

# Review of Championship Course

## Sixteen Holes Made in 1

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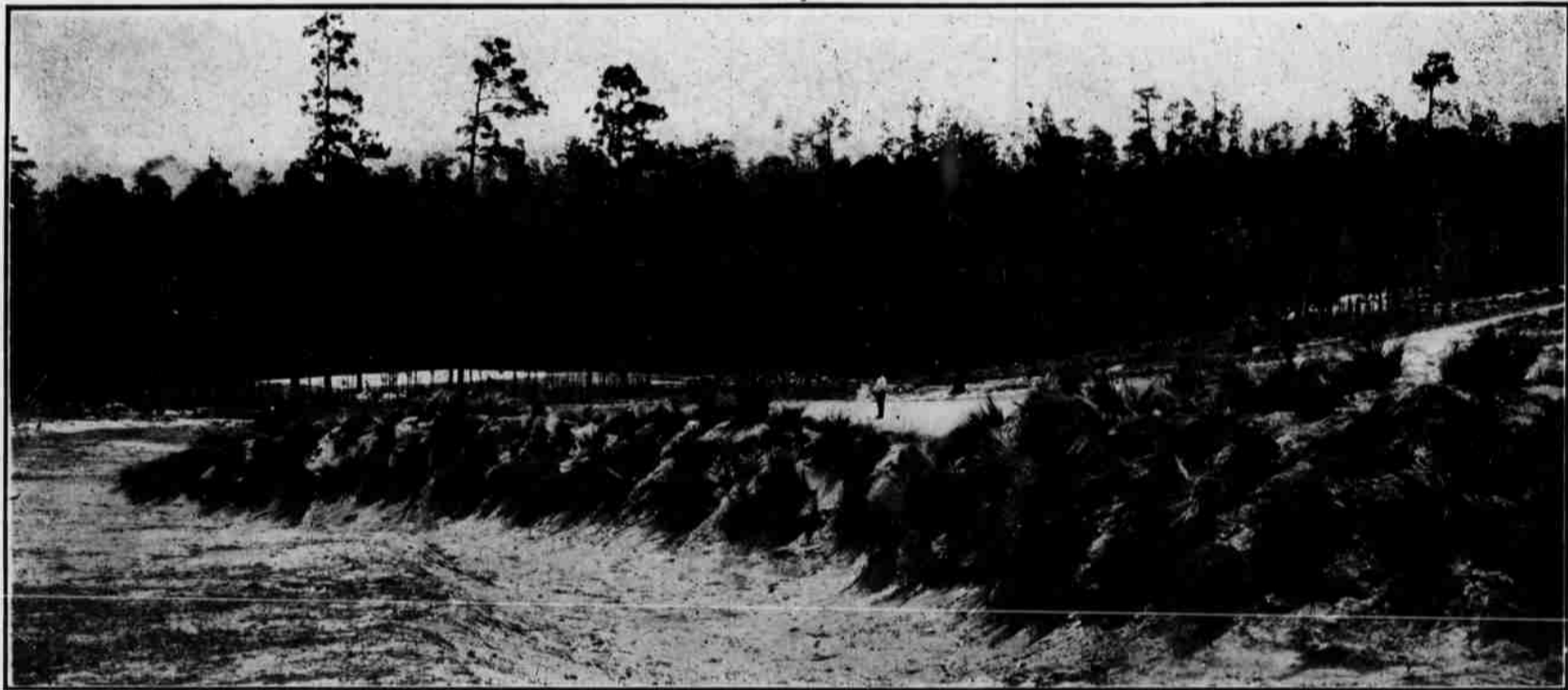
Imagine one golf course yielding in the passing of six seasons, sixteen holes in one and sixteen two-shot holes in two. Every golfer is ambitious to make a hole in one, or a two-shot hole in two, and for the accomplishment of this purpose probably no course of championship length in America has rendered such yeoman service as the Number 2 layout at Pinehurst.

It is not strange that such a large number of remarkable shots have been hit on this course, for in the years that records have been kept an army of good and bad golfers have swept over it,

In Par 4 4 4 4 5 3 4 3 4—35—71  
Bestball 2 2 2 2 2 1 3 1 2—17—34  
Golfers from New York, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania did most of the low shooting. Enough of the golfers to figure in the record are of sufficient reputation to prove that skill plays some part in the making of a hole in one or a two-shot hole in two. The names of New York state players appear on the list eleven times, Massachusetts seven, Pennsylvanians four, and members of the Pinehurst Winter colony three times. The names of three players appear

