

TWO CHAMPIONSHIP COURSES

Notable Addition to the Golf Equipment During Past Summer.

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THE golf situation here was tersely summed up by T. Pliny Moran of the Columbia Golf Club, at the close of the annual midwinter tournament last season, in the following statement:

"I am confident that never before in the history of golf, has there been as much enthusiasm manifested, as many beautiful trophies offered, and as delightful weather throughout, as has been combined at Pinehurst this week.

"Pinehurst is certainly Queen of this country's golf resorts; in all truth America's St. Andrews."

In a few words it tells just what importance golf occupies here, and the annual midwinter tournament is but one of four contests of equal importance held annually; the season's contests culminating in the annual United North and South Championship, of which the next will be the seventh annual.

Not only this, but the superb course also attracts those who golf for golf's sake, the non-competitive element, of all grades, from every portion of the continent, and many parts of the world as well; men and women, young and old, experts and novices.

Those who play number high up into the thousands, as is indicated by the fact that there were weeks last season when over fifteen hundred caddy tickets were issued. In brief, no place in the world can equal Pinehurst in point of the number who participate, and nearly as many are interested in the sport.

The prominence of the game here led to the establishment of a second, or nine hole course, some years ago, its later lengthening, and during the past summer, has been responsible for the extension of this course to eighteen holes, giving Pinehurst two full length or Championship courses, an equipment equalled by no other resort in America and few in the world.

And best of all, this has come about through the popularity of the game; the important tournaments being the natural result of the annual gathering together of expert players, and the increased equipment necessary to keep abreast with its rapid rise in popular favor.

Pinehurst is also making another step forward this year in the adoption of what is to be known as the Pinehurst System for qualification in important contests, and which will do away with the long recognized objectionable features of the former method.

In a word, instead of qualifying by stroke competition, entrants will be required to furnish their association handicaps, and will be classified in divisions according to these handicaps, the limit in each division being determined by the tournament committee; the best sixteen

scores in each division qualifying, instead of the sixty-four best medal play scores as has been customary.

This step has been considered by prominent golfers, but the local club is the first to take the initiative, and the outcome of its first trial, during the midwinter tournament, will be awaited with keen interest. Further information as to the method will be found in connection with details concerning the midwinter tourney.

THE STATED FIXTURES.

The full program of stated fixtures is as follows:

NOVEMBER 27, 28, 29, 30—Autumn Tournament—Qualifying round eighteen holes, medal play. The "President's" cup will be awarded to winner of first sixteen, and "Secretary's" cup to winner of second. Silver medals will be given the runners-up and consolation winners in both divisions.

DECEMBER 27, 28, 29, 31—Holiday Week Tournament—Qualifying round eighteen holes, medal play. The "President's" cup will be awarded the winner of the first sixteen, "Secretary's" cup to the winner of the second and "Treasurer's" cup to the winner of the third. Sterling cup for the runner-up in first division, Sterling consolation cup to winner of the beaten eight in first division and silver medals will be given the runners-up and consolation winners in the second and third divisions.

JANUARY 17, 18, 19, 21—Third Annual Midwinter Tournament—Qualifying round eighteen holes, medal play. Gold medal for the best gross score qualifying round. The "President's" cup will be awarded to the winner of the first sixteen, "Secretary's" cup to the winner of the second, "Treasurer's" cup to the winner of the third and "Captain's" cup to the winner of the fourth. Sterling cups for the runners-up in each division and consolation divisions.

This tournament will be conducted under the Pinehurst System. The entries for this tournament will be divided into four divisions by the tournament committee.

For the guidance of the committee all entries must state their association handicap, where home club is a member of any association—where the club is not a member of any association state the home club handicap.

The committee in making divisions will be guided by the number of entries and the handicaps so furnished. Should any one entering not be a member of any regularly organized golf club they will be classified at the discretion of the tournament committee.

When the tournament committee decides the limit of handicap for each division those entering will be classified in the four divisions. In the qualifying round the sixteen best gross scores will play for the cups awarded for each division.

FEBRUARY 13, 14, 15, 16—St. Valentine's Tournament—Qualifying round eighteen holes, medal play. The "President's" cup will be awarded the winner of the first sixteen, "Secretary's" cup to the winner of the second, "Treasurer's" cup to the winner of the third and "Captain's" cup will be awarded to the winner of the fourth.

Gold medal to runner-up in the first division and silver medals to the runners-up in other divisions. A gold medal will also be awarded to the winner of the first consolation division and silver medals in the other consolation divisions.

FEBRUARY 20, 21, 22, 23—St. Valentine's Tournament for Women—Eighteen holes qualifying round; best eight gross scores to qualify. Gold medal for the best gross score. Sterling cup for the winner; gold medal for runner-up. Eighteen holes to be played in the morning of each day.

MARCH 7, 8, 9—Pinehurst Club Championship Tournament—Open to its regular members only. Qualifying round thirty-six holes; eight best gross scores to qualify. Gold medal for best gross score in qualifying round. Cups to winner and runner-up. First day qualifying round; second day eighteen hole match play, morning and afternoon, third day finals, thirty-six holes.

NOTE—The regular members each year shall be those persons who shall have subscribed the specified season's dues of the club.

