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FIVE CENTS

DARK HORSE IS THE WINNER

Annual St. Valentine's Golf Tournament
Was an Off Week for Favorites

Becker of Woodland is Three and
One Victor Over Martin of
Ekwanok in Final Round

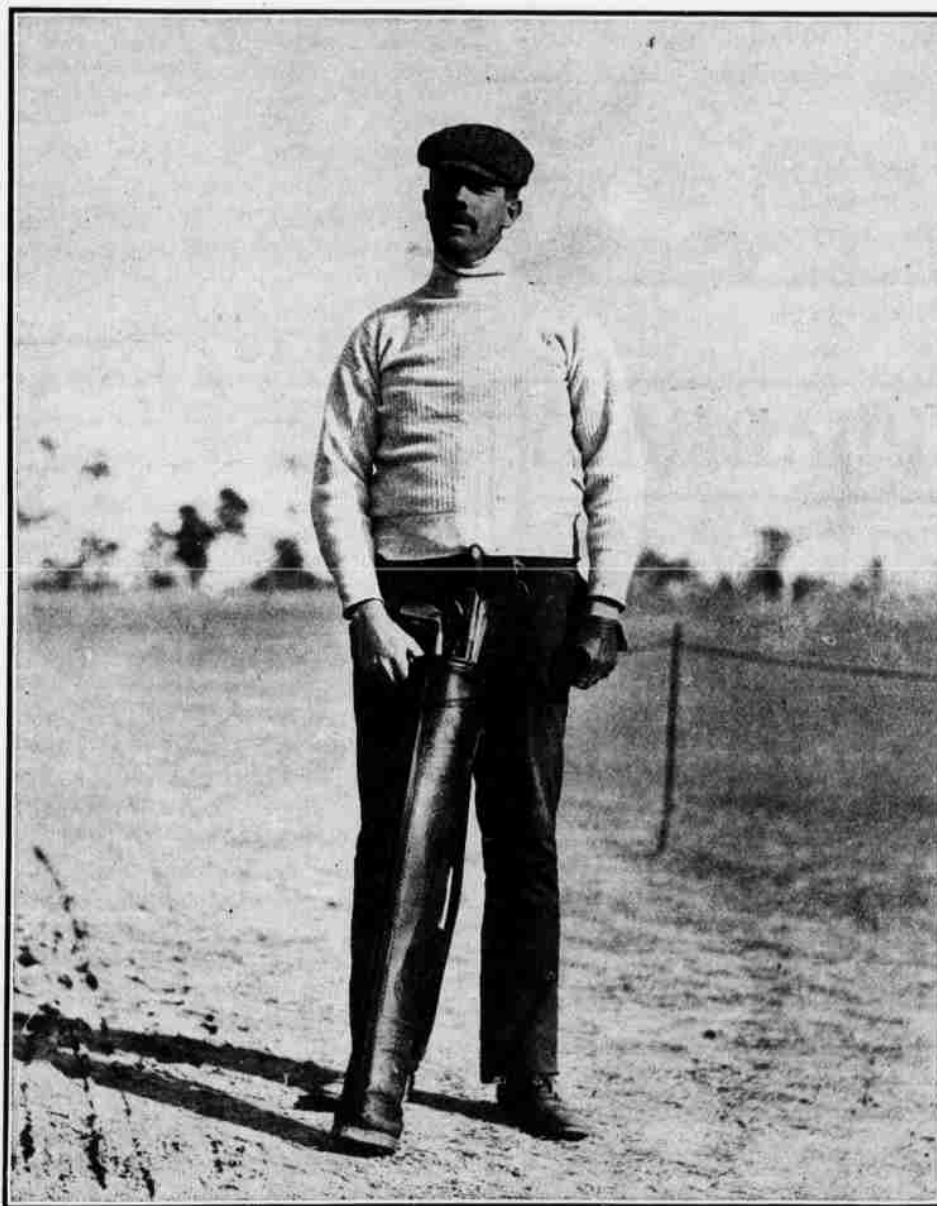


OCCASIONALLY the "dark horse" shows a profitable investment, and the tenth annual St. Valentine's golf tournament was the exception which proves the rule. Very naturally the "favorites," Henry J. Topping, the United championship titleholder, F. A. Martin, former Vermont champion, and H. K. Kerr, semi-finalist in the 1912 National Amateur, had the call. To be sure Kerr was outdistanced in the first heat by Faust of Buffalo, but Topping showed his paces until he met Becker of Woodland who ran away from him. It was a bad day for the "bookies"—but—accidents will happen! ¶ Martin was still in the running—the "dark horse" didn't count—and the "favorite" sold at odds. ¶ Fact is, the final race was generally regarded as a matter of form. The betting was very largely from force of habit. Neck and neck at the half-mile post, the pair attracted little attention. A few levelled their glasses, remarked the fact, and the buzz of conversation was resumed. * * * The winner was saluting the judges—the race was over * * * The grandstand crowd rubbed its eyes—and looked again. ¶ "Becker! Becker wins!" rose the cry. ¶ "Three and one!" read the sign. ¶ The dark horse had won. ¶ It was an off-week for favorites, but this particular win pleases Pinehurst mightily, for two up or two down, "Beck" is Pinehurst's own.

