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U. S. G. A. TEN YEARS OLD

Remarkable Growth of Golf in America
During Past Decade.

Over Twelve Hundred Clubs in All
Parts of the Country With Per-
haps a Million Members.



THE marvelous strides the royal and ancient game of golf has made in the United States is shown very clearly by the growth of the United States Golf Association in the past ten years from practically nothing to a membership of over 300 clubs embracing thousands of members, and representing every section of the country from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and the Canadian border to the Gulf of Mexico.

Although the game of golf was in its infancy in this country in the early nineties, the necessity of forming a national organization was clearly seen by the business men who had selected the sport as a recreation. There were only a few clubs in the country at that time devoting their attention to golf, but the fact that two championships were held in 1894, one by the Newport Golf Club and the other by the St. Andrews Golf Club, each producing an amateur champion for the country, caused considerable comment and some amusement.

Representatives of five of the leading clubs of the country, the Chicago Golf Club, the Country Club of Brookline, Mass., Newport Golf Club, St. Andrew's Golf Club and the Shinnecock Hills Golf Club met at a dinner in Manhattan, December 22, 1894, and their discussion resulted in the formation of the United States Golf Association. Theodore A. Havemeyer, Newport Golf Club, was elected president; Laurence Curtis, Country Club of Brookline, and Charles B. Macdonald, Chicago Golf Club, vice-presidents; Henry O. Tallmage, St. Andrew's Golf Club, secretary, and Samuel L. Parrish, Shinnecock Hills Golf Club, treasurer.

It was decided that the regular annual meeting should be held in February, in each year. At the spring meeting the rules for the game of golf were adopted. The Essex County Club, of Manchester, Mass., and the Philadelphia Country Club, were elected associate members, and the Richmond County Country Club, and the Richmond County Country Club, of Staten Island, was elected the first allied member.

Little did the organizers at that time

think that this progressive country, before the expiration of ten years, would be able to produce homebred golfers who would be able to compete successfully with the most expert amateurs abroad and that the American champion would win the championship of Great Britain and bring their greatest and most highly prized golfing trophy back to America.

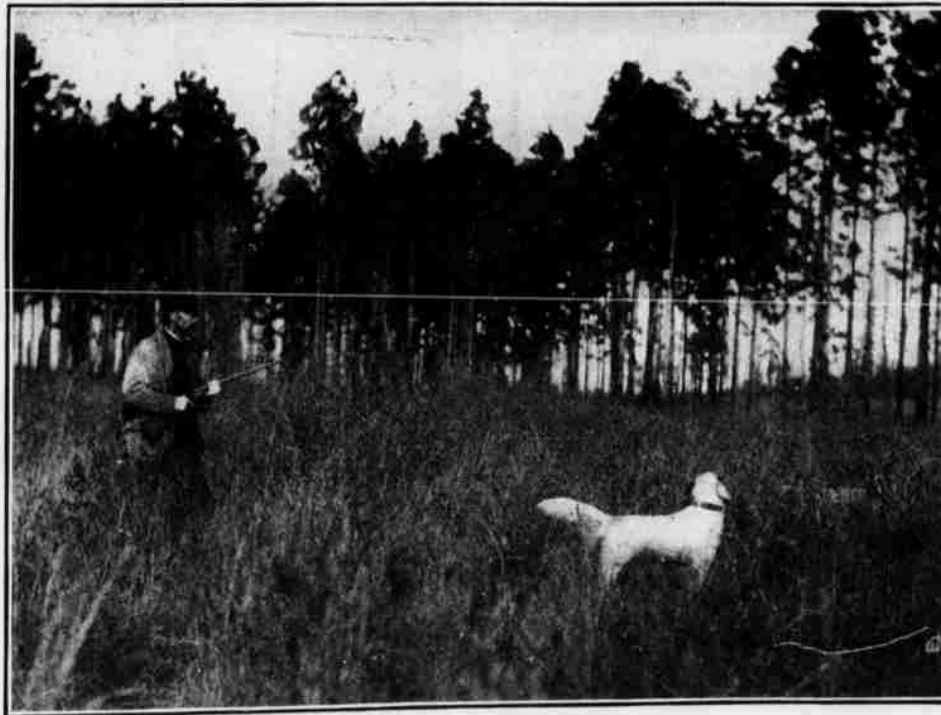
The United States Golf Association has grown steadily each year, as will be seen by the following brief summary of its progress:

- Organized by five clubs December 22, 1894.
- February, 1895, seven associate and one allied club.
- February, 1896, fifteen associate and twenty-six allied clubs.
- February, 1897, seventeen associate clubs and seventy-two allied clubs.
- February, 1899, twenty-one associate and 133 allied clubs.

