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## GLOSSARY OF TECHNICAL TERMS USED IN GOLF-CRAFT

- RAFF**—Striking the ground along with the ball; see Chap. 6, page 45.
- BONE**—A piece of that substance inserted in the sole of the club to prevent it from splitting.
- BUNKER**—A sand-hole; see Chap. 2, page 12.
- CADDIE**—A person who carries the Golfer's clubs, and who is generally conversant with the principles of the game.
- DEAD**—A ball is said to be dead—1st, when it falls without rolling; 2nd, when it lies so close to the hole that the put is a certainty.
- DORMY**—As many holes a-head as remain holes to play.
- DRAW**—To drive wildy to the left; see Chap. 7, page 53.
- FORE**—Contracted for Before; a warning cry to people in front of the stroke.
- FLAT**—A club lies flat when its head is at a very obtuse angle to the shaft.
- GOBBLE**—A rapid straight put at the hole.
- GRASSED**—A term used instead of *spooned*, to signify the slope of a club face.
- GREEN**—Sometimes the links, more generally the putting ground.
- HANGING**—When the ground rises in any way behind the ball.
- HAZARD**—General term for bunkers, whins, or bad ground.
- HEEL**—The crook of the head where it joins the shaft.
- LEATHER**—The leather covering the grasp of the club shaft.
- LIE**—1st, the inclination of a club when held on the ground in its natural position, with respect to the player; or 2nd, the situation of of a ball.

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- LINKS—The open downs or heath where the game is played.
- LOFT—To raise the ball.
- MATCH—1st, A party contesting a game; 2nd, the game when won.
- ODD—1st, An additional stroke allowed a weak opponent; 2nd, the stroke played in any match in advance of the opposite party. (For this and other terms such as the *like*, *two more*, &c., and their answering terms, see Chap. 8, page 65.)
- PUT—A gentle stroke towards the hole when close to it.
- RIND—The roll of cloth under the leather, used to thicken the grasp.
- SCARE—The point of junction between head and shaft. A club is said also to be scared, when a piece of wood is inserted in a splinter, and the whole whipped. The answering term to *scared* on board ship, is *fished*.
- SCRUFF—Slightly razing the grass in striking.
- SHAFT—The stick or handle of the club.
- STEAL—An unlikely put holed from a distance, but not by a gobbie.
- STIMY—See Chap. 7, page 55.
- SWIPE—A full shot or drive.
- SWING—The circular sweep of the club in driving.
- TEE—A pat of soil on which the ball is elevated for the first stroke.
- TOPPING—Hitting the ball above the centre.
- UPRIGHT—When a club head is not placed at a very obtusive angle to the shaft.
- WHINS—Furze—bushes.
- WHIPPING—The pitched twine uniting the head and shaft.

## APPENDIX

### A CODE OF GOLFING LAWS

[The following set of Golfing Regulations is that adopted by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews. They form the most complete code of all others, and although subject to alteration by the vote of the Club, are not likely to be subjected to any material change. Some of the rules are special; for instance that relating to the burn or stream traversing that links; but this circumstance does not affect their applicability to any green. The golfing laws of many other Scottish Associations are very loose and insufficient; for example, those of the Bruntfield Links Club, Edinburgh; yet this latter code has been published in a standard work ('Chambers' Information for the People, vol ii') as containing fixed and universal regulations for the practice of the game!]

### RULES FOR THE GAME OF GOLF

AS IT IS PLAYED BY THE ROYAL AND ANCIENT GOLF CLUB  
OF ST ANDREWS OVER THEIR LINKS

(As altered and approved, May, 1857)

I *Mode and Order of Playing the Game*—The Game of Golf is played by two persons or by four (two of a-side) playing alternately. It may also be played by three or more persons, each playing their own ball. The game commences by each party playing off a ball from a place called the *tee*, near the first hole. In a match of four, those who are opposed to each other, and to play off, shall be named at starting, and shall continue so during the match. The person entitled to play off first shall be named by the parties themselves; and although the courtesy of starting is generally granted to old captains of the Club, or members, it may be settled by lot or toss of a coin. The hole is won by the party holing at fewest strokes, and the reckoning of the game is made by the terms *odds* and *like*, *one more*, *two more*, &c. The party gaining the hole is to lead, unless his adversary has won the match, in which case, the adversary leads off, and is entitled to claim his privilege, and to recall

his adversary's stroke should he play out of order.\* One round of the links, or 18 holes, is reckoned a match, unless otherwise stipulated.

