

The Carolina Tournament

IT had threatened to rain, for several days. In fact the day before the tournament began, it did rain. But on the morning of the 12th the sun rose bright over links washed and scrubbed, and ready to meet the vanguard of the annual invasion from the North. A fairer and more auspicious day for the opening of the Pinehurst Golf Season could not have been possible.

At the club house we found Willie Wilson, who continues graciously to take your money at the desk, aided and abetted by one Jim Holland, and of course there also found we C. L. Becker who, pencil in hand and bounded as usual on four sides by strong manilla rope, sat safely within his sacred square and casually and authoritatively settled all points relative to the tournament in particular and the game in general. Mr. Becker is a very valuable institution.

We found on the board an "impressive" list of entries. Last year there were counted seventeen. This year there were thirty-four. If straws show which way the wind blows, we take this to indicate not only that the Carolina Tournament is becoming more and more popular and players come to Pinehurst earlier every year, but also that Pinehurst is assured of a record-breaking season.

The qualifying round played on the morning of the 12th brought in a number of good scores. That is, they were good considering how inclined the players were in all cases to be rusty and out of form thus early in the season. The field was beaten by R. C. Shannon 2nd, Brockport, who went out in

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and came home in

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and with a total of 83 carried off the Qualifying Medal. Best scores in the Qualifying Round:

R. C. Shannon, Brockport	41	42	83
F. H. Gates, Pinehurst	43	41	84
Donald Parson, Chevy Chase	46	39	85
R. B. Paten, San Jose	46	39	85
T. A. Kelly, Pinehurst	40	48	88
J. E. Smith, Wilmington	44	45	89
H. G. Phillips, Pinehurst	46	44	90
R. R. Sharmon Cleveland	45	48	93
Burton Preston, Westbrook	43	50	93

Note, above, the old home-guard consisting of F. H. Gates, T. A. Kelly and H. G. Phillips all in the First Division. Phillips and Gates are old Sandhill Champions and they always give the gentlemen from the North a good run for their money. On them hung high hopes that the Sandhills would retain the trophy.

Match play began on the 13th with four divisions chalked up. The opening duel between Kelly and Gates in the First Division proved the first upset in the calculations of all the old prognosticators. Gates was the favorite—and lost. The match went to Kelly 1 up 19th hole. It was any one's game all the way round and a hard-fought match from start to finish. James Barber and W. J. Hitchcock went around neck and

neck and the argument was not settled in favor of Hitchcock until the 19th hole. H. W. Ormsbee nosed out J. D. C. Rumsey 1 up and it was fated by the gods that H. E. Porter (Holworthy Hall) should be disposed of by H. B. Swoope by the same heartrending score. Survivors after the first round were Phillips, Shannon, Sharmon, Paten, Seggerman, Baner, Waring, Hotchkiss, Becker, Hudson, O'Brien and Dunlap.

The second day of match play was held in glorious weather. It brought forth the defeat of Howard Phillips and all calculations were thereby again knocked into a cocked hat. Phillips, be

R. B. Paten, the California wizard, three holes through weird putting and fell a victim to R. C. Shannon. And here on the 13th Kelly by a wild put lost a again a popular notion as to who would hole which he had no business to. After be a winner was astray. Paten is er-being three down at one time Shannon ratic; Paten can go around in 75. Or recovered and the score was even at the 85. It is a question of temperament. 18th. Then Kelly drove into the tall The 8th hole proved his undoing. Here timber and Shannon won the match on a it was he drove deep into the sand, and lost ball. Which brought matters to an where he fell they burried him. And at unsatisfactory ending all round. that, Shannon was only 1 up.

In the Second Division Baner and Sharmon were finalists. If you ask us who were finalists in the Third Division the answer is Pat O'Brien and C. L. Becker. Otherwise how could Pat have sent the now-famous-telegram to his friends in Detroit:

"AM PLAYING AGAINST BECKER IN FINAL ROUND CAROLINA TOURNAMENT."



T. A. KELLY
RUNNER-UP

R. C. SHANNON, 2ND
WINNER

it known, is the fellow who opened the Pinehurst Season with a freak shot. Playing on Course 2 and driving for the 220-yard eighth, one of the most aggravating holes at Pinehurst because the pin is invisible from the tee, he dropped his ball neatly on the green and the darned thing just couldn't refrain from falling into the cup, for the first one ever scored at that hole. Now who was this man Kelly that he should trim the former champions, Phillips and Gates Was he playing better than he knew? Or were his opponents away off their game? These, and other questions were in the air at the Club House. Kelly was threatening to win the tournament, but in case he should not win it was enough glory to have beaten his Sandhill rivals.

Which is of course the literal truth. And Becker beat him 4 and 3. The interest in their match almost eclipsed the stars in the First Division, and we heard Willie Wilson calling for the men with the ropes to keep the gallery away—a suggestion which was repudiated by Mr. O'Brien solely on the ground that owing to the chilly weather the gallery would probably not be very large.

Finalists in the Fourth Division—H. G. Waring and G. F. Dunlap.

Perfect golfing weather marked the opening of the final round. Chief interest was in the Kelly-Shannon match. We may sum up the match by saying that it was an orgy of frenzied putting. They drove yard for yard, and foot for foot, and then won or lost on the green. Shannon in particular. He lost at least

Sharmon, Becker and Dunlap won the finals in their respective divisions.

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