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## A Scottish Innovation

In 1603 James VI of Scotland came down to London to be James I of Great Britain. His followers set up on Blackheath a place to play a curious Scotch game they called golf. It took almost two and a half centuries for that game to capture England completely, but when the capture was complete it took the world

What would have been the feelings of that Scottish train that came with James to Blackheath over three hundred years ago if they could see the noble manner in which their game is being staged at Pinehurst now. Four full eighteen hole courses. and two others in a few minutes' ride at Mid-Pines and Southern Pines. And all around the neighborhood the God-blessed Macks.

Here would be the Valhalla of the upright and loyal Scot, and here is the ideal spot for any enthusiastic golfer. Nothing on earth to compare with it.

While lands are cheap and good locations abundant better pick up a site for a winter home in this capital of golf in America. Drop into the

Real Estate Section, General Office,  
and look over the maps

## Philadelphia's Indoor Courses

BY SANDY MCNIBLICK

Sunkist Pinehurst habitues will doubtless skip over this one hastily. It's about the world's largest indoor golf course and things. Indoor golf courses don't mean anything in North Carolina, at this time of year in particular.

In case there's a chuckle in the Dixie devotees in the sad plight of their northern friends this bleak winter, however, the story is attached.

Philadelphia linksmen are generally pretty fortunate in the "off" season of golf.

Last winter, for instance, there were few days when an enthusiast was in any danger of being frozen stiff or snowed under. The most inconvenience suffered, as a rule, was the playing on temporary greens and the frosty air which one doesn't mind too much when playing under wraps, as it were. Some days the ground was frozen and there the thaw was on and the going was soft and muddy. There wasn't much in the way of snow or real Alaskan blasts.

This year, however, the weather has been so bad that it is rare to run across anyone who has endeavored to make it a round year of golf. They have been leaning on indoor alleys like a crutch. To accommodate the demand indoor alleys are cropping out right and left. All of the sporting goods shops are setting up canvas enclosures, the largest having eight courts and there are seventy-five applicants for the jobs as pros there.

The largest indoor court in the world is also believed to be in Philadelphia, a more or less private affair built in the Racquet Club. The court is about 60 feet long and thirty feet wide, with the sky virtually the limit because the ceiling is somewhere way up there in the form of sky-lights.

In this court it is really possible to see just what one is doing. A slice or hook is easily discernible. In fact on this court, there's nothing to those strokes. Anybody can make them and seem to be able to do so any old time. Hitting the bull's eye, at that distance, is quite another matter. Maurie Talman, summer pro at Whitmarsh, does the teaching in this court and is kept busy. His pupils, you might say, are assorted.

There's George Brooke, famous as a University of Pennsylvania football coach in the old days. Jay Gould, world's court tennis champion, and Joek Soutar, world's racquets champion, are trying to build up a presentable game in there.

Max Marston and Bob Gardner, the latter twice national amateur golf champion, and runner-up in three national finals, including the British, have been seen in earnest effort to hit the bull's eye. Gardner was particularly impressed with the putting stretch which is a mat of composition closely resembling grass. The old putter that has dropped them with such precision all these years out of doors wouldn't work for a darn in there.

The court is set up in a racquets court and the noise of the shots sounds like the boom of the cannon in this place which closely resembles an empty swimming pool. Gardner played there on the occasion of his entering the national doubles racquets championship. He said the indoor court at the Philadelphia Racquet Club was larger than that in the Chicago Athletic Club which is believed to be the next biggest indoor golf alley anywhere.

In his visit to Philadelphia Gardner demonstrated that he is one of the most versatile of all American amateur athletes.

He first came to notice in sports when he won the American amateur golf title. Three years later on Franklin Field, Philadelphia, he appeared in a different role when he represented Yale in the track and field intercollegiates. On that June day, Gardner was the first college boy ever to polevault over a height of thirteen feet.

His record of 13 feet 1 inch still stands in the official records.

Three years later he again carried the eyes of a sport gallery in Philadelphia, when he played in the final round in defense of his national golf title at Merion. It was then that he was beaten by Chick Evans in a great match.

Again in the year 1922 he came to Philadelphia this time competing in undershirt and flannels for the national doubles racquets championship.

If anyone can name three more widely differing branches of sport in which it would be possible for any one amateur to devote his attention so as to attain championship calibre, he is welcome to the floor.

Gardner is one of our greatest amateurs for expertness, good sportsmanship and for the fact that athletic endeavor for him is recreation and not a business. He thoroughly enjoys sport's tests of skill, be it before thousands in the great outdoors or on the carpet of an indoor putting course.

### ANNUAL INVITATION

#### Tournament at Buffalo

We are requested to announce that the Second Annual Invitation Tournament under the auspices of the Women's Golf Committee of the Country Club of Buffalo will be held this year on June 26, 27, 28 and 29.

It is the object of the Committee to make this tournament more international in its character than any of the tournaments outside of the National Open, and it is believed that this is possible on account of the Club's close proximity to the leading golfing centers of Canada. The tournament had its inception last year and attracted much interest in Canada as well as in this country, and has been made a permanent fixture.