

# On the Golf Links

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Secretaries of ladies' golf clubs are invited to forward official notices, handicaps and alterations, results of competitions and other matters of interest, to reach the publishing office not later than the Saturday prior to the date of publication.

## CALENDAR.

August 14, 15, 16.—South Auckland Championship meeting, Cambridge links.

August 20 to 23 (inclusive)—Napier Ladies' Golf Club, Annual Tournament, at Napier.

N.Z. Ladies' Golf Championship Meeting, Nelson, August 29 to Sept 4 (inclusive).

September 10, 11, 12—Manawatu Golf Club's Tournament at Palmerston North.

September 16 to 19 (inclusive)—Manawatu Ladies' Open Tournament at Palmerston North.

September 16 to 21—New Zealand Championship meeting, Heretaunga links, Wellington.

Club Secretaries are requested to forward the dates of meetings for inclusion in the above list.

## AUCKLAND.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

### The Public Interest in Golf.

WRITERS in English papers of recent date are calling attention to the large amount of space being devoted to reports of golf tournaments. The doings of all the leading amateur and professional players were chronicled in detail before the recent open and amateur championship. In one leading daily the amateur meeting was given a column in the news page, while the "Derby" only had a short article in the sporting notes on a back page. One can trust the editors to know what the readers want, so it looks as if the recent boom in the game is not passing, despite the prognostications of the pessimist. In New Zealand the game is really in its infancy and does not get much space in the daily paper, but one cannot complain of the reports given of championship tournaments. The "Graphic" is the only paper in the Dominion to give the game adequate attention. In Auckland the devotees of the game are increasing daily, and it looks as if another club will be needed to provide accommodation for the newcomers. The Auckland Club is perilously near the limit of membership, while Maungakiekie is, I hear, quite full. Waitemata can accommodate a few more, but not many, as the course is rather short and soon gets crowded. A great many of the general public still look on and scoff, but more and more realise each year that the game is intensely interesting, and to the average player so absorbing that he puts aside all other amusement (and also work) for the sake of a few holes in the ancient game. I hope that 1914 will see the New Zealand Championship held at Middlemore, and have little doubt that it will result in a great number of converts to the game.

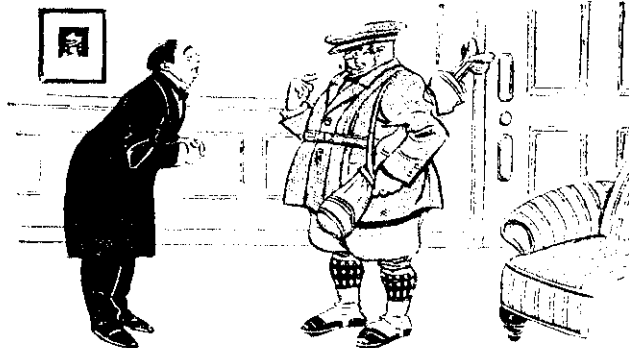
### Inter-club Matches.

There has always been great difficulty in arranging for inter-club games with clubs outside Auckland. We are a long way from the other big centres, and find it hard to get a team to travel. I understand that about eight or nine members of the Auckland club are going to Wellington next month, and most of them to Palmerston. Would it not be possible to arrange matches against Manawatu and Wellington during the fortnight or so that our men are in the South? I have heard that there is a chance of a private team from Palmerston playing here at the end of the month, but nothing definite has been decided yet.

### New Zealand Meeting.

The programme for the Championship Tournament has been issued, and is about the same as usual. Amateur Championship, Open Championship,

Bogey, and Medal Handicaps, and Bogey Fourball, comprise the list. Entries for all events close on September 7th, and for the Open and Amateur events are limited to 72. The conditions do not state how the 72 are to be arrived at.



Major Hotstuffe (to dentist): "This set of teeth is not quite satisfactory, Jones?"

Dentist: "Why, sir?"

Major: "Well, they seem to retard my flow of language on the links!"

Besides the above-mentioned games, a Professional match and the O'Rourke Vase are to be played.

### Some Hints from "Golf Illustrated"

Social distinctions should be disregarded on the links. Every player who regards the etiquette of the game is a gentleman and a golfer.

To prevent topping—Keep your chin on your collar while you follow through. It is not fair to talk "shop" in the presence of people who have never played the game. Wait for a more appreciative audience.

