

# Country Club Notes

By Jack Twiss

Despite the fact that it was Santa Claus week all over the land Pinehurst golf still held its sway, numerous golf enthusiasts taking advantage of the fine weather to get in their practice rounds in preparation for the Seventeenth Annual Midwinter Tournament which gets under way December 29th. This year more than ever the interest is at a high pitch over this annual affair and with the entries of several players whose golfing abilities have been proven in previous tournaments the competition should be very keen in all the classes.

A. L. Walker, Jr., the Intercollegiate Golf Champion, and winner of the President's Trophy last year is again on hand and will be a starter. Other well known entries include W. E. Truesdell, Garden City, L. I., that grand old man who was defeated in the finals last year by Walker; R. C. Shannon, 2nd, who won the finals of the first division in the Fourth Annual Carolina Tournament this year and who was defeated in the finals of the first division during the Fifteenth Annual Autumn Tournament; Jock Bowker, Woodland, Donald Parson, Youngstown, J. D. Chapman, Greenwich, and T. A. Kelley, Southern Pines.

The Tin Whistles staged a Red and Blue Team Match on Christmas Day, the Nassau system of scoring being used in conjunction with the Match Play. The match was extremely close and well contested, the Blues winning out 23 points to 22.

Saturday, December 20th, the Tin Whistle Tournament was in the form of a Four-Ball-best ball, Medal Play, Handicap, in two Classes. C. L. Becker, Philadelphia, N. Y., and Donald Parson, Youngstown, Ohio, won the prize in Class A. with a best ball of 72. In Class B. the best ball prize was captured by C. F. Lancaster, Brae-Burn and C. S. Waterhouse, Ardsley, with an 80.

Friday, December 26th a Tin Whistle Tournament in the form of a swatfest was run off. Play was in two classes. G. W. Mead, Country Club of Glen Ridge, was the winner of Class A with a net of 74 and C. A. Waterhouse, Ardsley, captured the prize in Class B, with a net of 78.

The week was a busy one for the Tin Whistle aggregation because of the fact that they will all be scrambling for the big event next week.

Mrs. G. A. Magoon was the winner of the Weekly Ladies' Putting Contest on Saturday, December 20th. Mrs. Magoon gave a remarkable exhibition over the clock putting green, capturing the Silver Trophy with a total of 22. Her score included three birdies.

Alexa Stirling, the National Champion of the fair sex and Bobby Jones, are planning a trip to England next summer. Alexa should make it hot for any of the Britishers as she is certainly the cream of the American women. Jones too should make a good showing as he is one of our best amateurs.

Abe Mitchell, the English professional, and Geo. Duncan, the Scottish professional, are planning a coast tour of this country next year during the months of September, October and November. Their arrival and brand of golf will be watched closely by the American and British critics. The proposed trip is a step in the right direction and should do much towards promoting International interest in the royal and ancient game.

Mr. Ross is warm in his praise of No. 4 course which is now a complete eighteen hole affair and states that he considers it will be the best golfing proposition of all when it has been fully trapped and the fairgreens developed.

"Willie" Wilson, the popular York Harbor professional, is back at Pinehurst again and has been made Superintendent of the courses and will have charge of the tournaments. Willie's efficiency should carry him a long ways.

Alec Ross has arrived in Pinehurst and is glad to be back again to greet his numerous friends. Alec is still playing his same old game, although at the present time handicapped by a heavy cold, and will furnish plenty of competition for the money chasers the coming season. He is already teaching the finer points of the ancient game to several ambitious lesser lights who hope some day to acquire, in a small degree at least, the proficiency of their mentor.

Teddy Gow, the diminutive Norwich professional who was expected back at Pinehurst this season, will not be on hand as he has taken up Alec Smith's duties at Wykagyl. Alec will be at Bellair, Fla. again this winter and Teddy should make a good man for his club during his absence in the Sunny South.

Donald Ross is back again in Pinehurst after a week's business trip to Danville and Knoxville. Mr. Ross is a busy man these days and like Thomas Edison, sleeps only four hours daily.

Friends of Francis Ouimet will be glad to learn that he will be a visitor at Pinehurst during the month of March. Pinehurst golf lovers should be treated to some fine golf during Ouimet's sojourn here and many will be watching closely his play during the North and South Amateur and Open Championship.

It is expected that Ralph Thomas, of Weston, Mass., will be secured in the place of Teddy Gow this season here. Ralph is a fine golfer and a fine fellow.

### GOLF TIPS

1. Keep your eye on the ball.
2. Remember to keep your right elbow close to your body on the down swing.
3. Consult your "pro" regarding your game.
4. Your clubs may not suit your style of game. Find out from your "pro."
5. Be sure that your irons are tight in the head. Many a "loose head" loses a "tight" match.



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