

FINE GOLF IN THE EAST

ALL THIS YEAR'S IMPORTANT TOURNAMENTS TO BE HELD HERE.

Hardly a Week This Season Without Meetings for the Crack Players—The Amateur Championship at Garden City—Professionals at Myopia—News from the Links.

Dame fortune has certainly been kind to Eastern golfers this year. Only a cursory glance at the season's schedule is needed to show that important tournaments will follow each other in rapid succession during the next six months, and what is more to the point, nearly all these events will be decided over courses comparatively near this city.

The redoubtable Walter J. Travis on that occasion won his first national championship, defeating his old rival, Findlay S. Douglas, in a final round that went the full thirty-six holes. A violent storm broke over the links shortly before the players finished, so that when the pair reached the home green they found it practically submerged. Since that memorable day, however, change and improvements that amount to little less than a transformation have placed the Garden City course among the first three in the country.

On August 27 and 28, the well-known Links of the Myopia Hunt Club, near Boston, will once again become the scene of a national competition. As all those following the game know, the attraction will be the open championship, which has already been held three times over at the Hamden Links. Until the tournament awards were made at the last annual meeting of the United States Golf Association, it had been expected that the West would put in a bid for the open, rather than let the 1908 season pass without one of the three national attractions. But somehow or other the professionals are not sought after nearly so much in this country as abroad.

Since then some of the professionals have gone on record with statements to the effect that they would not play at Myopia, because of alleged shabby treatment in former years. "But that's another story." The fact remains that the delegates at their annual session voted for Myopia, and it's one best bet that the United States Golf Association will hold it there on the dates assigned, no matter what action may be taken by the "pros." As for the links, Myopia has always, and is still generally, ranked as the best golf course in the United States.

The other national tournament is the women's, to be held on the Chevy Chase links, October 15-16. This will be the first time in the history of American golf that a club so far South has been selected for a national championship. It was claimed at the meeting by W. Fellowes Morgan, secretary of the United States Golf Association, that a serious mistake would be made in sending the women to Washington, where there are practically no women golfers. The delegates then lost no time in voting almost unanimously in favor of Chevy Chase, despite the fact that the women had in written communications expressed a preference for the Philadelphia Country Club.

But after all, it must ever be a matter of opinion whether or not the delegates acted wisely in their distribution of the three national plums. At any rate, New England and more particularly Massachusetts, with their beloved Myopia, are again satisfied, while New Yorkers are naturally charmed over the prospect of having the amateur at Garden City. As for the women's event, those who successfully pulled the wires in favor of Chevy Chase can at least claim a certain amount of credit for missionary work, and possibly if the departure results in an awakening of interest on the part of the Southern women, the sacrifice will not have been made in vain.

In addition to the three national tournaments the East has its own circuit of important gatherings. Every year the tri-city competition for the Leley cup deeply interests the Philadelphia, Massachusetts, and Metropolitan associations, and by order of rotation the attraction will next take place over a course in this vicinity. No selection has as yet been made. A little later the Metropolitan Golf Association will send out notices to half-a-dozen of the leading clubs in the district asking if they would care to handle the Leley cup competition, which is to be decided October 3 and 5. When the replies have been received the committee will then select the course. The New York team headed by Travis won the cup for the second consecutive time at the Country Club at Brookline last fall.

An annual event hereabouts that in the opinion of many comes second only to the national, is the championship of the Metropolitan Golf Association, the scene of action this time to be the well-known course of the Ballston Golf Club. May 20 to 23 are the dates. Baltusrol, like Garden City, has undergone many improvements of late, so much so that the course is now generally regarded as one of the most scientific tests of golf in the country.

The following week, May 26 to 29, the women's metropolitan championship is on for the Essex Country Club, while a week later, June 4, 5, and 6, the men will

strive for the New Jersey title at Englewood. Jerome D. Travers, who at present wears the triple crown—national, metropolitan, and New Jersey champion—says he will defend his titles. The women's tri-city contest and Eastern championship have been set for June 9, 10, 11, and 12 at the Oakley Country Club, near Boston. Another attraction in which New Yorkers will in all probability be especially favored is the annual championship of the Eastern Professional Golfers' Association. The plan is to run this off next month, and the Englewood links have been mentioned as a likely place.

Dates have been set aside in September for an open championship of the Metropolitan Golf Association, and all that is needed to make this tournament a certainty is for some club to offer its course and incidentally consent to assume half the expenses. There does not appear to be any danger of the clubs all speaking at once. The only important tourney that has been lost to the New York district is the intercollegiate championship, which is to be decided in the fall at Brim Burn. Taking it all in all, however, the circuit of competitions hereabouts, including important tournaments as well as championships, is the most compact and attractive ever arranged.