II *Place of Teeing*—The ball must be teed not nearer the hole (either in front or side of the hole) than four club lengths, and not farther from it than six, and after the balls are struck off, the ball farthest from the hole to which the parties are playing must be played first. When two parties meet on the putting green, the party first there may claim the privilege of holing out, and any party coming up must wait till the other party has played out the hole, and on no account to play their balls up lest they should annoy the parties who are putting. No player may play his teed ball till the party in front have played their second stroke.

III *Changing the Balls*—The balls struck off from the tee must not be changed, touched or moved before the hole is played out; (except in striking, and the cases provided for by Rules IX, XIX and XX) and if the parties are at a loss to know the one ball from the other, neither shall be lifted till both parties agree.

IV *Lifting of Break-Clubs, &c.*—All loose impediments within twelve inches of the ball may be removed on or off the Course, when the ball lies on grass (see Rule VI, and XIII). When a ball lies in a bunker or sand, there shall be no impression made, nor sand or other obstacle removed by the club before or in playing. When a ball lies on clothes, or within club-length of a washing-tub, the clothes may be drawn from under the ball, and the tub may be removed.

V *Entitled to see the Ball*—When a ball is completely covered with fog, bent, whins, &c., so much thereof shall be set aside as that the player shall merely have a view of his ball before he plays, whether in a line with the hole or otherwise. A ball stuck fast in wet ground or sand may be taken out and replaced loosely in the hole it has made.

VI *Clearing the Putting Green*—All loose impediments of whatever kind, may be lifted on the Putting Green, or Table Land on which the hole is placed, which is considered not to exceed twenty yards from the hole. Nothing can be lifted either on the Course or Putting Green, if it is to move the ball out of its position.

VII *Rabbit-Scrapes, Burrows, Holes, &c.*—If a ball lies in a rabbit-scraper, the player shall not be at liberty to take it out, but must play it (see Rule XIV) as from any common hazard; if, however, it lies in a rabbit burrow, or any of the holes, or short holes made for Golfing, he

\* (No penalty is here or subsequently expressed in the event of a Golfer in a double match playing twice in succession—Auth.)

may lift it, drop it behind the hazard, and play with an iron without losing a stroke. In all cases where a ball is to be dropped, the party doing so shall front the hole to which he is playing, standing close on the hazard, and drop the ball behind him from his head.

VIII *Lifting Balls*—When, on any part of the course, or off it, or in a bunker, the balls lie within six inches of each other, the ball nearest the hole must be lifted till the other is played, and then to be placed as nearly as possible in its original position—the six inches to be measured from the surface of the balls. In a three-ball match, the ball in any degree interposing between the player and the hole on the Putting Green, must be played out.

IX *Ball in water, or in the burn, and place of re-teeing*—If the ball is in water, the player may take it out, change the ball if he pleases, tee it, and play from behind the hazard, losing a stroke. If the ball lies in any position in the burn across the first hole, the player may take it out, change it, tee it on the same side on which it was struck, and lose a stroke, or he may play it where it lies, if he chooses without a penalty. In taking out and re-teeing, the ball shall be placed immediately behind the spot at which it entered the burn or hazard, and within a club-length of the hazard. However, should a ball be driven into the river Eden at the high hole, or the sea at the first hole, the ball must be placed a club-length in front of either sea or river losing a stroke.

X *Rubs of the Green*—Whatever happens to a ball by accident, such as striking any person, or touched with the foot by a third party, or by the fore-caddie, must be reckoned a rub of the green, and submitted to. If, however, the player's ball strikes his adversary, or his adversary's caddie or clubs, the adversary loses the hole; or if it strikes himself or his partner, or their caddies or clubs, or if he strikes the ball a second time while in playing, the player loses the hole. If the player touch the ball with his foot, or any part of his body, or with anything except his club, or with his club moves the ball in preparing to strike, he loses a stroke;\* and if one party strikes his adversary's ball with his club, foot, or otherwise, that party loses the hole. But if he plays it inadvertently, thinking it his own, and the adversary also plays the wrong ball, it is then too late to claim the penalty, and the hole must be played out with the balls thus changed. If, however, the mistake occurs from wrong information given by one party to the other, the penalty cannot be claimed; and the mistake, if

\* (N.B.—This penalty cannot be enforced in the predicament set forth in Rule No V, although sometimes claimed—Auth.)

discovered before the other party has played, must be rectified by replacing the ball as nearly as possible where it lay. If the player's ball be played away by mistake, or lifted by a third party, then the player must drop a ball as near the spot as possible, without any penalty. Whatever happens to a Ball, on a Medal day, such as a player striking his caddy, or himself, or his clubs, or moving the ball with his foot or club, or his caddy doing so, or striking it twice before it stops motion, the player in such cases shall lose one stroke only as the penalty.

