

Mid-Pines Club

Midway between Pinehurst and Southern Pines, at a spot which only a year ago was a trackless sea of long-leaf pine and stunted oak, there now stands—fully complete—the greatest country clubhouse that has ever been erected in the South and one of the largest and finest buildings of its kind in the United States. The best motor boulevard south of the Mason and Dixon line, connecting Southern Pines with Pinehurst and passing through the fast growing residential development known as Knollwood, sweeps past its portals and, stretched below the clubhouse and already in play, is an eighteen-hole golf course, the latest masterpiece of Donald Ross and one of the most interesting tests of golfing ability that Mr. Ross has ever laid out.

The clubhouse of the new Mid-Pines Country Club is three stories in height and five hundred feet in length—or to speak more exactly, it will be five hundred feet in length when the projected additions are built, which will probably not be for a year or two to come. As it stands at present, the building is over three hundred feet long and contains sixty-five private rooms, each with bath, in addition to the locker rooms for men and women, the living room, the lounge, the sun parlors, the great ballroom and dining hall and the culinary department, servants' quarters and offices. When the contemplated additions are made, there will be one hundred members' rooms—which it is figured will amply meet the requirements of all members and friends of members who are likely to be living at the club at any one time. The membership is to be limited and it costs \$2,500 to get into the club.

The Mid-Pines golf course, opened for play at the end of November, deserves more than a passing paragraph. In scenic beauty it far surpasses the best of the Pinehurst courses and some of the leading golf professionals of the country, who have already played over it, consider it to be at least two strokes harder than even the difficult Number Three course at Pinehurst proper. The length is six thousand two hundred and sixty-five yards, with a par of seventy-two and a bogey of eighty-four as against a par of seventy-one and a bogey of eighty-one for Pinehurst's Number Three circuit. Its relatively narrow fairways, heavily wooded on both sides, and the manner in which it is trapped, offers to the short driver a fighting chance for his life and his money against a long-driving opponent who deviates from the straight line down the middle.

The texture and resiliency of the brand new turf on the fairways is already remarkably fine and you can "take turf" with an iron shot on the Mid-Pines course to the extent that would hardly be safe on the sandier courses which are usual in the South. But the fact remains that it is a difficult course and the consensus of opinion among the professionals who have played

over it was well summed up the other day by Bobby Cruikshanks of the Essex Country Club, when he said that "the man who breaks eighty on that course on his first or second time around, is a golfer."

Jesse Guilford, the national amateur golf champion, drove off the first ball to be played at Mid-Pines and the course was declared officially opened. The occasion was a joyous single-club tourney in which Guilford took part in company with a group of professionals, including Cyril Walker, Pat Doyle, Bobby Cruikshanks, Emmet French, George McLean and others.

The clubhouse itself was thrown open in January, and on January 25th a handicap medal play tournament was staged on the links. This event, by courtesy of the Club, was open to all amateurs and a large entry participated.

Among the leading spirits and backers of the Mid-Pines Club are: Leonard Tufts, President of Pinehurst, Inc., L. M. Boomer, Donald Ross, S. B. Chapin, James Barber, Mrs. F. Talfourd Keating, George T. Dunlap and William Hamlin Childs, of New York; Thomas G. Plant, of Boston; Charles Crocker of Fitchburg, Mass.; H. B. Swoope and James W. Oakford, of Philadelphia; George N. Clemson, of Middletown, N. Y.; Horace H. Rackham, of Detroit; Judge William A. Way, of Pittsburg; and Thomas E. Wilson, of Chicago.

