. Doughty, 2 up; R. L. D. Kildon and B. L. Taylor, 1 up; R. M. Doughty and J. A. Cleland, all square; M. W. Horton and W. E. A. Gill, all square; H. R. H. Bainsie and I. S. Thompson, all square; E. H. Liddle and P. White-Parsons, all square.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

The June medal competition resulted in a win for Mr. E. G. Sim, who returned a good card, having done the round in 90 under somewhat unfavourable weather conditions. Appended are the scores:—

SENIORS.

E. G. Sim, 90—10—80; G. Wilson, 95—11—82; H. G. Moore, 91—8—83; R. Moore, 95—12—83; W. Bendall, 96—13—83; O. H. Bruce, 83—ac—83; P. McHardy, 92—6—84; J. Slack, 93—11—64; W. L. Fitzherbert, 100—14—86; J. Strang, 93—2—91; W. Strang, 93—3—92; M. O'Reilly, 105—11—94.

JUNIORS.

It is a great pity that so few juniors take part in the competitions, and of the few who play more than half fail to return cards. On Saturday, G. Slack, who is a steadily improving player, won very easily, doing a good round of 90. The three cards sent in were:—G. Slack, 90—3—60; Pavitt, 110—0—107; A. Morgan, 126—10—116.

HAWERA.

The Hawera players had a most enjoyable time on their visit to Waverley, and after a series of interesting matches were victorious by 8 to 7. The course was in very good order, and the greens were hard and fast. Most of the matches were close, two being decided on the last green. The scores were as follows, Waverley being mentioned first in each case: Foghill 0, v. O'Callaghan 1; Muir 1, v. Tarrant 0; Capt. Daniel 1, v. Turron 0; Cave 0, v. Elliott 1; G. Daniel 1, v. Sutton 0; Jones 0, v. Cordale 1; Merriman 0, v. Tonks 1; L. O. v. Barley 1; Johnson 1, v. Lennon 0; H. Dickie v. Page, all square; Cooke 0, v. McCarter 1; C. Dickie 0, v. Walker 1; S. Aiken 1, v. Dr. Thomson 0; Curt's v. Aikins, all square; G. Howie 1, v. Foyster 0.

Wanganui will visit Hawera on Saturday, July 13, and Waverley will play a return game in about three weeks.

LADIES' GOLF.

AUCKLAND.

The third and final round of the captain, Mrs. W. R. Bloomfield's match, was played at Middlemore on Monday. The weather was perfect. The conditions of the match were the best two rounds out of three against bogey. Miss Milly Cotter's two best gave her a card of one down. Miss Winnie Cotter was second, two down, and Miss Ewen Gorrie third, six down.

Waitemata.

The Waitemata Ladies' Golf Club's monthly medal for July was won by Miss Godgeon with a net score of 105, the next best cards returned being those of Mrs. Prime (106) and Miss Newell (108).

NAPIER.

The following is the result of the ladies' bogey handicap match, played on the nine hole course at the Waikiki links:—

A Class.—Miss M. Hindmarsh (5), 1 up; Miss C. Hindmarsh (8), 1 down; Miss M. Dean (6), 2 down; Miss I. Balfour (11), 2 down; Miss J. Croose (5), 3 down; Miss Clarke (10), 3 down.
B Class.—Mrs. Moore (12), all square; Miss Miller (12), all square; Mrs. Edgar, (14), 2 down; Mrs. Manning (12), 3 down; Mrs. Aspinall (15), 3 down; Miss G. Bernau (8), 3 down.

LADIES' HANDICAP MATCH.

The members of the Napier club played a handicap match play round on Thursday. Following are the results:—Captain's Trophy.—Miss M. Hindmarsh (9) beat Miss Croose (11), 4 up

and 3 to play; Mrs. Bernau (14) beat Miss Davis (18), 1 up; Mrs. Smith (9) beat Mrs. Kennedy (14), 1 up; Miss C. Hindmarsh (17) beat Miss Dean (12), 4 up and 2 to play.

