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A Week with the Advertisers

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THE Winter Golf League of Advertisers tournament is now history. Their week of fun is over, and to various parts of the United States the "good fellows" have departed. Each has carried with him pleasant memories of the occasion, many of them souvenirs through their links prowess, and all hands are looking forward to a year hence when Pinehurst will be their gathering place again.

This year's party was most successful from every standpoint. The field was exceptionally pleasing to the committee; the weather man gave the boys and the fair sex a fine break; competition in the main was close in all divisions; there were two score or more of prizes; and last, but not least, the "something doing" sign was always posted. Something like 100 turned out for the qualifying test, and with the ladies on deck constant activity was everywhere from morning till night fall.

The winner of the first flight proved to be George H. Hartman, of Chicago. At the expense of Robert Finney, son of the president of the Association, he triumphed. On the seventeenth green congratulations were in order, the score being 2 and 1. Hartman's victory may come as a surprise to many. For the first, as well as all other flights were run on a handicap basis, the high man conceding three-fourths the difference in handicaps. It was found after the qualifying test that the Chicago golfer was the low man of the association. Two strokes was his allotment, and as parties run in this manner seldom prove successful for the scratch man, his victory carries with it the more glory, especially when it is considered the odds were against him from the first match through the final show down.

And Finney's showing, considering he has played the game but two years was quite remarkable. He is 22 years of age, and Hartman 24. They were the real youths of the field. The winner in years gone by it seems has compiled quite a record in the Chicago district, having been University of Chicago and district champion at one time. After qualifying with an 85, one stroke more than the medalist, R. M. Purves, he erased in order, C. Maxwell, of New York; M. M. Lord, of Syracuse; Dr. A. R. Gardner, of Westchester Biltmore; and last but not least, Finney, from the Metropolitan district. In each match he conceded several strokes to opponents, and was forced to display consistent golf for victory throughout the tournament. Finney in the meantime was having no lead pipe cinch to carry on. A seven handicap aided considerably in his victories over G. H. Williams, of Arcola; Roy Maxwell, of Wykagyl; and George C. Dutton, of Boston, the New England Senior champion. His qualifying score of 88 was well up with the leaders.

In the final match he was conceded four shots by Hartman, but his game fell away slightly from his previous efforts, so

that on the outward half he failed to use either of the four strokes allotted for that section, but registered a win and a half with the other pair. When he stood four down at the turn, out in 46 to his opponent's 40, it looked to be all over but the shouting. And more so when at the tenth he was another to the bad. But from that point on he staged a spurt which reduced the deficit to two on the wrong side of the ledger at the fifteenth hole. But right there Hartman plugged the leakage, checked the rally with two wonderful shots, and received the interlocking grip on the seventeenth green.

In playing out the bye hole Hartman was 40 again, Finney considerably better with a 41 for a total of 87, to the victor's 80. A review of the match shows that Finney won but one hole on the outgoing nine on an even basis, and two on the incoming without handicap, and one with. Hartman proved the leader from the start, and it was a wonderful wood shot from the rough at the fifteenth which proved the downfall of Finney. After driving to the woods and missing his second, he brassied his way from the pines over 200 yards for a regulation par five and a halve where Finney had a stroke coming.

And on the finishing hole from behind a mound he laid one up eighteen inches from the cup previous to which Finney had run one up for what looked like a win to about the same distance from the cup.

The qualifying round, as stated, proved to be one wherein R. M. Purves, of Boston, gave the party. In years gone by he has proven the best card and pencil shooter, also the best at match play. He was closely followed by Roy Barnhill with an 86, Hartman with an 85, and C. Maxwell with an 86. Few in the field shattered 90 and it was found that scores of 95 made the first flight with two tied for one place. In the draw, W. T. Hamilton, last year's winner, dropped to the second division. The field was so large that six flights were mustered together, and all divisions proved full of red fire matches. And the ladies who were kept as busily engaged as the men proved evenly matched through the fine system of handicapping. Mrs. B. L. Tyrell, of Brooklyn, proved the best in their match play tournament. One of the high lights of the special events was the score made by J. B. Windrum and T. A. Hendry in the four ball. Their card of 30-34-64 was several strokes better than the rest of the field. Handicaps figured prominently in the results, each contestant being allowed three-fourths of his rating. The best golf reported for nine holes in match play was by Hartman who scored 34 for the outward nine.

First Division

First round—M. M. Lord (12) beat W. E. Conklyn (9) 3 and 1; G. H. Hartman (2) beat C. Maxwell (9) 7 and 5; R. M. Purves (4) beat W. O. Smith (15) 27 holes; Dr. A. R. Gardner