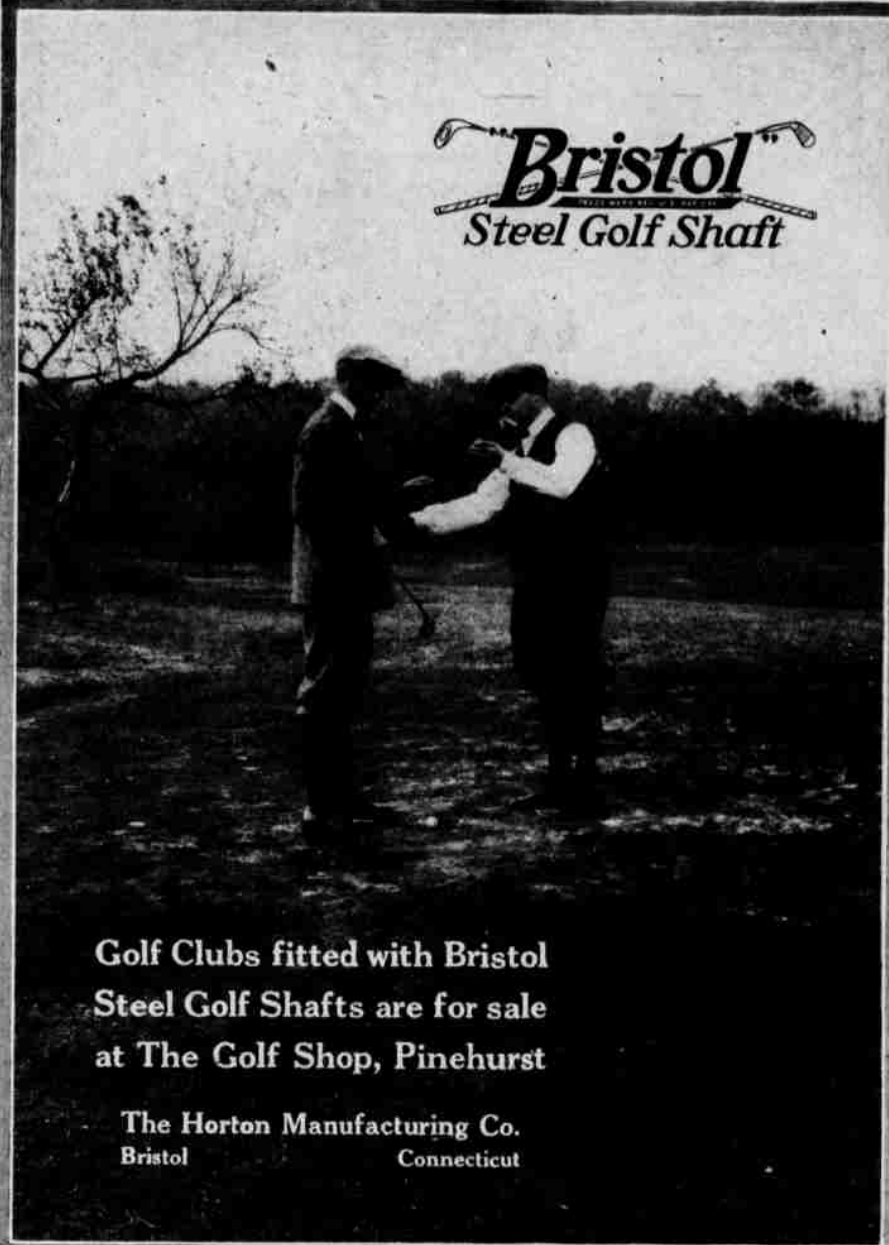
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MRS. JOSEPH N. PEW, JR. WINS WEEKLY RIFLE CONTEST

Mrs. Joseph N. Pew, Jr., of Ardmore Pa., led the field in the weekly rifle contest at the Gun club with a score of 144 out of a possible 150 points. Miss Helen Cope of Delaware Water Gap, Pa., finished second, at 142, and Mrs. D. C. Wharton Smith of Roland Park, Md., was third, at 138.

Mrs. A. L. Gillispie of Tenafly, N. J., formerly Christie MacDonald, light opera Prima Donna, was an enthusiastic contestant in this event and finished fourth with the creditable score of 136 points.

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