B Trophy.—Mrs. Moore (23) beat Miss Brabant (22), 1 up at the 19th hole; Miss Miller (25) beat Mrs. Aspinall (30), 3 up and 2 to play; Mrs. Gould (30) beat Mrs. Edar (28), 2 up; Mrs. Davis (30) beat Mrs. Kelly (29) 4 up and 3 to play.

MANAWATU.

The monthly medal and eclectic competition took place last week with the following results:—

A Grade.—Mrs. A. Seifert, 107—47—90; Mrs. Slack, 97—1—98.
B Grade.—Miss Tripe, 122—37—85; Miss Coombs, 120—60—86.
Juniors.—Miss Barnicoat, 134—32—102.
The final round for Mrs. Innes' trophy (two rounds against bogey) was played last week. Miss Sybil Abraham won, and Mrs. Fitzherbert and Miss Coombs tied for second place.

OTAGO.

The junior medal competition on June 20th resulted as follows: Mrs. Black, gross 122, handicap 25, net 97; Mrs. Cohn 121—22—99; Miss Roberts, 132—20—100.
The results of the All Day Tournament on June 27 were:—

MEDAL HANDICAP.

Miss Orbell, 110—28—84; Miss Roberts, 115—25—89; Miss Bart, 118—23—90; Mrs. Black, 110—25—91; Miss Jaw, 120—28—91; Mrs. Theomin, 123—32—91.

FOURSOMES.

Mrs. Rattray v. Miss D. Williams, handicap 8, 6 down; Miss K. Rattray v. Miss Graham, 8—7 down; Miss Mill v. Miss A. Mill, 10—7 down; Miss Theomin v. Miss Finch, 10—7 down; Mrs. Black v. Miss I. Rattray, 15—7 down.

PUTTING.

Miss K. Rattray, 38; Mrs. Mackie, 39.

SENIOR MEDAL COMPETITION.

Miss Mill, gross 100, handicap 11, net 89; Miss D. Williams, 106—13—93; Miss Graham, 112—19—93; Miss K. Rattray, 102—4—98.

ROTORUA.

The ladies played for the monthly medal last week. Miss Marsh and Mrs. Iles tied for the trophy. The following are the scores:—

Mrs. Grove, gross 67, handicap 22, net 45; Miss Marsh, 74—30—44; Mrs. Iles, 74—30—44; Mrs. Dyson, 82—30—52; Mrs. Flower 94—30—64; Mrs. Sherriff, 87—23—65; Mrs. Bennett, 91—30—61; Miss Marfloy, 94—30—64; Miss Lundon 79—30—49; Mrs. Lyons, 114—30—64.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

The first rounds for the ladies' championships were played at Nga Motu last

week, the results being as follows:—

SENIOR.

Miss Hawley defeated Miss Rundle, 2 up; Mrs. Johns defeated Mrs. Arnold Jones, 4 up and 2; Miss Bunnell defeated Miss Read, 2 up and 1; Mrs. Paton defeated Miss Perry Smith, 5 up and 4; Miss Brewster defeated Miss Hall, 10 and 8.

JUNIOR.

Mrs. Hutton defeated Miss Roy, 5 up and 4; Miss Bradbury defeated Miss Dowling, 1 up and 2.

NELSON.

Winners of matches for June were as follows:—

Senior Medal, Miss Elsie Booth, B Grade, Miss Edith Dobson, Mrs. Burnes' Trophy Bogey Match, Mrs. Lewis.

Encounter Match and Junior Medal, Miss Bigg-Wither.

The committee are now employing extra labour on the links, and the additions to the clubhouse are almost completed.

CHRISTCHURCH.

A bogey match was played at Shirley on Friday week which resulted in a win for Miss Fisher in the senior division and Miss Reeves in the junior.

The monthly medal match was played at Shirley on Wednesday, 3rd July, and resulted in a win for Mrs. Hill in the senior, and Miss Reeves in the junior division.

The final of the handicap tournament for Mrs. Wigram's prize is to be played on Friday afternoon between Miss D. Fisher and Miss P. Anderson.

GISBORNE.

The ladies of the Taverly Bay Golf Club had a glorious day for their monthly medal round. Mrs. Cole presented a trophy, a pair of silver-mounted flower vases, for this event, the successful competitor being Mrs. F. T. Morgan, who brought in a very good score—90—18—

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