The Woodland veteran swung into action in the first round of match play with a twenty-hole win from S. O. Miller of Englewood. Two down at the turn, Becker halved the tenth in 5, lost the eleventh, 5-6, but rallied on the twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth for 4-5, 4-6, and 5-6 wins to tie. Gaining the lead with a 3 on the fifteenth, he halved the sixteenth and was all square again on the seventeenth which he lost to a 4. The holing of a twenty-five foot putt on the home green for a halve saved the match for Becker, and a similar putt on the nineteenth came within an ace of

settling the struggle, but a halve resulted, and Becker won the twentieth, 4-6, and the match. ¶ In the second round, also, Becker found a pacemaker, winning an uphill battle from W. V. Swords of Oakland. One down at the turn, Becker evened the match with a fifteen-foot putt on the thirteenth and halved the fourteenth in 5, winning the fifteenth, 3-5. A stymie lost Becker a win on the sixteenth which was halved, and a poor drive cost him the seventeenth where Swords tied the score, only

was a seven and six victim in the first round and W. H. Faust of Buffalo did no better than six down and five in the second. Still going easy, Martin found it necessary to lengthen out a bit in the semi-final with Henry C. Fownes of Oakmont, for he made the turn, one down. Bunkered, Martin lost the tenth and eleventh, but he won the twelfth and thirteenth, and halved the fourteenth where Fownes, bunkered, made a fine approach to record a halve in 4. The fifteenth found Fownes in difficulties and



CHARTON L. BECKER OF THE WOODLAND GOLF CLUB

to lose the match on the eighteenth through a hooked tee shot which made the tall timber and bounded far back. ¶ In the semi-final with Topping off and Becker on, it was all even at the ninth where the Woodland golfer recorded a 2. Halving the tenth and eleventh, he duplicated the trick on the twelfth by holing an off the green putt for a 4, taking the match, six up and five, with a halve on the thirteenth.

Martin came down the line at exercise pace. H. C. Chamberlain of Columbia

Martin tied the score 4-5. The sixteenth was a comedy of errors with Martin a 5-6 winner. On the seventeenth the Oakmont player laid a niblick approach dead, but he missed a putt for a win in 3 and halved in 4, Martin making a fine approach from the edge of the bunker to the green and going down in two putts. Both tee shots were poor on the eighteenth and the result was a halve; Martin conceding a putt for a halve in 5 and a one-up win.

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SEVENTY-SEVEN AND A TIE

Robert Hunter and W. E. Truesdell, J. G.
Nicholson and C. L. Becker Lead

Scores Run Close in Tin Whistle
Handicap Medal Play Two-
Ball Foursomes



SEVENTY-SEVEN was best in Monday's two-ball Tin Whistle foursomes for prizes presented by Henry C. Fownes and the Club for the two best net scores. Tied at the winning score were Robert Hunter of Wee Burn and W. E. Truesdell of Fox Hills, whose handicap was seven, and J. G. Nicholson of New Bedford and C. L. Becker of Woodland, who deducted ten strokes. There was also a tie at seventy-eight and the balance of the field was close up and well bunched.

¶ The scores:

Robert Hunter	44	40-84-7-77
W. E. Truesdell	46	41-87-10-77
C. L. Becker	48	46-94-16-78
J. G. Nicholson	50	52-102-24-78
J. D. C. Rumsey	42	47-89-10-79
R. S. Hawthorne	47	46-93-13-80
J. M. Robinson	58	53-111-20-91
F. C. Abbe	57	56-113-27-86
G. F. Brown	50	52-102-15-87
T. B. Boyd	54	49-103-16-87
H. A. Waldron	51	56-107-18-89
E. A. Johnston	46	51-97-16-81
G. T. Dunlap	49	45-94-13-81
C. H. Young	48	42-90-9-81
J. T. Newton	45	48-93-11-82
R. C. Blanche	52	52-104-22-82
C. H. Lay	51	47-98-15-83
R. H. Hunt	48	50-98-14-84
M. W. Marr	50	48-98-14-84
C. P. Wilson	44	56-100-15-85
E. B. Pratt	51	53-104-19-85
John Barclay	52	51-103-18-85
H. W. Ormsbee	45	58-103-18-85
W. L. Milliken		
C. B. Hudson		
R. C. Shannon		
C. B. Fownes		
H. C. Fownes		
P. L. Lightbourn		
J. H. Clapp		
W. L. Hurd		
E. M. Slayton		
S. H. Martel, Jr.		
F. S. Pusey		
P. B. O'Brien		
F. A. Sedgwick		
C. Z. Eddy		
P. S. MacLaughlin		
T. A. Cheatham		
T. L. Redfield		
Dr. J. S. Brown		
C. C. Morse		
H. R. Mackenzie		
M. D. Fink		
J. R. Towle		
F. B. Pottle		
G. F. Berry		
R. A. Swigert		