FOX HILLS GOLF DATES.

Fixtures for the Coming Season—Lakewood Results.

The calendar of events for 1908 of the Fox Hills Golf Club, which has just been issued, in this year published in booklet form, besides listing the list of events it also contains useful information as regards rules, regulations, etc., of the game. While the summer greens have been open to the members for the past month, and weekly competitions have been held, the regular season will not practically open until May 2, when the members' annual spring tournament will take place, there being four flights of eight to qualify, the winner of each division receiving a prize. There will also be competition for Classes A and B every Saturday and Sunday during the season.

Taken all in all, more than 175 prizes will be competed for, and not the least interesting of the competitions will be the play for admission to the Fox Hills Dunes Club, which is a novel event, and is causing a good deal of interest among the golfing members of the club. Foursome matches will be permitted to start from the first tee before twelve o'clock noon and after 2:45 P. M. on Saturdays. On Sundays three or four-ball matches will be permitted to drive from the first tee after 10:45 A. M., and on holidays after 11:30 A. M.

Practical Management of Meets. While all of this is good and splendid in itself, the sincere and well-timed effort of the national association to afford practical management and direction to the championships and tournaments is the best thing the players see as they enter at the beginning of the round of competitions. It has revived the spirit of more than one independent lover of the game. They realize that in the official notices coming from A. L. Hoskins, the newly elected secretary, that the whip has cracked above the heads of those who in the past have managed tournaments carelessly.

Here in New York the dreary gap that formerly began early in July and continued until the beginning of September has been completely filled with tournaments that will surely prove of absorbing interest. In this respect the newer organizations have found their place, and are vying with the country clubs. That the larger and more important organizations are to hold tournaments during the coming season where such have never been held before, is a fair indication that there is either a general turning to the courts by those who have only played occasionally, or that a vast number of younger players have reached that stage where they have made insistent demands to which the clubs are giving attention.

The announcement comes from the Larchmont Yacht Club that because of an unusual interest the club would hold an open tournament this season, and that its officials were engaged in promoting an interclub championship for the many country clubs of Westchester County, a spot where influential country clubs abound as nowhere on the map of all the rest of the country outside of Westchester. Then the Oakland Golf Club, down on Long Island, is planning for the sort of meeting that will gladden the hearts of the followers of the top flight of experts. The reason for this is that under the watchful eye of an English expert grass courts have been developed that are quite the equal of anything in this country, and the ranking players are always ready to pack their kit of racquets for some good play on grass.

The Harlem Lawn Tennis Club is in for the first of the early meetings in this section this season. This is a "new tournament" and will fill the week of May 12, which is the one that precedes the playing of the Long Island championship on the courts of the Kings County Lawn Tennis Club, in Brooklyn. The last named had been the first on the list with the exception of the very active and strong this year. The Bedford Park Club, with eight fine courts is another of the newcomers not only in point of organization, but in open tournament also. Under the inspiration of some recent acquisitions in membership having an abundance of lawn-tennis enthusiasm, as I likewise at a little skill, the Knickerbocker Field Club of Flatbush is also down for an open tourney, and they have taken time by the forelock and are already building up an entry list which with class and numbers is to mark the beginning of open tournaments on their courts as an achievement difficult to surpass. But this brief mention is but a portion—the straw which shows the trend of things.

The affairs connected with the international challenge matches for the Dwight F. Davis cup have taken some form after a most vexatious delay, during which there was a critical period when it looked as if the English would go to Australia and leave the Americans to journey there also or default. But that was not at all the programme that the officials of this country had planned. They had to make it very plain that this country would not send any official entries for the Olympic games championships. It was final. Now, the English have consented to visit this country, and from their plans they may be preparing to take something akin to revenge because of the Americans' refusal for the Olympics. As it stands, the English players are to arrive in this country the latter part of July or the first of August. Their appearances at the all-congress national championship at Newport is certain, and there is a feeling that they may repeat the wresting of the laurels as did H. L. Doherty five years ago. Naturally, the international tie for the privilege to challenge Australia will be decided about the same time, and the Englishmen will either continue on to the Pacific coast, playing in tournaments, or they will return home. In any event, the challengers of the Australians will be called upon to play the cup matches the first of November. Who will comprise the American team is not known at this time. Only William A. Larned is showing anything like form. The others of the top flight are simply "puny." Southampton and Longwood and possibly the Crescent Athletic Club may also witness play by the Englishmen, so that it is evident there will be no lack of interest when the season once gets under way.