XI *Ball Lost*—If a ball is lost, the player (or his partner, if a double match), returns to the spot where the ball was struck, tees another ball, and loses both the distance and a stroke. If a ball is lost either in whins, bents, long grass, or anywhere, except on the Course, where a ball might be stolen or driven away (see Rule X), the player (or his partner, if a double match), returns to the spot where the ball was struck, tees another ball, and loses the distance and a stroke. If the original ball is found before the party has struck the other ball, the first shall continue the one to be played.

XII *Club Breaking*—If in striking, the club breaks, it is nevertheless to be accounted a stroke, if the part of the club remaining in the player's hand either strike the ground or pass the ball.

XIII *Holing out the Ball*—In holing, no mark shall be placed or line drawn to direct the ball to the hole; the ball must be played fairly and honestly for the hole, and not on your adversary's ball, not being in the way to the hole; nor, although lying in the way to the hole, is the player entitled to play with any strength upon it that might injure his position, or greater than is necessary honestly to send your own ball the distance of the hole. Either party may smooth sand lying around the hole, but this must be done lightly and without pressure, or beating down with the feet, club or otherwise.\*

XIV *Unplayable Balls*—In *Match* playing every ball must be played, wherever it lies, or the hole be given up. In *Medal* playing a ball may, under a penalty of two strokes, be lifted out of a difficulty of any description, and teed behind the hazard. These two Rules not to apply when the ball is more than half covered with water: In that case Rule IX applies.

XV *Medal Days*—New holes shall always be made on the day the medals are played for, and no competitor shall play at these holes

(\* There should also be a rule for clearing snow and fragments of ice, for the benefit of players in winter—Auth.)

before he starts for the prize, under the penalty of being disqualified for playing for the medal. On medal days, a party starting off from the tee, must allow the party in front to cross the burn, before they strike off. All balls must be holed out on medal days, and no stimies allowed.

XVI *Asking Advice*—A player must not ask advice about the game, by word, look, or gesture, from any one except his own caddie, his partner's caddie, or his partner.

XVII *Disputes*—Any dispute respecting the play shall be determined by the captain, or senior member present; or, if none of the members are present, it shall be settled by a committee appointed by the parties interested; or by the captain and his annual council for the time, at their first meeting.

XVIII *Parties passing each other*—Any party having lost a ball, and incurring delay by seeking it, shall be passed by any party coming up; and on all occasions a two-ball match—whether by two or four players—may pass a three-ball match.

XIX *Balls Splitting*—If a ball shall split into two or more pieces, a fresh ball shall be put down in playing for a medal.\*

XX *Ball on Railway*—Should a ball lie betwixt the rails, the player shall have the option of playing it, or lifting it and dropping it behind him (see Rule VII), losing a stroke.

XXI *Breach of Rules*—Where no penalty for the infringement of a rule is specially mentioned, the loss of the hole shall be understood to be the penalty.

XXII *Repairing the Links*—The person appointed to take charge of keeping the Links, shall make new holes every Monday morning, and in such places as to preserve the Putting Green in proper order.

(\* This should apply to every match—Auth.)

## LIST OF SCOTTISH GOLFING CLUBS

WITH AN ACCOUNT OF THE VARIOUS LINKS PLAYED OVER;  
AND THE DATES OF THEIR RESPECTIVE MEDAL DAYS

[We regret that this list is not so complete as was anticipated. Considerable unforeseen difficulty occurred at the last moment in obtaining definite information from several clubs respecting their medal-days, &c; but all particulars received from the various secretaries, and from other sources, have been epitomised and arranged in the following account.]

**ABERDEEN**—This Links is very good golfing ground. It lies seaward; the soil is sandy, but does not abound in furze or whins. There are, however, very stiff hazards interspersed, and the links as a whole has all the elements of a good course. There was a club at one time in Aberdeen, but whether or not in existence at the present time, we cannot say.

