

GOLF ANNUAL EXTRACT 1888 -1889

The green is situated between the villages of Halbeath and Cross-gates, and consists of a nine-hole course, four out and five in, the distance varying from 120 to 500 yards. It is distant two miles from the city of Dunfermline, and railway accommodation is suitable. The club is in a very prosperous condition, and a club house, containing upwards of fifty private boxes, has recently been erected for the convenience of members.

DURHAM.

DURHAM GOLF CLUB, INSTITUTED DECEMBER 3, 1887.

Entrance Fee, 11. 1s.; *Annual Subscription*, Ten Shillings and Sixpence; *Number of Members*, 53. *Captain*—H. W. Roberts. *President*—T. Milvain, Esq., M.P. *Vice-President*—Sir Hedworth Williamson. *Committee*—Messrs. Bramwell, McKinlay, Robson, and Ferens. *Secretary*—Geo. P. Blagdon, Pelau-terrace, Durham.

Club Prizes.—President's Cup, played for on the first Friday of each month, commencing in March and ending in August.

The Lowest Scratch Score in a club competition is 33, made by G. F. Charlton, October 13th, 1888.

The course is situated in close proximity to the city at Pinker Knowle, where the round at present consists only of six holes. The greenkeeper is David Brown.

EARLSFERRY (FIFESHIRE).

EARLSFERRY AND ELIE GOLF CLUB, INSTITUTED 1858.

Entrance Fee, Five Shillings; *Annual Subscription*, Five Shillings; *Number of Members*, 100. *Captain*—J. G. Currie. *Vice-Captain*—Thos. Sime. *Committee*—R. Brown, R. Gibson, J. M. Dall, J. Dun, J. Foggo, W. Jenkins, Prain, Balsillie, and McLaren. *Secretary*—James Davidson, Earlsferry, Elie. *Home Green*—Earlsferry Links.

Club Prizes.—Club Medal, Henry Gold Medal, Earlsferry Medal, Robertson Cross, and Baird Medal, all scratch. The Browning Quaich, Glover Cups (2), Monkland Medal, and Balcaskie Medal, all handicap.

Prize Winners in 1888.—Geo. Stuart, W. Taylor, G. W. S. Paterson, N. C. M. Morris, T. Sime, John Taylor, and Norman Foster.

EARLSFERRY THISTLE GOLF CLUB, INSTITUTED 1875.

Entrance Fee, Two Shillings and Sixpence; *Annual Subscription*, Two Shillings; *Number of Members*, 30.

Captain—W. Mackie. *Secretary*—George Levack, High-street, Elie.

Club Prizes.—Burgh Medal (scratch), played for second Saturday of August; Glover Cross, July, August, and September; Edinburgh Medal (handicap), January 1st and last Saturday in July; Mason Monthly Medal.

Prize Winners in 1888.—Burgh Medal, James Braid; Edinburgh Medal, David Simpson; Glover Cross, won once by David Simpson and twice by George Mason.

The Lowest Scratch Score is 91, made by George Mason in July, 1888.

Earlsferry—a favourite summer resort—stands contiguous to Elie on the north shore of the Firth of Forth, directly opposite North Berwick. The golfing course lies on the north side of the village, and, starting from the eastern extremity, stretches west and south to the Lunder Law; thence northward, skirting a pretty little bay to the foot of Kinoraig Braes. (In this portion of the links there are sometimes five holes and sometimes seven, according as the course is laid out.) From the Braes the homeward journey is made partially over the same ground, without, however, again visiting the Lunder Law. This portion has four holes. Starting from the home hole the player has on his left hand a hard macadamised road, and on his right a field, and between him and the goal two bunkers and a disused well, besides a cart track right across his path. The second hole, though not long, is not easily reached, several hillocks, with corresponding depressions, and a treacherous bunker being some of the difficulties. On the way to the third hole ordinary hazards are to be met with. The fourth presents no difficulties to a ball which is not topped. The fifth can be easily driven with the iron, but the way is blocked by a ridge of rocks, which must be safely carried before danger is past. In going to the sixth the word is "far and sure." To an indifferent player two cart tracks, a long stretch of bents, and a yawning bunker are the obstacles to contend with. The seventh, which is the last hole out, has an ugly bunker nearly right across the course; if this be passed in safety the rest is pretty plain sailing. Returning homewards this same danger has to be faced, and if done successfully there is little more trouble. Before reaching the putting green of the ninth hole the quarries have to be crossed. These are two hollows, six or eight feet deep, with rocks projecting round the sides. To all who are not adepts with the iron these prove serious difficulties. The tenth hole has many and varied hazards—bunkers, rough ground, cart tracks, and so on. The longest driver generally fares best. The home hole is the same as the first hole out. The foregoing is what is called the old course. Some years ago three holes were added in the Melon Park to the east of that just mentioned. These need no description. Last year the original course was considerably widened and extended, and when the ground is fit to play on it is anticipated that the Earlsferry and Elie golf course will have the now usual number of eighteen holes.

