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The Seniors' Winners

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WHEN C. S. Strout of Biddeford, Me., defeated by the margin of one hole the veteran Philadelphian, George W. Statzell, in the recent Seniors' tournament, he destroyed what had threatened to become a fixed custom, that is for the medalists to go right through and win the tournament.

Statzell, with his fine qualifying score of 83, was looked upon to be in sufficiently good form to win his way through the first division, but Strout stopped him at the home hole and then succumbed to J. L. Weller, of Canada, at the twentieth hole in the final round.

Thus Weller has the honor and distinction of winning the first division honors of the sixth annual fixture from a field of sixty-one golfers whose ages range from 55 to 75 years.

And let it be known that it was not an empty honor which fell into the hands of Weller, for he met and stemmed the keenest opposition. In the very first round that sterling match player, W. E. Wells of East Liverpool, Ohio, and the Oakmont Country Club, Pittsburg, carried the Canadian to the nineteenth hole before the decision was rendered.

J. A. Middleton, of Chicago, the winner of last year's tournament, had to be content with secondary honors on this occasion, taking the second division trophy from G. E. Simpson, of the Indiana Country Club, Pa., and this at the twentieth hole, showing how closely matched were the contestants for the first and second division honors.

In the third division, W. B. Ballou, of North Attleboro, Mass., won from A. S. Higgins, St. Andrews, by the margin of 3 up and 2 to play, while in the fourth flight, D. T. Sullivan, of Fall River, was successful, winning over E. P. Merwin, of Stockbridge, Mass., on the home green.



Photo by Hemmer, Pinehurst

J. L. Weller, of Hamilton, Ontario, a member of Pinehurst's Winter Cottage Colony, proudly inspects the trophy awarded him as winner of the Sixth Annual Seniors' Tournament, played last week. Mr. Weller disposed of some stiff opposition in the field which was composed of lads ranging from 55 to 75 years of age.

In the fifth and sixth flights, the name Goodwin proved to be something of a misnomer, for two Goodwins were both losers in the final. A. M. Dickinson, of Waterbury, Conn., took over C. L. Goodwin, of Greensburg, Pa., 4 and 2, in the fifth division, while W. C. Goodwin fell a victim to the putting prowess of H. P. Hotchkiss, of Pinehurst, by the widest margin of any of the finalists, 5 up and 3 to play.

THE SPRING TOURNAMENT

A. F. Kammer, the perennial champion of Staten Island, while playing from the Fox Hills Country Club in days gone by but now a power in Jersey golf as a member of the Baltusrol Club at Short Hills, won the big twenty-second annual Spring Tournament from a field of more than two hundred club swingers, taking over in the final round, the Scotch-Irish golfer, John Graham, who has sworn allegiance to this country and Pittsburg as a member of the Oakmont Country Club. In winning the tournament

Kammer continued the popular and prevailing custom of the season here, which has been for the medalist to win the tournament.

Kammer and Graham came logically together in the final round, for both had played consistent and winning golf throughout the week, disposing of worthy aspirants for chief honors en route. Graham found the joint medalist, Donald Parson, the biggest obstacle between him and ultimate success, until he met another veteran in the person of Kammer.

Graham came from behind to square the match with Parson and then outlasted the Youngstown star, winning at the twenty-first hole, slipping into the final by an eyelash.

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