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A SCIENTIFIC GAME

Number Four Course Now in Best Condition of Any at Pinehurst

Number Two Course Remodelled and Trapped to Require Great Accuracy and Variety of Play



QUOTING Donald Ross as his authority Jerome D. Travers in his book, *The Winning Shot*, says that the object of golf from now on will be toward an even greater science of stroke. To play well a man must

have a wide variety of shots. More and more he will be forced to use his head as well as his hands and arms. More and more the golfer will have to have control over the club to insure direction or meet certain trouble.

This same Donald Ross, true to his creed, has been planning and devising this certain trouble for those casual champions who have been making too many low scores over the Pinehurst links by virtue of distance and luck. For those familiar with the championship number two course a little study of the defences against bad scoring executed this Summer under direction of the master architect will be of some interest.

Par and bogey on the course remain the same. But Ross says that for the average golfer with still a slight occasional tendency to slice or pull it is four or five strokes more difficult than last year. The greens have been narrowed down, the bunkers pulled in and the sur-

roundings rendered more dangerous. Ross has come to the conclusion that a bunker must be not only an apparent but a real hardship, and caverns of dread proportions have yawned where the unwary were permitted to chip blithely out onto the green last year. An effort has been made to give more variety to the approaches to the greens. Instead of the dead flat fairway in the center in a great many instances an undulating surface has been substituted, so that in playing the holes many times one will never have exactly the same shot or problem twice.

PENALTY FITS THE CRIME

The very aspect of many of the hard fought holes has been changed. The sixteenth is wonderfully improved by moving the green out from the hollow and placing it thirty-five yards further back up the hill. This makes it possible for it to be seen from the tee. The same is true of the fifteenth. This used to be a blind hole. Now the tee is upon a lookout, and the hill between that and the green has been razed, and a most savage and complete line of defence established on every side. To the left great mounds and enormous pits place a premium upon a straight ball, while in front a trench of terrifying proportions suggest the advisability of a good drive. Improperly played it is a terror. Properly played it is easier than it ever was. The green is in full sight, and the fairway on the approach renovated to be one of the best on the links. This hole illustrates very well Ross' ambition for all the course; to make the penalty fit the shot. Here a ball a little off line will find only a little trouble; an undulating surface. One further off will run into the hills and be a bit more uncomfortable, while a really wide ball will find itself penalized at least one full stroke in the nether depths.

The weak spots on all the fairways have been thoroughly renovated and replanted this Summer, notably on number ten which has been entirely replanted. The old bunker has been moved forward on this hole, and deepened to make sure of its tenacious reception of any ball coming its way. Number thirteen has been made into the most treacherous and dangerous of the lot. It is Ross' delight. Play it right and, oh, so easy. Make the slightest mistake and it is almost impossible. This was accomplished by the simple expedient of moving the greens to the left and behind a nasty well, so that a fellow driving anywhere except straight down the right of the course skirting the bunkers on that side will be obliged to put his second ball dead over this chasm.

Number nine, the oasis in the swamp, where Carter made his one against Whittemore, and from which all other men's balls were wont to roll over into the slough of despond, has also been remodelled into a fairer and more scientific hole. A good mashie shot often used to run clear over the green into the woods because the whole surface of the green and its surroundings sloped away from the drive. This has now been changed so that a little depression on the near side of the hole will hold a good mashie shot. On the other hand one driven too long will have a harder time than ever recovering the space back to the green, for the inevitable valleys and hills have appeared there as elsewhere to penalize the careless.

THE FOURTH COURSE

This course, which we have many times heard lightly referred to as a myth, is now the prize of the whole lot as far as condition of the fairways and greens is concerned. It is an easy and attractive nine holes for beginners and those pre-

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SUMMER GOLF AT PINEHURST

H. A. Page Wins Handicap from a Large and Fast Field

Country Club and Links Now Open the Year Round. Great Improvement in Condition of the Turf



THE golfing season did not close in the Village at all this year, and it will never close again. No sooner had the tourist left for the lights of Broadway and the Rialto than the permanent neighborhood, infected with the putting germ, organized the Moore County Country Club and took over the links for the Summer. As usual they got the best of it. As the early Fall came on they had the famous course all to themselves, and started a series of tournaments early in September. The field was by no means a feeble one. Forty members constitute the role, including many familiar in the major contests in the Midwinter Season. There was Frank Gates, who gives promise of pushing the National leaders in the North and South this coming year. Fresh from breaking the record on the Dayton course he struggled to overcome a strong field from scratch in the annual Summer handicap. But he had to blast his way through a formidable array, and it was too much for him. There was Tom Kelly, bulwark of the Tin Whistles, and Hennessee, fresh from his triumph at Bethlehem, where he lifted the Swigert

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A BIG SIX. GUILFORD, BEALL, CARTER, PHELPS, SKEHENS AND DYER