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PINEHURST GOLF LINKS.

Fine, Well Kept Greens Close by the Village.

Attractive, Conveniently Arranged Club House Recently Completed.

A Place of Great Resort on the Beautiful Sunny Days During the Winter.

The game of golf is rapidly increasing in popularity throughout the country, and many Northern people, in selecting a place to spend the winter away from snow and ice, choose a village where they can enjoy this healthful sport. The proprietors of many resorts have thus been led to provide for this class of people, but at no place in the South can the enthusiastic golfer find better facilities for enjoying the grand old Scotch game than at Pinehurst.

During the season of 1897-98 a field comprising sixty acres of cleared ground, located near the foot of the Village Green and about two minutes' walk from the centre of the village, was taken for this purpose and courses were laid out under the direction of an expert. Many improvements were made there last summer. The sod was turned under and the courses rolled and sown to grass, a handsome new club house was erected and many little conveniences added, and a fine bicycle track was constructed extending entirely around the field.

The links are laid out on rolling ground and no two holes are alike, affording a great variety of play for the golfer. The bushes have been removed and there is but one tree in the whole field. The putting greens are made of clay and are rolled every morning so that a good player can hole out at ten feet, and the surface is sprinkled with sand so that they shall not be too fast. There is absolutely no cross on the courses, nor any place where there is any danger whatever. A horse roller is frequently run over the fair green, keeping it hard and smooth.

There are two courses, a long one and short one, of nine and six holes respectively. The short course comprises holes one, two, six, seven, eight and nine of the long course.

The first hole, which is located close by the gate near the pine grove, is a short one protected by sand bunkers, and a good mid-iron shot will carry over the bunkers onto the green. Three is the record for this hole.

The second hole is across a valley to the green at about the same elevation as the tee. These first two holes are the

same for either the short or long course. In playing the six-hole course, after putting on the second green the golfer plays hole six of the long course and so on to home green.

Hole three has bunkers at eighty yards from the tee, and the course is a slight decline on the brow of a hill.

The fair green of the fourth hole runs down hill for about seventy-five yards and then rises gradually up to the green.

The fifth hole is by all odds the best, the course being absolutely level for 300 yards and then up a steep incline to the green. The best amateur score for this is six.

Hole six has been done in three by two amateurs and is fairly level, there being a slight depression about half-way. An over approach is penalized by a sharp decline on the further side of the green.

arranged, and is fitted with everything necessary for the comfort and pleasure of the players.

On entering the building the visitor finds himself in a well furnished reception room which extends across the whole front of the structure and occupies nearly one-half of this floor. Large windows on three sides admit an abundance of light, and an open fire-place is provided for heating on cool days, when the blazing logs of pitch-pine diffuse a cheery warmth and light and add to the comfort and pleasure of the occupants. Here the golfers can find shelter in case of a sudden shower, or when tired can gather and discuss the merits of the fascinating sport and recount the interesting games they have played or witnessed.

Leading off this room to the right is the gentlemen's dressing room. This

new ones have recently been added.

A wide piazza runs around three sides of the building and is supplied with seats for spectators. On the south a stairway leads from the piazza to the second floor. This story is open on all sides and commands a fine view of the whole field. It is provided with seats and those who do not care to play can sit here and watch the game.

The building seems well adapted to serve the purpose for which it was intended and little conveniences are constantly being added as their need appears.

Mr. John Dunn Tucker, a professional golfer, has charge of the club house and links, and there is great demand for his services as a teacher.

Our villagers are taking great interest in the game, and many people spend a few weeks here in order to avail themselves of the facilities offered for enjoying this pastime. On the beautiful warm sunny days so numerous in this section as the time when our friends in the North are wallowing through snow and slush with the mercury out of sight and frozen there, the Pinehurst links are thronged with a merry crowd of golfers engaged in their favorite sport, while a host of spectators congregates on the club house piazzas and other points of vantage from which to view the game.

A cup has been offered by Mr. Tufts for the player making the best score on our links this season. The body of the cup is turned out of the finest selected Mexican Pedrera onyx, with base, top and handles of burnished gold plate. It is a very beautiful piece of workmanship and there is much speculation as to who will be the fortunate winner. The cup will be suitably inscribed and will bear the name of the winner.

The bicycle track around the golf field is very popular with lovers of the wheel, many of whom enjoy a daily ride along this well kept path. Wheels are rented at the Bowling Alley so that all may enjoy this exhilarating exercise.

A map of the Pinehurst links will be found on page eight.

Mr. Asbury Peppers.

"Talking of patriotism," said Asbury Peppers, "the South furnishes the only genuine article."

"What?" shouted the boarder from Connecticut.

"Fact. Think of the clay eaters down in Georgia. Just think of how they love their native soil!"—*Cincinnati Enquirer*.

Giving Herself Away.

Mistress—"Jane, I've mislaid the key of my escritoire. I wish you'd just fetch me that box of odd keys. I dare say I can find one to open it."

Jane—"It's no use, ma'am. There isn't a key in the 'ouse as 'll fit that desk."—*Punch*.



THE PINEHURST GOLF CLUB HOUSE.

The seventh hole is perhaps the sportiest of all, the course running up a steep rise to a point 150 yards from the tee, and then down to the green.

The eighth is up gradually rising ground, with bunkers to protect the green.

The home hole is a gradual slope to the green, which is located close by the putting green of hole one.

The soil is almost pure sand many feet deep, and quickly absorbs all moisture, so that there is no surface water even after the heaviest rain, and the links are in condition for play at any time when rain is not falling.

Located on high ground near the beginning of the course is the handsome new clubhouse which was erected during the past summer. This building is of very attractive design, conveniently

contains lockers of good size which are rented to the players for \$1.00 for the season, or 50 cents per month. Back of this room a door to the left opens into the gentlemen's toilet room, and on the right is a small room used as a workshop by the professional golfer who has charge of the links.

The ladies' dressing room opens off the reception room, to the left. This is also supplied with lockers which are rented at the same rate as those for the gentlemen. Back of this apartment is the ladies' toilet room. The ladies' and gentlemen's dressing rooms both contain mirrors, and the lockers are fitted with Yale locks. The number of lockers provided when the building was erected at the beginning of the present season has proved totally inadequate to meet the demands of the players and twenty-nine