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SAND HILLS POLO CLUB WHEN IS A MEDAL SCORE?

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The first regular polo match of the season took place on Sunday afternoon between the Sand Hills Polo Club and Camp Bragg. The weather being perfect brought out a large crowd. Camp Bragg sent over a good sporting team headed by Lieut. Colonel R. C. Foy, the commanding officer. Line-up as follows:

CAMP BRAGG

1. Lieutenant Garrison
2. Major Gruber
3. Lieut.-Colonel R. C. Foy

Back—Major Bowley SAND HILLS POLO CLUB

1. Capt. Wm. Cowgill
2. Mr. John Tuckerman
3. Capt. A. Loftus Bryan

Back—Mr. Thomas Pilcher

In the first chucker the home club scored three goals, two by Mr. John Tuckerman, and one by Capt. Loftus Bryan. In the remaining chuckers goals were scored by M. Tuckerman, Capt. Cowgill and Capt. Bryan for the Sand Hills Polo Club. Colonel Foy scored one for Camp Bragg. The final score being six to one in favor of the Sand Hills Polo Club.

The game was well contested all through and the teams were much more evenly matched than the score would signify.

The soldiers had never played together before, and are to be congratulated on their performance.

A return match will be played next Sunday afternoon on No. 1 ground (Race Track) at 2:30 P. M.

The public are cordially invited.

When Jim Barnes was at Pinehurst a short time ago one of his opponents in a professional four ball affair was credited in the newspapers with a 67 which included two approximations. This started Barnes off and he instanced a number of well-known cases where the concession of even a two-foot putt would have reversed the result of an important match. Finally he came across with a suggestion that merits serious consideration even if it has its weak spots.

Barnes proposed that in all four-ball matches where conceded putts or approximated holes are more or less common, medal scores should be computed by charging up one stroke for each unplayed putt of two feet or less; two strokes for one over two feet but under twenty; and three strokes for any over twenty feet. But that no putt, no matter how short, should be conceded, unless the player had already been charged up with two or more strokes for a longer one that had been left unplayed. This rule, Barnes argued, would be fair to everyone if consistently applied.

"Suppose Walter Hagen had been playing in a four-ball match on April 1st, last Spring," said Barnes, "instead of in the last round of the North and South Open, and had picked up on the edge of the sand, at the eighteenth. What would he have been charged with for the unplayed putt, ordinarily?" The unanimous answer was "Two of course." "Exactly," quoth Jim, "and instead of sinking the putt and winning the title, or taking two and tying McLeod for it, he took three and lost out. Under my plan, in that suppositious four-ball match, he'd have been charged with the three putts he actually took in the tournament."

There is a lot to be said in favor of Barnes' rather hard-hearted suggestion. In the absence of any generally recognized rules governing approximations, most scorers will hesitate to chalk up two strokes against a first-class golfer for an unplayed putt of even five or six feet. And they are still more reluctant to charge up more than a single stroke for a putt that in their private opinion might easily have been missed but which has been conceded by the player's opponents.

AT THE GUN CLUB

There will be a weekly handicap target tournament at the Gun Club every Tuesday if there are five entries or more, for a sterling trophy, Ideal Leggett traps. Bird handicap. The handicap is limited to twenty birds. A sterling trophy will be given for the four best scores made each month during the months of January, February and March, in the weekly handicap tournaments from 16 yards at 400 targets. Annie Oakley will instruct ladies in the art of shooting, free of charge. Weekly prizes will be given to the ladies making the highest score at the rifle range.

As a trade inducement some of the large restaurants in London offer to supply free of cost the recipe and cooking instructions for any item on the menu that particularly pleases the palates of their customers.

LEO DIEGEL GOING SOME

Will Be a Sure Starter in North and South

In a letter received recently from Leo Diegel, the Chicago Pro who took first money in the Open tournament at Pinehurst in November, and who is now sojourning on the Pacific coast, Leo says he has struck his real game, and from the attested cards he sent he seems to be hanging up some new records for golfers to shoot at.

"While playing at Pasadena recently with Mr. Perrin, president of the Reserve Bank of San Francisco," Diegel said, "I got into a streak of good golf and shot a 63, and playing with the same gentleman yesterday I shot a 67, which gave me a total of 130 for the two rounds which ought to be close to a record."

"A couple of weeks ago I played the Wilshire course," said Diegel, "which is considered the hardest course on the coast. The old record was 74 and I made a 69 with 3 putts on the last green from 12 feet. Charlie Mays and I played John Black and Willie Lock at San Francisco last week and beat them 4 and 3 in a 36-hole match."

"Eddie Loos and I defeated Paul Hunter and E. S. Armstrong in an 18-hole exhibition match on Sunday last. I have discarded my center-shafted putter and am using a goose-neck putter."

"You can tell them all that I will be a sure starter in the North and South this spring."

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