

# Seventeenth Annual Midwinter Tournament

By Jack Twiss

The golf curtain, dropping on the final round of Match Play of the Seventeenth Annual Midwinter Tournament, marked the close of one of the most successful and interesting tournaments ever staged at Pinehurst. History again repeated itself and once more a previous winner came out on top. All through the event the favorites in the different divisions were eliminated by the dark horses. A. L. Walker, Jr., Richmond County C. C., present Intercollegiate Golf Champion, and winner of the last year's midwinter tournament, again proved that old adage that you cannot keep a good man down. Walker, after a discouraging start in the Qualifying Round on Monday, finished fifth in a field of one hundred and thirty players. His tee shots during the qualifying round were not up to the rest of his game with the result that he was constantly in trouble. His whole game showed a lack of practice as he did not arrive in Pinehurst until the Saturday before the start of the event. However, Walker improved with each day's play until the finals, when he took F. S. Danforth of the North Fork Country Club into camp to the tune of seven to five.

Monday, December 29th, the Qualifying round was played with the Pinehurst system of classifying the players in effect. The large field of one hundred and thirty entries included several well-known players who yearly compete in this event as well as others who come from all over the country, as well as Canada, to strive for the beautiful trophies which were up for competition.

Donald Parson of Youngstown, Ohio, furnished a surprise by leading the field home with the best medal for the day, being around in 80, three shots better than R. C. Shannon, 2nd, of Brockport, N. Y. Parson had a poor start getting a six on the third hole and a five on the sixth hole. However, this did not discourage him and from the sixth hole on, his game was steady and sound.

Close on the heels of Shannon came J. D. Chapman of Greenwich, Conn., and C. F. Lancaster of the Brae Burn Country Club, Boston; both of whom were around in 84. Walker was next with an 85 with the rest of the field strung out behind him.

The large number of starters necessitated the making of six divisions and one Special Division.

The day's play was marked by several surprises. F. H. Gates of Pinehurst, winner of the Autumn Tournament in November and W. E. Truesdell, that grand old man who was defeated by Walker in the finals of the midwinter tournament last year, both were off their game and dropped out of competition. This was a rather disappointing feature of the day's play as both were looked upon as likely finalists for the event. On the other hand several lesser lights felt the call of the hour and turned in some scores which were not anticipated. Per-

haps the best shot of the day was played by Walker on the tenth hole when a full mashie landed on the green and hung on the lip of the cup for a two. As this is a far four hole it is easily seen that a two would have helped considerably.

Summary of first thirty-two scores:

Name	Out	In	Gross
Donald Parson	41	39	80
R. C. Shannon, 2nd	42	41	83
J. D. Chapman	45	39	84
C. F. Lancaster	43	41	84
A. L. Walker, Jr.	42	43	85
C. H. Banes	43	42	85
C. F. Watson, Jr.	42	44	86
M. L. Fearey	45	42	87
Frederick Snare	41	46	87
J. W. Bowman	42	45	87
T. A. Kelley	44	43	87
F. S. Danforth	43	45	88
G. W. Statzell	42	46	88
C. R. Gillett	41	47	88
F. T. Keating	45	44	89
J. R. Bowker	45	44	89
J. P. Hotchkiss	42	47	89
J. M. Brander	44	45	89
J. V. Jenks	46	44	90
E. T. Manson	45	45	90
P. S. MacLaughlin	44	46	90
G. W. Mead	45	46	91
W. A. Barber, Jr.	44	47	91
C. L. Becker	46	46	92
T. J. Bray	44	48	92
H. G. Phillips	45	47	92
W. S. Kimball	47	45	92
H. J. Blue	45	47	92
J. A. Allen	46	47	93
J. M. Thompson	43	50	93
G. T. Dunlap	44	50	94
H. N. Marshall	47	47	94

Owing to four players tying for fifteenth and sixteenth places in the first sixteen with 89's a playoff was necessary, F. T. Keating and J. R. Bowker winning the coveted places.

Match play started Tuesday morning. In the first division G. W. Statzell, Aronimink, was opposed by J. R. Bowker, Woodland, whom he eliminated by two up. J. D. Chapman, Greenwich, had as an opponent C. H. Banes, Merion, and defeated him 6-4. A. L. Walker, Jr., Richmond County, defeated T. A. Kelley 5-3 without much trouble. R. C. Shannon, 2nd, Brockport, eliminated C. F. Lancaster, Brae Burn 4-3; Donald Parson, Youngstown, defeated J. W. Bowman, Aberdeen, 3-2; C. F. Watson, Jr., Garden City, defeated M. L. Fearey, Garden City, 5-3; F. S. Danforth, North Fork, eliminated C. R. Gillett, New York, 7-6, and F. T. Keating, Silver Lake, defeated Frederick Snare, C. C. of Havana, 3-2.

Wednesday the second round of match play in the first division found J. D. Chapman the winner over G. W. Statzell 1 up in 19 holes in the best match of the division. Chapman was two down at the fourteenth hole. A. L. Walker, Jr., showing an unbeatable brand of golf, took R. C. Shannon, 2nd, into camp 6-4; Donald Parson defeated C. F. Watson,

Jr., 2-1; and F. S. Danforth eliminated F. T. Keating, 3-1.