One of the Triumphs has said that in judging distances on a strange course, he is in the habit of walking a few yards ahead in order to view the line from the side. This principle has been found to hold good on the putting green also. Subtle undulations seem to become more apparent when examined from a point apart from the ball or the hole.

### Second Qualifying Round of the Championship.

Conditions were more favourable on Saturday for good scoring, and a few players managed to improve a bit on their previous Saturday's efforts. The outstanding feature of the play was the 79 put in by Burns. This was the result of very good all-round play, and but for an indifferent 7 at the 18th would have been better. Colbeck improved on last week to the extent of 5 strokes, doing 86, while Sharland (88) was the only other to break 90. These three players, with Bamford, McCormick, Dargaville, and Upton, all qualified, while Lusk and Fryer have to play off for eighth place. Lusk, who went out in 43 on Saturday, appeared to have made himself safe, but fell away badly coming in. Fryer was a stroke or two worse than the previous week. The tie will probably be played off on Saturday week in conjunction with the Bloomfield Vase match. In the meantime the draw will probably be made.

### Waitemata Club Championship.

The final for the club championship, played on Saturday, produced a very close game, interest being maintained right up to the eighteenth green. Howden was expected to win, but Clouston, who is always a dangerous player on the Waitemata course, just managed to beat him.

### Maungakiekie Championship.

The following were the scores in the qualifying rounds of the Maungakiekie Club's championship, played on Saturday:—Scot: A. B. Webster, 92; B. O. Gardner, 94; C. F. Gardner, 95; F. Hickman, 96; R. H. Wemyss, 98; D. Hay, 100; M. Morpeth, 101; D. F. Reid, 103; N. Chennell,

104; O. M. Ferguson, 106; G. D. Thacker, 108; G. L. Taylor, 111. Junior.—F. Rabant, 101; A. G. Cooke, 107; R. A. George, 108; D. Morris, 109; A. Le Neve, 109; R. Coates, 117; M. D. Ward, 118; W. H. Grace, 121; J. A. Peacock, 121. The first eight in each grade qualify.

## CHRISTCHURCH.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

### The Weather.

Early last week the weather took a turn for the better, and, with three fine days in succession, one began again to have thoughts of Shirley. But on Saturday morning the place was as wet as ever, and, to make things more uncomfortable still, snow began to fall fairly heavily about mid-day. The links were whitened by early afternoon, and all

the men could get at it, but there was plenty left. He lost six balls and I lost four. The links were quite whitened by more snow on Saturday night, and on Sunday was a beautiful sight to the appreciative person—but I fear a golfer is not appreciative in such cases. Nearly all the snow had gone by Monday. We hope here that the weather has now done its worst, and that a fine spring and summer will reward us to some extent for the exceedingly unpleasant winter. It is high time practice began for the big meetings in September, and the golf has been so broken of late that regular practice has been an impossibility. Shirley is looking very well, the grass being very promising. Given a good spring the course will be, by many degrees better next season than ever before. The new course will be in use before the end of the year, and there is no doubt it will be a great improvement on the old one. No further progress has been made with the Denniston Cup, the Saturdays having been such as to render matches out of the question.

### The Ladies.

The Christchurch Ladies' Golf Club is getting off its championship between the showers. Already the competition has been reduced to four, which will again be reduced to two before this appears in print. Mrs. Godby, Miss Wilson, Miss Fisher, and Miss Campbell are left in, and it is very doubtful who will ultimately win. It is very gratifying to note a steady improvement in the standard of our ladies' play. One cannot deny that formerly the Wellington and Otago ladies were too strong and perhaps are still so. But the time is coming, I believe, when our ladies will hold their own even with such formidable opponents. The most promising sign is the rapidly increasing efficiency of several of the younger players, who give promise of being very formidable opponents of the more experienced players, and that soon.

### Other Links.

The Hagley championship is progressing very slowly. A few games have been got off during the week, but they

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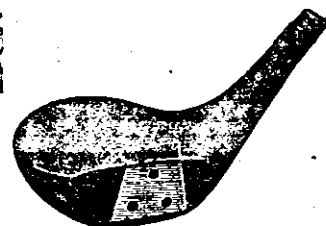
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