MARCH 13, 14, 15, 16—Spring Tournament—Qualifying round eighteen holes. The "Presi-

dent's" cup to the winner of the first sixteen, "Secretary's" cup to the winner of the second, "Treasurer's" cup to the winner of the third and "Captain's" cup to the winner of the fourth sixteen. Gold medal to the winner of the first division consolation. Silver medals for other consolation divisions. Gold medal for runner-up in first division and silver medals to runners-up in other divisions.

MARCH 27, 28, 29, 30—United North and South Championship for Women—Eighteen holes qualifying round; best eight gross scores to qualify; gold medal for the best gross score. Sterling cup for the winner; gold medal for runner-up. Eighteen holes will be played in the morning of each day.

APRIL 1st to 6th—Seventh Annual North and South Championship Tournament—Qualifying round thirty-six holes. Gold medal for the best gross score. The "President's" cup will be awarded to the winner of the first sixteen, "Secretary's" cup to the winner of the second, "Treasurer's" cup to the winner of the third and "Captain's" cup to the winner of the fourth. Sterling cups will be awarded to the runners-up in each division. Sterling silver cups will also be given to the winners of the consolation divisions.

APRIL 6—United North and South Open Championship—Thirty-six holes, medal play. Open to all professionals and amateurs. First prize \$100.00 and championship gold medal, second prize \$50.00, third \$25.00. Amateurs winning will receive plate.

NOTE—Where prizes are offered for the best gross and net scores, no player shall take both. U. S. G. A. rules govern all tournaments except where they conflict with local rules. All tournaments are in charge of and all disputes must be settled by the golf committee, whose decisions shall be final.

The qualifying round will be played the first day; second day eighteen holes match play in the morning; eighteen holes match play in the afternoon in each division. The third day the semi-finals will be played in the morning, eighteen holes; fourth day the finals will be played, thirty-six holes.

NEW GROUNDS POPULAR.

Present Trap Shooting Equipment Awakens Additional Interest.

The admirable equipment of the trap shooting grounds in their new location of the hill back of the railroad station, has done much to increase an already popular sport, and the usual informal sweepstake events are occupying early comers previous to the commencement of the stated program. These events never fail to attract a congenial group of good fellows, and the demands for them are frequently semi-weekly.

The tower trap continues to maintain not only its popularity, but its novelty, and a goodly percentage of new comers have never seen its replica. It does not figure prominently in tournaments, but as an entertainment feature it fills in many a pleasant hour.

The most important event of the season's program will be the annual Club Championship tournament, occupying March eighteenth, nineteenth and twentieth, the prize being the usual gold medal, a most cherished trophy. The event will be open only to those who have participated in one or more tournaments, and one hundred and fifty targets will be shot at; fifty each from the expert, blackbird and tower traps. In connection will be held the annual Pinehurst Championship for a sterling silver cup, open to all, but one contestant cannot take both prizes.

The stated fixtures are as follows:

FEBRUARY 20—50 targets, handicap, expert traps—Sterling Silver cup to winner.

MARCH 5—50 targets, scratch, expert traps—Sterling Silver cup.

MARCH 12—10 targets right, 10 targets left, 10 unknown, 10 overhead, 10 double; handicap, tower trap—Sterling Silver cup.

PISTOL SHOOTING BEGUN.

Club Members are Getting Ready for Exceptionally Busy Season.

The butts of the Pistol Club are interesting the early comers, who are indulging in preliminary practise in anticipation of the various events which will soon begin. There will, as usual, be the regular handicap tournaments, various team matches, and, without question, "telegraphic" shoots with various teams throughout the country, interest culminating in the annual State Championship U. S. R. A. tournament and the stated fixtures. Club members may also shoot for the handsome percentage medals offered by the National Association, upon application to the club's secretary.

The stated program for Sterling cups offered by the management, will include the annual Club Championship, to be held March twenty-fifth, and in which gold medals are offered for both men and women. The event will be fifty shots at fifty yards at the Standard American target, scratch.

The handicap fixtures are as follows:

JANUARY 23—50 shots, Standard American target, 50 yards, open to both men and women, handicap, for Sterling Silver Cup.

FEBRUARY 19—50 shots, Standard American target, 50 yards, open to both men and women, handicap, for Sterling Silver Cup.

LEANS TOWARD SOCIAL SIDE.

Tennis Here is More for Good Fellowship Than Competition.

Tennis interest promises well, but the sport here is one which its devotees follow mainly for its own sake, and tournament events are not as numerous as other outdoor sports. One finds a growing inclination towards mixed doubles and the social side of the game, rather than competitive play, and it is a pleasing indication.

"Perfection" is the unanimous opinion regarding the courts, and the location of those near the Country Club House is such that play is followed with interest by the crowds which may always be found upon the sunny balconies.

The interest of the season will culminate in the Championship tournaments, March twenty-first, twenty-second and twenty-third, in which gold medals are offered for mixed doubles, men's and women's singles.

Other stated fixtures are as follows:

FEBRUARY 7—Men's singles for "St. Valentine" Cup.

MARCH 6—Women's singles for "Spring Tournament" Cup.

Roque and Croquet.

Roque and croquet interest many visitors and there are ample opportunities for the enjoyment of the game, courts being located at The Carolina, Holly Inn, Berkshire, Magnolia and other points in the Village. They are kept in good condition and the expert and novice will both find enjoyment on them.