Winter colony. Mr. Becker was two up and two to play against Robert Sherman of Youngstown in a tournament match. It was his honor and he holed his tee shot at the 165-yard seventh, making the match more binding. Mr. Sherman could never quite forgive Mr. Becker for being so unkind as to put him up against a proposition so stiff that if he made the hole in one he would still lose the match. The Number 1 course has provided a number of one's. The eleventh hole on this course is 153 yards, and H. T. Whiting of Whitinsville, Mass., and J. B. Bowker of Woodland, have each dropped tee

old Porter (Holworthy Hall), of Pinehurst. Seventh hole. 537 yards. Par 5. Made in three by Walter J. Travis of New York, and Dr. M. W. Marr of Bethlehem, N. H. Eighth hole. 220 yards. Par 3. Made in one by F. A. Kennedy of Chicopee, J. L. Weller of Canada, H. G. Phillips of Pinehurst, and D. W. Kerr of Youngstown. Ninth hole. 140 yards. Par 3. Made in one by Phillip Carter of New York, W. S. Cook of New Bedford, C. D. Roberts of Philadelphia, J. D. Chapman of



Bunkers Wide and Deep Guard the Eighth Green on Championship Course

shooting thousands of tee shots at the one-shot greens and thousands of irons and woods at the two-shot holes. To drop 32 full shots into the cup is surprising, yet when the large number of balls that had to be hit in order to reap this harvest is considered, the chance of making a one or sinking a full shot for a two appears smaller than being dealt a pat straight flush in poker.

One of the most interesting documents on the walls of the Pinehurst clubhouse is a sheet where a record of holes in one and two is kept. Only the marks made by amateurs are recorded, so the figures do not give the exact totals, for a number of professional golfers also have made one's and two's here. The record, as it stands, is an illuminating bit of golfing lore. Two of the holes in one were made at interesting stages of tournament matches.

The figures disclose that the bestball of all amateurs for the championship course since the records have been kept is 17 out and 17 in, or 34 strokes for the 18 holes. The par and bestball scores are:

Out	
Par	5 4 4 4 5 3 5 3 3—36
Bestball	2 3 2 2 2 1 3 1 1—17

twice, these being Parker Whittemore of Boston, who is credited with two's at two holes, Walter Travis, the veteran champion who scored two one's, and J. D. Chapman of Greenwich, a persistent Pinehurst regular, who is down for a one and a two. Eight of the names that appear are golfers with at least sectional reputations, although some of the finest amateurs who have played here have not been fortunate enough to hole a full shot. Francis Ouimet and Chick Evans have both won the North and South Amateur championship but are not yet credited with making a hole here in one, or a two-shot hole in two.

Perhaps the most spectacular shot of the lot was one made by Philip Carter when playing the final round of one of the big amateur tournaments. His opponent was Parker Whittemore. Whittemore had won the eighth hole with a two, driving upon the green and sinking a putt. He had the honor at the short ninth and hit a mashie niblick within 18 inches of the cup. Carter then holed out from the tee.

Undoubtedly the least mannered one ever made was scored by C. L. Becker, formerly a member of the Woodland Golf Club and now a member of the Pinehurst

shots into the cup. Members of the Tin Whistles say that Alex Findley is authority for the story that once in Scotland a player made a hole in one, but it was found that he had shot out of turn and his opponent, who should have had the honor, recalled the shot, as was his legal right.

The honor roll of those who have registered a hole in one, a two-shot hole in two or a three-shot hole in three, with the districts from which the player came, follow:

### CHAMPIONSHIP COURSE

- First hole. 430 yards. Par 4. Made in two by J. H. Sullivan, Jr., of Boston.
- Second hole. 425 yards. Par 4. No two registered.
- Third hole. 367 yards. Par 4. Made in two by H. B. Swoope of Philadelphia and R. S. Worthington of New York.
- Fourth hole. 325 yards. Par 4. Made in two by Jesse Guilford of Boston, Robert Hunter of Connecticut, and Paul Hamlin of Chicago.
- Fifth hole. 427 yards. Par 5. Made in two by J. D. Armstrong of Pinehurst.
- Sixth hole. 145 yards. Par 3. Made in one by R. C. Shannon of Brockport, N. Y., G. C. Dutton of Boston, and Har-

- New York, and A. S. Higgins of New York.
- Tenth hole. 422 yards. Par 4. Made in two by Samuel Graham of New York, and Wilbur Baldwin (residence not given).
- Eleventh hole. 418 yards. Par 4. Made in two by P. W. Whittemore of Boston.
- Twelfth hole. 390 yards. Par 4. Made in two by Richard Lounsbury of New York.
- Thirteenth hole. 335 yards. Par 4. Made in two by P. W. Whittemore of Boston, and J. D. Chapman of New York.
- Fourteenth hole. 432 yards. Par 5. Made in two by W. E. Truesdell of New York, and C. M. Ransom of Buffalo.
- Fifteenth hole. 212 yards. Par 3. Made in one by H. C. Fownes, Pittsburg, and Walter J. Travis of New York.
- Sixteenth hole. 424 yards. Par 4. No two registered.
- Seventeenth hole. 165 yards. Par 3. Made in one by W. J. Travis of New York, and C. L. Becker of Pinehurst.
- Eighteenth hole. 402 yards. Par 4. Made in two by Edward Styles of Philadelphia.

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