

LADIES' GOLF.

Auckland.

The members of the Auckland Ladies' Club held a Red Cross medal match on Tuesday, June 27th, and Miss Una Holmes won with a score of 107-30-77. The best of the other cards returned were: Miss S. Payton, 91-10-81; Miss M. Payton, 97-13-84; Miss S. Henderson, 105-17-88; Miss G. Gorrie, 94-6-88.

New Plymouth.

A Red Cross medal match was played in conjunction with the second qualifying round of Mrs. Walker's cup. Twenty entries were received, the following being the best scores:—Miss L. Reed, 114-36-78; Miss F. Putt, 108-30-78; Miss Brewster, 96-10-86; Mrs. Johns, 106-20-86; Miss C. Leatham, 121-34-87; Miss K. Free, 124-35-89; Mrs. K. B. Bain, 129-40-89. On the two days' scores the following qualify:—Miss C. Leatham, 83, 87-170; Miss L. Reed, 94, 78-172; Miss F. Putt, 94, 78-172; Miss K. Free, 85, 89-174; Miss Brewster, 89, 86-175; Mrs. Bain, 87, 89-176; Mrs. Johns, 93, 86-179; Mrs. Glenn, 91, 91-182. These eight players will contest the match by hole play on handicap, and have drawn: Miss L. Reed plays Mrs. Glenn; Miss Brewster plays Miss C. Leatham; Miss K. Free plays Miss Putt; Mrs. Johns plays Mrs. Bain.

Red Cross Fund.

Previously acknowledged, £36 1s.; Richmond Hill, 14s. 9d.; Napier, £2 17s.; Wanganui, £3 2s.; Otago, £2 4s.; New Plymouth, £1 12s. 6d.; Nelson, 15s.; Maungakiekie, £1 10s.; Invercargill, £2 11s.; Hamilton, 15s.; Takapau, 10s. 6d.; total, £52 12s. 9d.



VIEW OBTAINED ON THE DUNEDIN LINKS, WHEN PLAYING ON TO THE 8TH GREEN.

Manawatu.

The monthly bogey matches for June were won by Mrs. Freeth (9), 4 down, in the senior grade, and Miss Molly Warburton (30), 6 down, in the second grade.

A Red Cross medal match was played on June 27th, and was won by Mrs. A. Seifert, 94-17-77. By this score Mrs. Seifert reduces her handicap to 15.

Invercargill.

The silver and bronze medal matches were played at Otatara on June 22nd. Mrs. D. Gilmour handed in the best score for the silver medal, and Miss Gardner the best score for the bronze medal.

THE GOLF SWING.

"Mashie," in the "Southland Times," gives the following excellent advice both for beginners and for more experienced players on the principles of the golf swing:—"In watching the many players who now frequent the links, learners as well as those of some experience, I notice the same old faults we were warned against at our beginnings—over-swinging and hard hitting. I suppose one can't blame the players; it is quite natural to think that the harder you hit the farther the ball will go, and as every

player wants the ball to go a long way, he takes the most natural way to attain his object. He does not soon attain, but he is nothing daunted and keeps pegging away; gets a wonderfully long shot at times, but oftener, many times oftener, as wonderfully short; the direction of most shots being, well—erratic.

"I don't believe you can hit too hard if you swing correctly. That's just it, swing correctly. What is the correct swing, and how is it to be acquired? If I could only answer that and guarantee to teach it, my income tax would be fairly large. Books tell you all about it, and tell you also that it is next to impossible to learn to swing from books. I believe that to be true in the main. Now and again a genius pops up who manages fairly well; he has the gift, but the ordinary man wants to see the thing done, and calls on his powers of imitation to copy the example set him. I hope we will soon have a professional here, one whom we can see doing the swing properly, one whom we can safely imitate. All professionals may not be first-class coaches, but they can all swing correctly. We will then learn the difference between a hit and a swing, but I think the most effective swing is a mixture of both, rather more swing than hit.

"The body must not sway from side to side, and the head must not move up and down, but remain as nearly as possible quite still until after the ball is hit, when it moves slightly forward in the follow through. There you are again. What is the 'follow through?' Usually the finish of the stroke where the club is carried well over the left shoulder is called the follow through. Really the follow through means that for a space of say an inch or two behind the ball to six or even twelve inches in front of it the club in its swing has been played in a horizontally straight line,

inches apart on a flat surface, and did not consider his swing of much account unless he removed them both with the club. The follow through should be practised assiduously on these lines, and when acquired will not only give the player much more control over direction, but will add distance to his drive up to his physical ability."

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