

## NOT A CONDITION OF MIND

### Pinehurst Golf Situation in Few Words and Every Word is Fact.

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TALKING of the Yellow-stone to one who has never been there is much like talking Pinehurst golf to the uninitiated. The beauty of one, the importance of the other, are incomprehensible to the average mind; they must be seen to be appreciated, for as a race, we are not good listeners—we prefer to talk—we are disbelievers. Thus it is that *reputation* often passes idly by as a "condition of mind;" the exaggerated *ideas* of an enthusiastic few.

"The condition of mind," however, as far as Pinehurst golf is concerned, may be briefly summed up as four tournaments of international importance with entrance lists averaging one hundred and fifty, trophies aggregating five thousand dollars in cost, an annual club membership of over two thousand, two eighteen-hole, six thousand-yard golf courses (one of them absolutely unique in this country) a three thousand-yard nine-hole course of exceptional attractiveness and variety, and a second nine-hole course in the process of construction.

Here is the situation in few words and every word is *fact!* Here's the reason for Pinehurst's golfing popularity and its pre-eminence; why it attracts competitive and non-competitive golfers of all classes from north, south, east and west, rising supreme because of its unparalleled equipment, because it delivers *results*, not *explanations*. And it would take half a dozen years to produce a rival in any section of the world, Pinehurst granting a six year handicap at that! Thus a *condition*; not a "condition of mind."

#### A BUSY SUMMER.

The important work of the past summer has been the clearing of land for a second nine-hole course, which will also give a *third* eighteen-hole course, careful attention to rolling, seeding and the like throughout with excellent results, and plans making for having all three golf courses start and finish at the Club house. The caddy house and shop have also been moved back to make room for a new fire-proof locker room, making extensive enlargement of the present assembly room possible.

The "new" or number two eighteen-hole course, is now complete and perfect even to the minutest detail, and as former British champion Walter J. Travis predicted last season; "It is absolutely unique in this country, a modern course for the modern ball; a distinct value being given to a particular shot on each hole—a course which makes you think. Certain holes will be quoted from one end of the country to the other, just as the half dozen famous holes of the

world are quoted as really first class." And as a result hundreds are attracted here largely through interest and curiosity to look over and play upon a course constructed on distinctly modern lines.

As Mr. Travis indicated, the course when first opened, was criticised very severely. "It's a freak course," said some, while others declared that a bunch of experts had simply turned themselves loose and tried to see just what they could do, but time has justified the wisdom of the plan, and while no resort in the country may require a course especially adapted for the expert player, the fact remains that Pinehurst does and the new course supplies a need which has probably been responsible for more comment and publicity than any other feature connected with the game here.

Some idea of the difficulties to be encountered may be gained from the fact

The old eighteen-hole course has been greatly improved and somewhat lengthened, the combined equipment providing for the varied needs of three distinct classes of golfers; a necessity where such large numbers of players assemble. Further the laying out of an additional nine-hole course instead of increasing it to a third eighteen-hole course, is a decided novelty in that it accomplishes the same end, for there are and will always be those who desire the short course.

Special interest centers in the new nine-hole course which was generally enjoyed last season and which is now one of the most interesting, varied and picturesque courses in the south; its special charm being the fact that no two holes are alike. Some idea of its character may be obtained from the views printed in this issue.

"TROUBLE MAKERS"—WHISKER BUNKERS, MOUNDED PITS AND GRASS TRAPS.



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that the total number of hazards is one hundred and fifteen, and yet, there is not a transverse bunker or trap on the course, penalty coming only through poor play or lack of judgment. These hazards range all the way from the deadly "whisker" (wire grass) bunkers and traps, to the equally deadly mounded pits and other unique devices and the "rough" bordering the course and lying in wait for topped drives in front of the tees. Combined with this in unusual natural variety and picturesqueness of the character which has made the old Scotch courses famous: long level stretches and undulating fair greens, hidden holes, up and down grade approaches, two ponds and other varied features; the hazards, even when artificial, to all intents and purposes natural ones for they are so constructed as to be a part of the landscape.

#### THE SEASON'S TOURNAMENTS.

The season's tournament program is planned on the usual broad and comprehensive lines, opening with the annual Autumn tournament, Thanksgiving week and continuing through the Mid-April contest. In all of the important events which begin with the seventh annual Midwinter tournament January 10, 11 and 12, and ending with the tenth annual United North and South Amateur Championship, March 30, 31, April 1 and 2, six divisions are scheduled and the usual provision will be made for the overflow, the trophies being of the same elaborate character as in the past.

The fact, however, remains that tournament golf here is, in reality, only incidental to its recreation and social side as far as the enjoyment of the game is concerned. The tournaments come as a natural consequence because Pinehurst

is the mecca of the experts, but the great majority of players are men and women who play golf because they find in it healthful, beneficial recreation. Thus it is that in addition to the Club's tournament program, numerous informal contests, held by the Tin Whistles and the Silver Foils, and various mixed foursomes, handicaps and innovations arranged by those who seek novelty and conducted independent of the Club, are also an important feature of the winter.

The usual social affairs will enliven the season, prominent among them the Saturday afternoon teas for which the entire Village assembles, and the many informal gatherings for which the Club house is a favorite rendezvous.

The tournament program in detail follows:

SIXTH ANNUAL AUTUMN TOURNAMENT, November 25, 26, 27—Qualifying round and finals, eighteen holes. Sterling cup for the best qualification score; President's cup to winner of first sixteen; Governor's cup to winner of second sixteen; silver medals to division runners-up and consolation division winners.

SIXTH ANNUAL HOLIDAY WEEK TOURNAMENT, December 28, 29, 30—Qualifying round and finals, eighteen holes. Sterling cup for best qualification score; President's cup to winner of first sixteen; Governor's cup to winner of second sixteen; Secretary's cup to winner of third sixteen; sterling cups to first division runner-up and consolation division winner; silver medals to division runners-up and consolation division winners in the second and third divisions.

SEVENTH ANNUAL MIDWINTER TOURNAMENT, January 10, 11, 12—Qualifying round and finals, eighteen holes. Gold medal for best qualification score; President's cup to winner of first sixteen; Governor's cup to winner of second sixteen; Secretary's cup to winner of third sixteen; Treasurer's cup to winner of fourth sixteen; Captain's cup to winner of fifth sixteen; Club cup to winner of sixth sixteen; also sterling cups to division runners-up and consolation division winners. This tournament will be conducted on the Pinehurst system, inaugurated in 1907.

SIXTH ANNUAL ST. VALENTINE'S TOURNAMENT, February 9, 10, 11, 12—Qualifying round and finals, eighteen holes. Gold medal for the best qualification score; President's cup to winner of first sixteen; Governor's cup to winner of second sixteen; Secretary's cup to winner of third sixteen; Treasurer's cup to winner of fourth sixteen; Captain's cup to winner of fifth sixteen; sterling cups to first division runner-up and consolation division winner; silver medals to division runners-up and consolation division winners in the second, third, fourth and fifth divisions.

FOURTH ANNUAL ST. VALENTINE'S TOURNAMENT FOR WOMEN, February 16, 17, 18, 19—Qualifying round and finals, eighteen holes. One or more eights to qualify; eighteen holes to be played each day; gold medal for best qualification score. Sterling cups for winners and runners-up in each eight.

SIXTH ANNUAL SPRING TOURNAMENT, March 9, 10, 11, 12—Qualifying round, eighteen holes; finals, thirty-six holes

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