- Southern California Golf Association, 13 clubs.
- Wisconsin State Golf Association, 14 clubs.
- Golf Association of Maryland and District of Columbia, 10 clubs.
- Hudson River Golf Association, 9 clubs.
- Central New York Golf League, 9 clubs.
- Western Pennsylvania Golf Association, 7 clubs.
- Indiana State Golf Association, 7 clubs.
- East Jersey Golf Association, 6 clubs.
- Intercollegiate Golf Association, 6 clubs.
- League of Lower Lakes, 4 clubs.

There are over two hundred golf clubs throughout the country whose members pay annual dues of \$10 and over, which are not members of the United States Golf Association. The membership of 173 of these clubs aggregates 30,558.

In fact, there are 698 clubs, with dues of \$5 and over, and 557 clubs with dues of \$10 and over, making a total of 1,255 clubs, of which only 286 are members of the United States Golf Association.



QUAIL SHOOTING IS AT ITS BEST.

- February, 1901, twenty-six associate and 180 allied clubs.
- February, 1902, twenty-seven associate and 180 allied clubs.
- February, 1903, twenty-nine associate and 216 allied clubs.
- February, 1904, thirty-one associate and 256 allied clubs.

There are now nearly fifteen hundred golf clubs throughout the United States and many of them have very large membership lists. It is estimated, in fact, that fully one million people play golf in this country.

Independent of the parent organization there are seventeen sectional associations containing 284 clubs, as follows:

- Metropolitan Golf Association, 49 clubs.
- Western Golf Association, 43 clubs.
- Massachusetts State Golf Association, 34 clubs.
- League of Connecticut Golf Clubs, 25 clubs.
- New Jersey State Golf Association, 20 clubs.
- Golf Association of Philadelphia, 16 clubs.
- Southern Golf Association, 15 clubs.

Charming Dinner Party.

Mrs. Margaret Sabine, Syracuse, N. Y., gave a dinner party at The Carolina Monday evening on the occasion of the sixty-fifth anniversary of her marriage. Mrs. Sabine's guests were Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Tufts, Dr. and Mrs. M. A. Crockett, Mr. and Mrs. Leo M. Klein, Mrs. F. W. Benedict, Mr. John T. Manson, Mrs. E. E. Reinhart and Mr. A. G. Warren.

Valentine German.

A valentine favor german is being planned to take place at The Holly Inn on the evening of February 14. The committee on favors is very enthusiastic, as there is no limit to the possibilities for pretty figures and favors in a dance at this particular season.

SPECIAL EVENTS SCHEDULED

Tin Whistles Elect C. L. Becker Club
Captain.

At a Meeting of The Tin Whistles
Held February 2nd--Special
Events Were Arranged.



THE Tin Whistles at a meeting held February 2nd, elected C. L. Becker, Boston, Club Captain, and Mr. J. D. Foot was elected to fill the vacancy in the Board of Governors. The complete Board now consists of the President and Secretary ex-officio, and Messrs. Kenyon, Byrnes, King, Foot and Gordon.

The cups which have been offered by Messrs. Tufts, Priest and Creamer, and THE PINEHURST OUTLOOK will be played for as follows:—February 15, a Kickers' Handicap with unknown bogey, for the Creamer Cup and ball sweepstakes, three numbers to be drawn between 80 and 90 and the net score nearest the first number drawn to win the Creamer Cup, the net score nearest the second number drawn to win two-thirds of the balls, and the net score nearest the third number drawn to win one-third of the balls.

March 1—18 hole handicap medal play, for the Priest Cup and ball sweepstakes. The Priest Cup for first prize, two-thirds of the balls for the second, and one-third of the balls for the third.

March 15—Handicap Match Play for the Tufts Cup.

The Cup offered by THE PINEHURST OUTLOOK will be given as a prize for the best net score at the Club Championship February 22nd. The Club Championship has been changed from Match Play scratch, to Match Play handicap, and the prizes will be medals to winner and runner-up, and OUTLOOK Cup for the best net score.

Putting Contest.

The largest indoor putting contest of the season was held last Saturday afternoon in the music room of The Carolina. The list of entries was exceptionally large, and the contest occupied the entire afternoon. The results show many close scores and a number of good records. Mrs. St. John Smith, Portland, Me., won the first women's prize, and the second went to Miss Smith. The first men's prize was won by Mr. Leo M. Klein, New York. Master Richard Tufts, Medford, Mass., was a close second.