

GOLF DOINGS

by "Putting Green"

THE golf season is in full swing once again, and Auckland is in the happy position of having five clubs within easy reach, there being Middlemore, Maungakiekie, Titirangi, Devonport, and the newly-formed one at Kohimarama at our disposal. Notwithstanding this, at least one of the larger clubs is considering the advisability of closing the membership list, as the numbers even at present prove too large for the accommodation available.

No tournaments have been played yet, but the season's matches are well under way, and are drawing large entries.

At Middlemore, one of the club fixtures—the Hope Lewis Cup—is approaching its final stages, and should provide some good matches. It is handicap match play, which is always popular. This medal is

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The substitution of silver spoons for the silver buttons formerly given to winners of the monthly medal matches, has proved most popular, and there is very keen competition for these coveted little trophies, which are played for on the first Wednesday of each month.

The tournament held at Bal-



At the New Zealand Championship Meeting at Heretaunga.

Back Row.—Miss Bell, Mrs. Colbeck, Mrs. Guy Williams, Miss Robieson and Mrs. Mellsop.

Front Row.—Miss Anderson, Mrs. Gardner, Miss Wright and Miss M. Payton.

competed for annually in the same week by all the clubs affiliated with the New Zealand Ladies Golf Union.

The Middlemore Club has a large number of girl members, with an age limit of 18. These young players are receiving every encouragement, as it is recognised that the future of any club mainly depends on its young members. Special matches have been arranged for them by the Committee.

The New Zealand championship will be played on the Wanganui links between September 15th and 20th, and, being so central, will no doubt draw a large number of entries. The Australian one, to be played on the Rose Bay links this year, is also fixed for September.

A movement is on foot to provide an Auckland Provincial Championship Cup. The want of this has long been felt, as it has been a severe tax on any club holding an open tournament to provide a suitable cup for competition. The Middlemore Club, which started the movement, has donated £5, and also opened a subscription list, by means of which a considerable amount has been raised. The other local clubs have been approached, and will no doubt contribute their share. The idea is that the cup should be competed for annually on one of the Auckland links.

The home links Coronation Medal was played last month, but none of the Auckland ladies provided a score that is likely to win.

The Christchurch links at Shirley are at present in excellent con-

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The final round of the Otago Ladies' Championship was played off in the morning, Miss Anderson (Christchurch) being defeated by Mrs. J. A. Cook (Dunedin).

In the afternoon a mixed foursome was played, when Mrs. Ronald Orbell and Mr. Cuthbertson (North Otago) tied with Miss Theomin and Mr. Brasch (Otago), and later these two couples had to play off, the win being scored by the visitors.

The Hamilton championship is always a very popular one, and comes later in the season. Most of the prominent players who are able, avail themselves of this opportunity of playing on what is undoubtedly the finest course in New Zealand.

Mrs. H. Douglas, President of the Hamilton Ladies' Golf Club, entertained the members at competitions and tea recently. Slight showers during play failed to mar the enthusiasm of the players, the 9-hole, 6-hole and 3-hole being won by Mrs. Bray, Mrs. Guy and Mrs. (Capt.) Johnstone, respectively.

Tea was laid on the long, narrow tables in the club-house, and beautiful blooms of gold, brown and henna-coloured chrysanthemums and trailing foliage were used for the decorations.

The Captain of the Club, Mrs. Douglas Hay, on behalf of the members, thanked the hostess for the very delightful afternoon they had spent.

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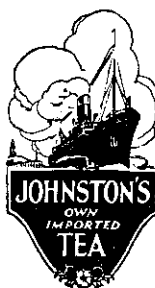
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