



Death Ends Strange Golf Match

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In 1922 George New, a postmaster, and W. R. Chamberlain, of Ramsbury, a retired farmer, decided to play a golf match lasting till one of them died.

They played every Thursday, regardless of the weather.

The match ended yesterday, when Mr. New, 66, died.

He was the winner. 1,637 strokes up. The trophy was a silver milk jug. An aggregate of 86,379 strokes were played in 814 rounds. Chamberlain took 44,008 and New 42571.

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OPC Notes:

Further research shows that Mr. New was the postmaster at Chilton Foliat. He had a wife - Agnes, a daughter - May, and a son - Francis and employed a couple of servants.

His golfing partner Mr. Walter Richard Chamberlain was born in Ramsbury in 1862 and survived a further 7 years passing away on 15th April 1945, his assets were left to his wife - Amelia and one other person.

If anyone is a descendant of either of these gentlemen then please get in touch with the Administrator of this website who would love to learn more about the pair of golfing pals.