**ANDREWS SAINT**—This is the Queen-Links. No one can be truly said to have tasted the ultimate pleasures of golf who has not played at St Andrews. The course is oblong and slightly winding and of great extent; hazards abound of every description; bunkers, whins, and inequality of ground occur every hole. This course is preserved by the Royal and Ancient Club who play over it, and is in consequence always in good order. This golfing club was instituted on the 14th May, 1754. It has since been remodelled and re-instituted so to speak. There are two annual meetings, for medal competition; one on the first Wednesday of May, when the Silver Cross and the Bombay (Silver) Medal are played for, and the other on the Wednesday nearest to the first day of October, whether that may fall in September or October, when members compete for a gold medal presented by King William IV, and also the Club (gold) medal. There is an imaginary competition at this latter meeting, for the silver club, which confers on the *nominee* the dignity of Captain for the year.

Another club plays over this Links; known as the St Andrews Golf

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Club, instituted in 1843 under the name of the St Andrews Mechanics Golf Club, but altered to the above title in 1857. A Silver Cross and Silver Club medal are competed for annually on the fourth Friday of September—Post Town, St Andrews.

**BRUNTSFIELD**—This Links, situated in the outskirts of Edinburgh, possesses a clay sub-soil, with grass which grows too luxuriantly for good play during summer, but during the other seasons of the year, this course is in pretty good order. It is oblong and irregular. The only difficulties approximating to hazards, are a public road and an old quarry grass grown.

The Edinburgh Burgess Golfing Society plays over this Links. This Club was established above a hundred years ago, and members compete twice annually for medals; one a gold medal on the first Saturday of April, in which the winner's name is engraved and which is held by him for the year, and the other, a silver medal on the first Saturday of October, which is the absolute property of the gainer. This club has a charter of incorporation.

The Bruntsfield Links Golf Club, also plays over this course. This Society was instituted in 1761, and members compete annually, we believe, for a gold medal. There are also, we understand, other Golfing Clubs which play over this Green, but we have been unable to obtain further particulars—Post Town, Edinburgh.

**BURNTISLAND**—This Links is irregular in form, and has been considerably curtailed and spoiled by the Northern Railway crossing one corner. The ground is undulating, affording very good short game; and there are a few hazards, not however very difficult. The Burntisland Golf Club plays over this green, instituted previous to the year 1798, and re-instituted in 1828. The members compete on the second Tuesday of May for a Gold Medal; on the second Tuesday of September for a Silver Medal; and on the second Tuesdays of March and July for Prize Balls—Post Town, Burntisland.

**CUPAR**—This Club was instituted in 1855. The golfing course is private property for which the club pay a rent. It forms part of the farm of Tailabout, on the estate of Tarvit, and is tenanted by Mr Russell, through whose kind indulgence the members are allowed to exercise twice a week. The ground is a narrow belt of haugh land skirting the River Eden, and is intersected by the water courses leading to and from the mills of Thomaston and Tailabout, which make excellent hazards. The turf in spring and autumn is good, but in summer rather overgrown with

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grass. The play is precarious but affords excellent practice for the short game. There is an annual competition among members in the month of July for the Silver Medal, presented to the club by Major Hutchinson of the Fifeshire Artillery Militia—Post Town, Cupar-Fife.

**CRAIL**—This Links, about a quarter of a mile to the east of the town, is of small extent and very uneven, affording little scope for good play. There is, however, excellent playing ground, with a fair amount of hazards, on Balcormo Links, (about two miles to the eastward), liberty to play on which has been kindly granted to the Society by the tenant, Richard Todd, Esq. The soil is sandy, and the grass short and wiry.

The Crail Golfing Society was instituted in 1786. The members meet on the last Wednesday of February, May, July, and November. The 'Maillardet' Medal is played for at the meeting in May. The 'Lindesay' Medal, open to all Golfers, whether members of the Society or not, at the meeting in July, and the Society's Medal at the meeting in November—Post Town, Crail.

**DUNBARNIE**—This Links is irregular in form, but is nearly an oblong square of no great extent. There is a hill in one part, which diversifies the play, and golfers make the most of the green by playing in a zig-zag fashion. There are no whins, but several ditches and other hazards afford some scientific sport.

The Hercules Club, instituted in 1835, with which was amalgamated a Golf Club from Elie in 1846, plays over this course. The United Club meets three times a-year, playing for a Silver Medal each time—Post Town, Colinsburg.

