

The Coming Golf Season

"Rise, honest Muse! And sing The Man of Ross."—Pope.

This is undoubtedly the earliest known reference by a poet of prophetic soul to Donald J. Ross, master craftsman of golf course construction. The Muse has risen, frequently, to sing this inspiring subject, and in accordance with annual custom the Muse rises again, and takes up the strain unworthily. For the praise of this Donald of Ross has not, cannot, and never will be adequately voiced by tongue or pen, no matter how thoroughly inspired by honest admiration the eulogist may be. Let the man's work speak for him. Do not four golf courses in a Southern Sahara speak loudly and eloquently? These are his monument for posterity to gaze on, not words of ours. These his verdant cathedral, his St. Paul's. For he has forever and permanently entwined his personality with the landscape, clasping to his bosom these sunny fountains that roll down golden sands, and insinuating himself lovingly into every bunker. League upon league, over hill and dale, mother earth has felt his cunning hand, taking liberties with this hillock, removing that hollow, levelling another rough place—in short, reconstructing the contour of the surface of this country as it was left to us eons ago by the sea, when it fled eastward and made room for Pinehurst that was to be. All this has The Man of Ross done—and much more. He has been aided and abetted therein by the famous Maples boys, Frank and Angus, who carry out the campaign as the General directs. Ross designs—like Lady Macbeth or Machiavelli; his assistants execute.

It is the intention of Mr. Tufts that Pinehurst shall forever hold the palm among the world's golf resorts. To this end Mr. Ross devotes his genius. And his labors this past Summer have borne fruit abundantly. The courses have been maintained in wonderful condition and this season surpass all expectation. It is easy to indulge in superlatives. But it is a fact that, at this present hour, the fair-ways are green as any thing Ireland can show, and the turf firm, yet springy, and around the greens fairly free from crab grass. Conformable to wise policy in the past every effort has been made to maintain existing courses in perfect condition rather than work out plans for new courses and suffer the old ones to become neglected and open to criticism. And yet, withal, it has been found possible to open up Course Number Four as a full eighteen-hole course, long promised and long delayed. But it is really here, at last, and here to stay; so come along down before the crowd, and give it the once-over. It is perhaps the best laid-out course of the whole bunch and when more thoroughly trapped will tax the skill of the wariest golfer. The old courses, too, will offer many a surprise for the old-timer, for divers changes have been wrought in them here and there just to offer a little variety and to exact nicer play.

The annual swatfest (I believe that is the accepted word) has been decreed as follows, to wit:

November 25, 26, 27, 28, 29—Fifteenth Annual Autumn Tournament—Qualifying round and finals, eighteen holes. Sterling Trophy for best qualification score; President's Trophy to winner of first sixteen; Governors' Trophy to winner of second sixteen; Sterling Trophies to division runners-up and consolation division winners of both sixteens. Special trophies will be given for additional divisions.

December 29, 30, 31. January 1, 2.—Seventeenth Annual Mid-Winter Tournament—Qualifying round and finals, eighteen holes. Gold medal for best qualification score; President's Trophy to winner of first sixteen; Governors' Trophy to winner of second sixteen; Secretary's Trophy to winner of third sixteen; Treasurer's Trophy to winner of fourth sixteen; also Sterling Trophies to division runners-up and consolation division winners. Special trophies will be given for additional divisions.

February 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.—Sixteenth Annual St. Valentine's Tournament—Qualifying round, 36 holes; finals, eighteen holes. Gold Medal for the best qualification score; President's Trophy to winner of first sixteen; Governors' Trophy to winner of second sixteen; Secretary's Trophy to winner of third sixteen; Treasurer's Trophy to winner of fourth sixteen; Captain's Trophy to winner of fifth sixteen; Club Trophy to winner of sixth sixteen; trophy to winner of seventh and eighth sixteen; Sterling Trophies to first, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth division runners-up and consolation division winners; silver medals to division runners-up and seventh and eighth divisions. Special trophies will be given for additional divisions.

February 10, 11, 12, 13.—Fifteenth Annual St. Valentine's Tournament for Women—Qualifying round and finals, eighteen holes on the morning of each day. One or more eights to qualify. Gold medal for best qualification score; sterling trophies for winners and runners-up in each eight. Special trophies will be given for additional divisions.

March 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.—Sixteenth Annual Spring Tournament—Qualifying round, thirty-six holes; finals, eighteen holes, in all divisions. Gold medal for best qualification score; President's Trophy to winner of first sixteen; Governors' Trophy to winner of second sixteen; Secretary's Trophy to winner of third sixteen; Treasurer's Trophy to winner of fourth sixteen; Captain's Trophy to winner of fifth sixteen; Club Trophy to winner of sixth sixteen; trophies to winner of seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth divisions; Sterling Trophies to first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh division runners-up and consolation division winners; silver medals to division runners-up and consolation division winners in the twelfth, thirteenth

and fourteenth divisions. Special trophies will be given for additional divisions.

March 23, 24, 25, 26—Eighteenth Annual United North and South Amateur Championship for Women—Qualifying round and finals, eighteen holes to be played on the morning of each day, four divisions of eight to qualify. Gold medal for best qualification score. Championship Trophy to winner of first eight; Governors' Trophy to winner of second eight; Secretary's Trophy to winner of third eight and Treasurer's Trophy to winner of fourth eight and Sterling Trophies to the runners-up and consolation division winners in each division. Special trophies will be given for additional divisions.


March 29, 30—Eighteenth Annual United North and South Open Championship.—Seventy-two holes medal play; amateur winning first prize to receive trophy. First prize for professionals \$300; second prize, \$200; third, \$150; fourth, \$100; fifth, \$75; sixth, \$60; seventh, \$50; eighth, \$40; ninth, \$30; tenth, \$25. Player making best score receives championship gold medal.

March 31. April 1, 2, 3, 5, 6.—Twentieth Annual United North and South Amateur Championship—Qualifying round and final of winning pair in first division, 36 holes. All other finals 18 holes. Gold medal for best qualification score; Championship Trophy to winner of first sixteen; Governors' Trophy to winner of second sixteen; Secretary's Trophy to winner of third sixteen; Treasurer's Trophy to winner of fourth sixteen; Captain's Trophy to winner of fifth sixteen; Club Trophy to

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winner of sixth sixteen; sterling trophies to division runners-up and consolation division winners in all divisions. Special trophies will be given for additional divisions. The "Chisholm Beach Memorial Cup" will be played for in connection with this tournament; conditions will be posted in the Club House.

April 13, 14, 15, 16, 17.—Tenth Annual Mid-April Tournament—Qualifying round and finals, eighteen holes. Sterling Trophy for best qualification score; President's Trophy to winner of first sixteen; Governors' Trophy to winner of second sixteen; Secretary's Trophy to winner of third sixteen; Treasurer's Trophy to winner of fourth sixteen; Captain's Trophy to



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