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Along the Fairways

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A YOUTH of sixteen, George Dunlap, Jr., by name, of New York, carried away the medalist honors in the Twenty-Second Annual Mid-winter golf tournament which started immediately after the Christmas festivities and the match play rounds are now in progress.

His brilliant round of 74, composed of 38 out and 36 in, was four strokes better than anyone else in the field of 125 starters, and quite a shock to the seasoned campaigners and old standbys of Pinehurst. But it seems George has been doing things of the unusual before, so those who really knew his capabilities were in a position to state, "I told you the boy would bear watching." It seems this summer young Dunlap did the majority of his golfing in the White Mountains. Rather for experience than aught else, he decided to take a whirl in the White Mountain's championship. And George came through, qualifying well up, and disposing of rugged opponents in the manner of a links veteran.

What he will show in match play which is now going on is something else. But the young man seems to have arrived, and is fast blooming into the division of "class of a high order."

The field as stated, was a large one, in spite of the season of the year, and there was quite some good golfers seeking the qualifying honors. Bidding strongest was J. M. Robbins, runner-up with a 78. P. S. P. Randolph, Jr., was the only other in the field to break 80. Scores of 88 made the first flight with a play-off being necessary for two places. No less than six flights were made up, and close and interesting match play in all divisions are in progress.

Cyril Walker, National Open golf champion, and Burt Nicol, instructor at the Country Club, ran up against a stiff proposi-



At the Eighteenth hole during the Championship tournaments.

tion recently in a best ball match. Ted Gow, the Weston G. C. professional, and Arthur Yates, the Rochester, N. Y., amateur, were their stumbling blocks on the number three course. So fast did they travel as to knit together a 62 best ball. Just 31 strokes each way turned out to be the best combined efforts ever made on a Pinehurst course.

Gow, by the way, probably carries the least poundage of any golf professional here or abroad. He weighs but 110 pounds. But in spite of this fact is an exceptionally long hitter. With the right hand well under the club "Teddy" seldom takes anyone's dust from the tees. Some years ago he was christened the "Lightweight Golf Champion of the World," and as no one arose to dispute it, he may be referred to in such a manner without any objections on his part being raised.

Pinehurst at present is full of star Junior golfers. And from early observation it seems we have some champions of major events in the budding state. The play of

Paul Carter in the Junior Pinehurst tournament was particularly bright, and "Billy" O'Brien is coming along rapidly.

Just outside the Junior ranks and giving unusual promise is young Dunlap. Though he has just turned sixteen, George pulled an unusual stunt by leading the field in the qualifying round of the Mid-Winter tournament with a sweet 74. A case of "sweet sixteen" delivering a sugar coated 74.

It will be interesting to note what the amateurs and pros do to last seasons records this year. There are some unusual marks to shoot at. For instance the best performance on Number 1 has been a 67, by Morrie Tolman, a professional. On Number two Herbert Lagerblade, of Bristol, heads the

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