**INNERLEVEN**—This Green, more generally known as Dubbieside, stretches along the sea coast from the mouth of the Leven to the decayed town of Methil. The course is hilly and narrow, with a fair amount of hazards. The quantity of sand, however, blown over the ground, and the paucity of resident players, render the course rather rough for fine displays of golfing.

The Innerleven Golf Club, which plays over this Links, was instituted in 1820. The spring meeting is held on the first Friday of April, when the Silver Medal is played for; and the autumn meeting on the first Friday of September, when the Gold Medal is competed for—Post Town, Leven.

**KINGSBARNES**—This Links is small and of a sandy soil. The grass grows rather coarse for the finer shots of the game, and there are few if any hazards.

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The Kingsbarns Golf Club was instituted in 1815; and members meet four times a year, viz., on the first Fridays of February, May, August, and November. In May the 'Bachelor Medal' is played for, open both to regular and honorary Members; in August, the Silver Medal, open to regular members only; and in November, the Fielden Medal, open to members of the St Andrews, Leven, Hercules, and Crail Golf Clubs—Post Town, Kingsbarns.

**LEVEN**—This Links resembles that of Dubbieside, of which it is in fact a continuation, being only separated by the embouchure of the river Leven. It is, however, a better course, and some good play may be had over it. The popular name for this green is Scoonie Links.

The Leven Golf Club, which plays over this ground, was instituted in 1847, and meets on the third Wednesday of April, first Wednesday of August, and third Wednesday of October, to compete for two silver medals—Post Town, Leven.

**MONIFIETH**—This Links extends along the coast a few miles east of Broughty. It is a particularly fine course, though still a little rough. The course is extensive, and abounds in a variety of hazards. There is a club which plays over this Links, but concerning which we have no further information—Post Town, Broughty.

**MONTROSE**—This Links extends between the town and the German Ocean, and is a very fine course, second only to St Andrews. The form is nearly semi-circular; the play is diversified by bunkers and whins, whilst the turf admits of a very correct short game.

The Montrose Royal Albert Golf Club, instituted in 1810 under the designation of the Montrose Golf Club, plays over this green. On the last Wednesday of April, members compete for the original Gold Medal; and on the first Wednesday of October, for the Albert Gold Medal—Post Town, Montrose.

**MUSSELBURGH**—This Links extends in an oblong form from the town on the east to the Esk on the west, and is excellently adapted, from smooth turf, bunkers, and other hazards, for a good exhibition of skill.

The Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers plays over this green. The institution of this company is lost in antiquity, but the first of a regular series of minutes, signed by President Forbes of Culloden, bears date 1744. The members compete annually for club honours, concerning which we have no information—Post Town, Musselburgh.

**NORTH BERWICK**—This Links is small and irregular in shape. The

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east end is intersected by numerous large and difficult bunkers, two sandy roads, and a quarry. There are also several narrow ditches and other hazards.

The North Berwick Golf Club plays over this green. This Society has been in existence over twenty-five years, but the exact date is uncertain in consequence of the loss of the club minute books. The members have an Autumn competition every year for a gold medal; and there are besides usually three Summer meets fixed by the captain for the time being. We are not aware of the object of these fixtures—Post Town, North Berwick.

PERTH—This Links is situated inland along the bank of the River Tay, on and beyond the North Inch of Perth. The course proper, which is not on the Inch, is of small extent, although rather formidable for hazards, and affording good sport. This tracts lies very low, and is subject to partial inundation. There is a small piece of the round on the Inch, where, however, from the thick growth of the grass, mole-heaps, and absence of hazards, the play is very monotonous. The principal time for play is autumn and spring.

The Royal Perth Golfing Society, established in 1824, plays over this green. The members compete every April for the Richardson (silver) and Bombay (silver) medals; and in September for the Buccleuch (gold) and the Society's (gold) medals. The special days for these meetings are fixed beforehand by the council—Post Town, Perth.

PRESTWICK—This Links is oblong in form, and is traversed by the Golfing course in a zig-zag fashion. It is bounded on the west by the sea. The turf is good and the hazards very numerous and formidable. The principal characteristic of the course is its hilly nature.

The Prestwick Golf Club, founded in 1851, plays over the green. Members compete annually in the month of May for the Eglinton gold medal; and in October for the Club gold medal—Post Town, Ayr.

WEMYSS CASTLE LINKS—This is a private Golfing ground accessible only to members of the Wemyss Golf Club, instituted 1857. The green, we believe, is limited but good, extending by the sea-shore. The members compete for club honours—Post Town, Wemyss.

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