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FAST FIELD TO START IN SPRING TOURNAMENT

March 6 to 11

What appears to be the fastest field of golfers that ever competed in this event will start in the 36-hole qualifying round of the annual Spring tournament on Monday next, and continue at match play through Saturday. This event usually attracts the largest field of any event in the United States and will be played over two courses, Number 2 and Number 3.

It will require some fine golf to make the first sixteen. It is not difficult to count up thirty players who expect to be in the top flight and many are sure to be disappointed. The quality of play should be high. Nothing worse than 166 should make the first division and it will very likely require two rounds of an average better than 77 to win the medal.

Last year's event established a world's record when 346 players entered, and it is likely that this number will be exceeded this year. It is certain that there will be more low handicap players in the field. The medal in the qualifying round last year was won by Lou Hamilton of Garden City. Hamilton has not entered this season but may come in at the last minute.

There will be plenty of competition, however, for the 1922 medal, as well as for the winner's trophy in the first division which was won last year by Parker W. Whittemore of the Brookline Country Club.

F. C. Newton, also of Brookline, and runner-up to Whittemore, has been playing fine golf in Florida and is expected here for the Spring tournament. B. P. Merriman of Waterbury, winner of the North and South amateur championship last year, arrived this week. He spent the first three days of his visit indoors, but feels much better now and has been getting into his stride for the tournament. Merriman played the best golf of any amateur who visited Pinehurst last year.

The brigade of regulars have been ardently at it ever since the St. Valentine's tournament, which was won by Lucien Walker. Walker has become a Pinehurst regular this winter. He was picked to win the St. Valentine's, and did so, and many favor him in the Spring event. Walker defeated Donald Parson in the final of the St. Valentine's, but the match was not decided until Walker sank a putt from off the green at the eighteenth hole.

Donald Parson will have the able sup-
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Miss Elizabeth Gordon, Winner, and Mrs. Donald Parson, Runner-up, in the recent St. Valentine's Tournament for Women

SENIOR GOLFERS PLAY BRILLIANT GAME

William E. Truesdell of Garden City, and George Crocker of Fitchburg, Mass., both veteran golfers, have given some fine exhibitions of how golf should be played in recent matches in which they participated on the Championship and Number 3 courses. It is doubtful if there is another pair of Senior golfers in the United States that could stand up against these veteran golfers.

It is certain that Mr. Truesdell is the foremost of the Senior players in the Metropolitan district and that Mr. Crocker is entitled to the same rating in Massachusetts, and when they team together it brings out the best golf they possess, and a bestball is set-up that will require much beating.

Their most remarkable round at Pinehurst this season was played on the No. 2 course when they were out in 34 and were even 4's for the first eight holes on the inward journey. They needed the par 4 on the eighteenth for a 70, but both met with misfortune at this hole and took 7, so they finished with a bestball of 73. Mr. Truesdell's individual score was 78 and Mr. Crocker had an even 80.

On the following day they had a bestball of 35 for the first nine holes on the Number 3 course, and the next day a 37 for the first nine at Mid-Pines. In all of their matches they were matched against much younger golfers but they won a majority of these games.

While the two players differ somewhat in style, both have sound swings which give desired results. Mr. Truesdell has an especially effective tee shot that sends the ball away with just the proper trajectory to give it the greatest distance for the power of the blow.

He has a slow backswing and keeps his left arm stiff, bringing the clubhead across the ball when it is perfectly straight and turning over his right wrist at the same moment of impact so as to impart just enough top spin and inshoot to the ball for it to roll well when it hits the fairway. His tee shot is not the hit or miss blow of such a large number of long hitters, but the well-timed, well-hit shot of a real golfer.

For those who appreciate seeing the proper touch applied to a golf ball, Mr. Truesdell affords a rare treat. Many professionals convince spectators that they are perfectly certain of what they are about to do when they stand over a golf ball and hit it. Few amateurs radiate this feeling of confidence, but Mr. Truesdell is one of the few.

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THE PINEHURST CHAPEL SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion 9:00 A. M.
(except 1st Sunday in month)
Children's Service 10:00 A. M.
Morning Service and Sermon 11:00 A. M.
Holy Communion immediately after
Morning Service on First Sunday in each
Month.

ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICES

Early Mass 6:15 A. M.
Second Mass 10:30 A. M.
When visiting priest is at Pinehurst an
8 o'clock mass is held.

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