The semi-final round played on Wednesday furnished several surprises.

Walker, Jr., continued his fine golf and finished his match with J. D. Chapman on the fourteenth green by a margin of 5-4.

It was not expected that Walker would have such a runaway match but his brand of golf left nothing to be desired and he was not to be denied. The big surprise was furnished by F. S. Danforth when he eliminated Donald Parson 2-1. Many had figured Parson as the finalist with Walker, after his capture of the low medal score during the qualifying round, but Danforth upset the dope. Danforth played fine golf, being out in 39 and leading Parson at the turn three up. Parson won four holes on the inward round and Danforth three, the match ending on the seventeenth.

The finals on Friday found Walker opposing Danforth and a close match was looked for by the large gallery following the match, because of the splendid showing made by Danforth on the day previous. However, Danforth after getting away a fine tee shot against Walker's hook evidently was affected with stage fright for he lost the first two holes. However, he managed to come back to earth on the third hole which he won with a four against Walker's five. The fourth hole was halved in five but Walker holed a wonderful approach on the fifth for a four and a win making him two up again. Danforth won the sixth with a fine three but seemed to weaken thereafter as Walker captured the seventh with a par five, the eighth with a par three and the ninth with a four against Danforth's five. Danforth had a fine chance on this hole, but was not equal to the occasion.

The inward round started with Walker leading by four up. On the tenth hole Walker got away a tremendous tee shot that carried over two hundred and fifty yards, leaving him a short mashie to get home. Danforth's tee shot was up the middle and a well-played iron left him about ten yards off to the left of the green. Walker's second reached the green about fifteen yards from the cup. Danforth's third was dead to the pin but Walker again proved equal to the occasion and holed his long putt for a fine three. The eleventh was halved in four but Walker holed another fine putt on the twelfth for a win and ended the match on the thirteenth with another par four. They played out the by holes and Walker came in in 34 for a 73.

This 73 included two stymies which will give one an idea of the brand of golf that Danforth was forced to compete with. It was a case of Walker having too much class for the field, as he certainly is a most finished golfer and well merits all the nice things that have been said about his game.

The consolation prize in the first division was captured by C. H. Banes who defeated M. L. Fearey 6-5. Banes evidently was tired of having Walker hold the limelight for he played wonderful golf during this match and was three under fours up to the fourteenth hole, where the match ended.

The Governor's Trophy for the winner of the second sixteen was won by H. G. Phillips of Pinehurst who defeated J. V. Jenks, Harbor Beach, one up in 19 holes; a close and interesting fight. The consolation prize was captured by C. L. Becker, Philadelphia, N. Y., in a runaway match from E. T. Manson, Framingham C. C., Mass., 7-5. Manson, although a finished golfer showed a lack of practice all through the tournament and never did get started.

The Secretary's Trophy was won by G. Van Keuren, Englewood, in the third division, Van Keuren defeating J. D. Armstrong, Buffalo, 3-2. The consolation prize was won by W. H. Watt, Hackensack G. C. by 2-1 over N. W. Peters, of Englewood.

J. D. Montgomery, Toronto G. C., secured the Treasurer's Trophy by winning from P. B. O'Brien, Detroit, 2-1 in the fourth division. W. M. Sanford, Glen Ridge, defeated W. B. Merrill, Brae Burn, in the consolation.

The Captain's Trophy to the winner of the fifth sixteen was captured by G. F. Peterson, St. Catherines G. C., Canada; Peterson defeating F. M. Rackman, Boston, in finals. The consolation prize was won by Judge Wiggins, alias "Henry Russell, of Pinehurst," 7-6 over E. T. Harmon, Wykagyl.

James Barber, Englewood, secured the club trophy by defeating R. W. Leeds, Atlantic City, 4-3, in the sixth division and F. S. Wheeler, Augusta C. C., defeated J. T. Newton, Pinehurst, 6-4 in the finals of the consolation.

The prize for the winner of the first eight in the Special Division was won by F. V. Burton, Jr., Rockaway Hunt Club, three up over W. V. S. Thorne, Morris County G. C. The second eight trophy in this division was won by C. A. Hendler, Framingham G. C., Boston, 4-3, over J. K. Rawley, G. C. of Virginia.

Summary of how players finished, classified by states:

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CHAPMAN, J. D., Greenwich. Qual. Score 84; Div. 1st; Lost to A. L. Walker, Jr., in semi-finals.

LEAHY, F. A., Greenwich. Qual. Score 106; Div. 5th; Lost to G. M. Wheeler in 2nd round, 5 and 4.

PEARSON, H. S., New Haven. Qual. Score 97; Div. 3rd; Lost to H. J. Hughes in 1st round, 3 and 2.

REDFIELD, O. S., Greenwich. Qual. Score 99; Div. 3rd; Lost to Geo. Clarke in 1st round, 2 and 1.

WHEELER, G. M., Brooklawn. Qual. Score 106; Div. 5th; Lost to G. F. Peterson in semi-finals, by default.

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