There were four competitions held during 1888 for various prizes. The Captain's Prize was won by C. W. Macfarlane; and the winners of handicaps were J. T. Currie, H. M. Knight, C. W. Macfarlane, J. R. Nesbit, and George Lawson.

The Lowest Scratch Score in a club competition is 98, made by H. M. Knight at North Berwick, June 23rd, 1888.

WATSON'S COLLEGE PRESENT PUPILS' GOLF CLUB, INSTITUTED MARCH, 1885.

Entrance Fee, None; *Annual Subscription*, Two Shillings and Sixpence; *Number of Members*, 28. *Captain*—G. A. Williamson. *Committee*—C. Bell, J. Cruickshank, A. McDonald, and Office-Bearers. *Secretary*—Robert Longden, 137, Warrender Park-road, Edinburgh.

A Medal, Charm, and other Prizes are played for at monthly competitions. The Medallist for 1888 was G. Williamson; and the Charm was won by R. Longden.

The Lowest Scratch Score in a club competition is 91, made by R. Longden, in two rounds of Musselburgh, April 7th, 1888.

EDZELL (FORFARSHIRE).

EDZELL GOLF CLUB, INSTITUTED 1887.

Entrance Fee, Five Shillings; *Annual Subscription*, One Shilling; *Number of Members*, 30. *Captain*—David Nairn. *Committee*—John Stonehouse, Thomas Bennett, John Davie, and John Murray. *Secretary*—John Murray, Union Bank of Scotland (Limited), Edzell by Brechin. *Greenkeeper*—John Hunter.

There have been no prizes arranged for as yet. *Home Green*—Edzell Muir, which is about six miles from Brechin.

ELIE.

ELIE GOLF HOUSE CLUB, INSTITUTED 1875.

Entrance Fee, Shareholders, 5*l.*; Non-Shareholders, 1*l.*; *Annual Subscription*, 1*l.* *Captain*—T. C. Glover. *Committee*—James Waddell, G. R. Fortune, John F. Berwick, W. Morgan, James Dunn, Andrew Thomson, J. Scott Davidson, Captain, Secretaries, and Members *ex officio*. *Joint Secretaries*—W. R. and H. M. Ketchen, Elie, Fife.

Home Green—Earlsferry Links and Melon Park, 14 holes.
Greenkeeper—George Smith.

Club Prizes.—The *Scratch* prizes are Baird Gold Medal, Babington Silver Medal, and Thomson Silver Club. *Handicap*, Glover Silver Cup, and Henry Gold Medal. The Baird, Babington, and Glover Prizes are competed for at August meeting, and the others at the spring meeting in April.

Prize Winners in 1888.—Thomson Silver Club, Thomas Sime, 67; Henry Medal, James Dun, 61 net.

The Lowest Scratch Score in a club competition is 59, made by John Foggo, August, 1888.

The club possesses a club house, and visitors are, in terms of rules, admitted on payment of subscriptions. The links have recently been enlarged, and it is hoped that soon the course will be an 18 hole one.

There is a good hotel in the town of Elie, about five minutes walk from the course.

EPPING FOREST.

ROYAL EPPING FOREST GOLF CLUB, INSTITUTED
JULY 26th, 1888.

Entrance Fee—One Guinea; *Annual Subscription*, One Guinea; *Number of Members*, 220. *Patron*—H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught, K.G., &c. *President*—E. N. Buxton, Esq., J.P., High Sheriff of Essex. *Captain*—Francis G. Faithfull. *Committee*—G. H. Frean, J. G. Gibson, W. G. Kentish, Major McKenzie, J. S. Muir, C. G. Tunks, and J. Walker. *Secretary*—F. McKenzie, The Warren, Loughton, Essex. *Home Green*—Chingford. *Greenkeeper*—Willie Dunn.

Club Prizes.—As yet there is only one Gold Challenge Medal, played for—third Saturday in July, October, January, and May. Several other prizes have been promised for the ensuing summer.

The Lowest Scratch Score in a club competition is 100, made by J. G. Gibson, January 19th, 1889.

On July 26th, 1888, a meeting of such as were interested in the royal and ancient game of golf, was held at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, and it was then decided to form a golf club at Chingford, and to use the hotel as headquarters and club-house. A nine hole course (which has since been extended to eighteen holes) was laid out on the extensive waste lands of Epping Forest surrounding the hotel, and officers and committees were elected. The hotel and links are conveniently situated within five minutes' walk of Chingford Station (G.E.R.), which is 35 minutes from the city. The well-known professional Willie Dunn has been engaged, and is in attendance daily.