

Country Club Notes

By Jack Twiss

THE CALL OF THE SANDHILLS

From the Southern links there comes the call

*Come all ye golfers here,
From Carolina to Georgia fair
The call is in the air,
Away with business cares and strife,
Let them vanish as the mist,
For the Southern links are calling,
And that call you can't resist.*

Once more the "Call of the Sandhills" is going forth to the golfers of the country who feel the chill of winter as it wraps the Northern links in a blanket of downy snow. Every year they hear the swish of the brassie over the Southern turf and feel the warm rays of the Southern sun. This year the old longing has been stronger than ever before with the result that already the influx of golfers to Pinehurst points to a banner season for the famous resort which every year harbors the devotees of the ancient game in large numbers.

Despite its four fine golf courses, Pinehurst has felt the steady rush of golfers sweeping on year after year in ever growing numbers and so to meet the ever growing demand Mr. Donald Ross, the Master Mind, is playing Santa Claus to the golfers of Pinehurst and has started work on some new courses. It is planned to add nine new holes to the outward and inward nines or both No. 2 and 3 courses which, when completed, will give Pinehurst six eighteen hole courses. Pinehurst now boasts of four of the finest courses in the South. With the additional layout, and we feel confident that it will be wonderful, what a golf playground it will be.

In a few seasons when a guest at one of the Pinehurst hotels steps up to the clerk the conversation will be something like this:

"Good morning. What have you got for golf today?"

"Well, we have a very nice little course about six minutes walk from the hotel, where there are no traps, or we can put you on another course which is well trapped. If you desire plenty of water hazards we suggest course number five and on the other hand if you desire nothing but hills and valleys course six is quite nifty."

Monday, December 29th, the Seventeenth Annual Midwinter Tournament gets under way. The Qualifying round will be eighteen holes. As in other years, the Committee are expecting this tournament to be a big success. Last year there was 109 entries and this year an even larger number is looked for. Arthur L. Walker, Jr. was the low medalist in the Qualifying round last year as well at capturing the President's Trophy by winning the finals of the first sixteen.

Last year there were five divisions besides one special eight.

A gold medal will be given to the player having the best Qualifying

score; President's Trophy to winner of first sixteen; Governors' Trophy to winner of second sixteen; Treasurer's Trophy to winner of fourth sixteen; Captain's Trophy to winner of fifth sixteen; also sterling trophies to division runners-up and consolation division winners.

Special trophies will be given for additional divisions.

This tournament will be conducted under the Pinehurst System.

All entrants must state their Association handicap where their home club is a member of an Association, also home club handicap, accompanied by its score card, and, whenever possible, attested by the Club secretary.

The committee, in making up class divisions, will be guided by the number of entries and the handicaps so furnished. Should any entrant not be a member of any regularly organized Golf Club, he will be classified at the discretion of the Committee.

A player may qualify for a regular sixteen, but failing to qualify in the class in which he is placed cannot drop below the next sixteen. Special rulings provide for various situations arising through ties.

In connection with this tournament, there will be a Consolation tournament under handicap on the regular system, for those who have entered but failed to qualify in the above tournament; one or more divisions of eight each qualifying and sterling trophies being offered for the winners of the match play rounds in each division.

GOLF NEWS

Admirers of Herbert Lagerblade, the popular Youngstown, Ohio, professional will regret his decision to pass up golf for the brokerage business. Herbert's many friends at Pinehurst will miss him this winter, but what the professional ranks lose the amateur ranks gain, as he will no doubt continue the game as an amateur as soon as possible. Here's luck Herbert in your new undertaking.

Walter Howe, the diminutive Pinehurst instructor of last season will not be with us this winter as he has located at the Charleston Country Club, Charleston, S. C. Walter is very enthusiastic about his new position and is looking forward to a big season.

Teddy Gow, How's running mate last winter, will be back again this season to welcome all his old friends and pupils.

Ernest Silva is back with Mr. Ross this season after being through all the big fights across the pond. Forney, as he is most generally called, was wounded twice and just to show how much he likes German shrapnel he carries a few pieces around in his left arm to keep him from overswinging.

The Saturday afternoon putting contests for the ladies are proving more popular than ever. These contests are always marked by splendid competition and keen rivalry among the fair sex.

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