

RECORD FIELD IN ANNUAL FIVE HOLES MADE IN ONE SPRING TOURNAMENT

346 Golfers Entered

A new world's record for number of entries was established when 346 golfers teed off on Monday last for the first eighteen holes of the thirty-six hole qualifying round of the Seventeenth Annual Spring Tournament. 319 players were entered in the same event last year.

Half of the big field played on Number 2 course and the other half on Number 3. Despite the general belief that the latter is more difficult, that half of the field which played over the Number 3 course gave a better account of themselves than those who played on the Championship course, six of them finishing at the top of the list with cards ranging from 78 to 82 while the best done on the Number 2 course was 83.

L. A. Hamilton of Garden City, led the great field with a round of 37-41-78 on course 3. W. E. Truesdell, the former Seniors' Champion, and Frank H. Hoyt of the Engineers' Club, went over Number 3 together and finished with identical rounds of 40-39-79. Truesdell's round was easily the most remarkable one of the day. He started out by throwing 4 strokes away on the first hole, where he took an 8. He reached the edge of the sixth green on his drive, then took four putts for a 5. At the 216-yard seventeenth he took four putts where he ought to have had an easy 3. Save for the eight strokes thrown away on these three holes alone he might have had a 71.

Parker W. Whittemore of Brookline, who was generally regarded as the most logical candidate for the medallist's honors, went over the Number 3 course in 80, and stands in fourth place, two strokes from the top. H. C. Fownes 2d, of Oakmont, who had a recent 72 on Number 2, took 81 for his trip around course 3 and was followed at 82 by Donald Parson of Youngstown.

F. B. Elliott of Woodland, and B. P. Merriman of Waterbury played on course 2 and led, at 83, the 170 players who played on that course, and were followed at 84, by C. L. Becker of Philadelphia, New York.

Other players who are very much in the running after the first day's play are H. C. Fownes, the Oakmont veteran, John D. Chapman of Greenwich, and F. C. Newton of Brookline, all of whom played on course 3 and turned in cards of 85 each.

The second qualifying round and match play will continue throughout the week.

The field will qualify in divisions of sixteen each.

RIFLE SHOOTING CONTEST TO MRS. CHAS. E. ARNOTT

Mrs. Charles E. Arnett of East Orange, N. J., won the weekly rifle shooting contest at the gun club with a score of 146 out of 150 points, closely followed by Mrs. Sadie E. Nobles of Rochester, N. Y., at 142. Miss Ann Corlett of Cleveland, finished third, at 141. This is the second time this season that three scores over 140 have been made in this weekly event.

When Paul R. Towne of Wykagyl sank his drive for the eleventh hole on Number 1 course in a match last week, it made the fifth hole that had been made in "one" during the week, and established a record for such feats. Heretofore, the average number of aces recorded here per season is about three, and during one recent season only a single hole was made in one. The other four "ones" during the week were registered by Bert Nicholls, the Belmont Springs professional, George S. Forbes of Chicago, E. H. Wiswell of Montclair, and John H. Haffen of Grassy Spring.

FULL COURSE IN PAR

Mrs. Dorothy Campbell Hurd has played every hole on the Number 1 course at Pinehurst in par figures this season with the exception of the fifth, which is offset by a 4 to her credit on the par 5 third hole. Her ringer score as it stands today totals 35-34-69, which are the par totals for the course.

Emmet French recently went over the Championship course in 35-37-72, including a disastrous 7 on the seventh hole, in a four-ball professional match in which French and Harry Hampton defeated Charles Mothersele and Herbert Lagerblade by 3 and 2. Lagerblade, who has given up professional golf and has not played much this winter, had a fine 74 of his own.

Golf as she is spoke at Pinehurst has received a new addition to its vocabulary. If you run one up dead to the pin from fifty yards the only compliment coming to you from your admiring opponent is a muffled reference to an anaemic worm! This of course in connection with John H. Taylor's recent article in the *London Times* in which he execrates the running-up shot and speaks of "creeping up to the green in fear and trembling like an anaemic worm instead of pitching it up like a man."

LONGEST DRIVE OF THE SEASON

In course of a match on the Number 3 course this week, Parker W. Whittemore came across with what is said to be the longest drive ever made on that course. Driving for the long eighth hole, his ball came to rest practically 300 yards from the tee and barely escaped rolling into the second line of trenches.

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