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AUTUMN TOURNAMENT OPENS 1921-22 SEASON

I. S. Robeson, Winner

The annual Autumn tournament was set up a notch this year and, played on November 9, 10, 11 and 12, was the opening gun of the Country Club's tournament schedule for the 1921-22 season.

I. S. Robeson of the Rochester, N. Y., Country Club, former winner of the North and South title at Pinehurst, won the President's trophy and first division honors by virtue of a 4 and 2 victory over H. G. Phillips, a member of the rapidly increasing all-the-year-round group of Pinehurst cottage residents. R. C. Shannon 2d, of Brockport, N. Y., annexed the second division trophy at the end of a nineteen hole struggle with Channing M. Wells of Cohassee.

John D. Chapman of Greenwich, Conn., led the field in the qualifying round with a score of 81, but then provided the surprise of the tournament by going down to defeat in the first round of match play at the hands of Charlton L. Becker, Captain of the Tin Whistles. Becker who qualified nine strokes behind the medalist, was put out of the running in the semi-finals by Phillips.

The finals were played in a strong wind but Robeson, in his match with Phillips, managed to negotiate the first nine holes in 37, which included three remarkable putts from off the greens. Phillips had a respectable 41 of his own but was unable to overcome the handicap of being 4 down at the turn for home, and when he failed to extricate himself from difficulty on his way to the sixteenth green it lost him the hole and the match.

In the second division final, Shannon was 2 down to Wells at the turn and 1 down going to the eighteenth, where he squared the match by running down a 12 foot putt for a winning four. Then he sank another long one for a birdie 4 at the nineteenth hole.

W. L. Milliken of Hyannisport, defeated W. B. Merrill, Brookline Country, 2 and 1 for the third division trophy.

The summary of match play follows:

FIRST EIGHT

First match round—C. L. Becker, Philadelphia, N. Y., beat John D. Chapman, Greenwich, 1 up; H. G. Phillips, Moore County, beat John D. Armstrong, Shenecosset, 7 and 6; H. J. Blue, Aberdeen, beat George W. Mead, Glen Ridge, 5 and 4; Irving S. Robeson, Rochester, beat F. T. Keating, Spring Lake, 7 and 6.

Semi-finals—Phillips, beat Becker, 1 up (19 holes); Robeson, beat Blue, 2 and 1.

Final—Robeson beat Phillips, 4 and 2.

SECOND EIGHT

First match round—H. C. Buckminster, Winchester, beat C. B. Hudson, North Fork, 3 and 2; C. M. Wells, Cohassee, beat T. C. Bronson, New York, 4 and 2; R. C. Shannon 2d, Massapequa, beat John Smith, Brookline, 3 and 2; H. D. Waters, Buffalo, beat C. S. Thomas, Youngstown, 5 and 4.

Semi-Finals—Wells beat Buckminster, 6 and 5; Shannon beat Waters, 4 and 3.

Final—Shannon beat Wells, 1 up (19 holes).

LEADING AMATEURS AND PROFESSIONALS HERE FOR MID-SOUTH

A large number of leading amateurs and practically all of the class A professionals throughout the country are assembled at Pinehurst for the second renewal of the Mid-South Best-Ball tournament, in which amateurs are paired with professionals and which is to be played on November 18-19, 72 holes medal play.

This event starts the ball rolling for professionals in Dixie, and in addition to the cash \$500 prize for the winning pro, and the first prize trophy for his amateur partner, the possession of the club trophy brings out keen competition.

Jesse Guilford, winner of the national amateur championship this summer, arrived a few days ago. He and his professional partner, Tom Boyd of the Fox Hills Club, are regarded as one of three most likely teams to carry off first honors and prizes, the other two being I. S. Robeson of the Rochester Country Club and Walter Hagen and Guy M. Standifer and Freddie McLeod. Robeson and Hagen defeated Standifer and McLeod in a recent practice match, 2 and 1, while Guilford breezed over the Championship course his first trip around in 75. The most sensational practice rounds thus far were those of Tom Harmon Jr., professional from the Hudson River Club, and George McLean of Grassy Sprain. Playing in four ball matches McLean went around in 35-33-68, and Harmon equalled the official course record with a round of 34-33-67 and came near sinking a long one on the home green for a 66. Everything was holed out on both rounds. Harmon is paired with his brother, Peter, for the coming event.

Approximately thirty-five pairs have entered and the indications are that the field will be one of the classiest that ever competed in such an event.

Thomas D. Armour of the Lothian-burn club, Scotland, and Leo Diegel of Lochmoor, Detroit, won this event last season with the remarkable score of 275 for the 72 holes—an average of a shade better than 69 for each round. While Diegel collected \$500 for his share of the success and the first prize trophy went to Armour, it was unfortunate for those golfers that they were not paired from the same club, for it lost them custody of the Club trophy. Perry Adair of the Druid Hills club, Atlanta, and the late Douglas Edgar, professional of that club, took second honors with 277, two strokes behind the leaders, and the Druid Hills club was awarded the custody of the club trophy by virtue of its representatives leading the field of club pairs.

THIRD EIGHT

First match round—W. H. B. Ward, Youngstown, beat E. D. McCabe, St. Albans, 4 and 2; W. L. Milliken, Hyannisport, beat J. D. Rumsey, Brooklyn, 5 and 4; Charles F. Conn, Merion, beat H. W. Ormsbee, Massapequa, 3 and 1; W. B. Merrill, Brookline, beat C. F. Lancaster, Brae Burn, 7 and 6.

Semi-finals—Milliken beat Ward, 1 up; Merrill beat Conn, 4 and 2.

Final—Milliken beat Merrill, 2 and 1.