With all of the enthusiasm there is one thing upon which the followers of the game agree, and it worries them. Few are gratulated from the lower classes of players to the top. The ranking of the first ten does not show enough new blood. The number of good average players has wonderfully increased, but none seems to break above that classification. There is to be a concerted endeavor to develop likely players this year, so that the American courts may have a bulwark of strength in its ranking class.

All in all, the sane and steady growth of the game is afforded on every side. Better conditions are to prevail, and with them will follow better play. Women's part in the sport, so splendidly upheld last year, is also to be widened so that she may have her part in the glory promised by the season's beginning.

The Lyons, France, lawn tennis tournament was finished a fortnight ago, the results being as follows: Gentlemen's singles championship of Lyons: Final round—A. F. Wilding beat M. M. Germet, 6-2, 6-1, 6-0. Ladies' singles championship of Lyons: Final round—Miss Salubury beat Miss A. Viart de Bocarmé, 6-2, 6-0. Gentlemen's doubles championship of Lyons: Final round—A. F. Wilding and C. P. Dodge beat M. M. Germet and M. F. Poullin, 6-2, 6-1, 7-5.

GROWTH OF LAWN TENNIS

GREAT INCREASE IN NUMBER OF MEETS THIS YEAR.

No Dull Season for New York, Tournaments Following Each Other All Summer—Larchmont Yacht Club in the Field—British Players to Come to America.

Optimism of the sort which will overcome mountains of obstacles is the predominating virtue among the lawn-tennis players and enthusiasts as they stand upon the threshold of the twenty-eighth season of the sport in this country. It is indeed a pleasing prospect. There are so many reasons for its being viewed through rose-colored glasses even by the diminutive few who are disposed to take an oblique glance at the arrangement of things. On the whole the little flags of anticipation have all been set gayly a-flutter by the real and genuine joy with which the players are ready and anxious to take up their racquets and again try their skill over the nets upon the chalk-lined courts. Of the manifold reasons for exuberance manifested the prospect of international matches with an English invading team in this country looms large and interesting. Then from the colleges and universities the word has been passed which is to be a potent factor in the up-building of the American game. Swinging to the other side, the foundation for good and skillful lawn tennis is being fostered within the public and high schools in a way that is the surprise and gratification of those who have from year to year hoped that such things might come to pass.

The schedule of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association lengthened materially when it was issued nearly two months ago. That in itself was an indication of the steady and healthy growth of the sport. But at this early period it is evident that the official list will be three-fold as great before the season is half completed. Applications from so many clubs and organizations have recently come before the executive committee as to cause that august body to often review the calendar in the effort to award tournament dates which will not bring about an unwarranted conflict. In all of this New York is leading over other sections of the country. Those who are versed in the signs of sports' rise and waning eagerly point to this as a prophecy of what is to follow. From out this tournament play another William A. Larned, a second Malcolm D. Whitman, another galaxy of stars such as have passed before in the lawn-tennis firmament, is sure to perform again brilliantly upon the American courts.

Vardon in Good Form. Harry Vardon afforded further proof of his return to form by defeating James Braid in a match of eighteen holes on the Pannal Club's course, near Harrogate, on April 11, by three holes up and two to play. Braid began badly by missing his brassie shot to the first hole, which he lost. He squared the match at the second by running down a long put, and then, showing fine form, took the lead. He stood two up at the fifth, but Vardon, with a three at the seventh, and another three at the ninth, turned "all square." Coming home, he played a brilliant game. He took the lead at the twelfth, where he had a two, and, winning the next two holes, stood three up, with four to play. He lost the fifteenth, but finished the match by securing the sixteenth in a good four. The bye was halved. The scores were:

Calendar of Sports. MONDAY, APRIL 27. Racing at Aqueduct, 2:30 P. M. Lawn tennis: Southern Athletic Club against Cambridge at South Field. St. George's athletic club games, thirty-ninth Regiment Army, 8 P. M. Baseball: National League, Philadelphia at Brooklyn, 4 P. M.; New York at Boston, St. Louis at Cincinnati, Pittsburgh at Chicago—American League, Boston at New York, 4 P. M.; Washington at Philadelphia, Detroit at Cleveland, Chicago at St. Louis—Eastern League, New York at Newark, Rochester at Jersey City, Virginia at Georgetown—Pennsylvania State at Syracuse—Pennsylvania freshmen at Villa Nova Preparatory—St. Peter's at St. John's—DeWane at Agricultural and Mechanical College, N. C.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28. Racing at Aqueduct, 2:30 P. M. Lawn tennis: Columbia at Princeton. Billiards: Amateur championship tournament at Larchmont Club. Baseball: National League, Philadelphia at Brooklyn, 4 P. M.; New York at Boston, St. Louis at Cincinnati, Pittsburgh at Chicago—American League, Boston at New York, 4 P. M.; Washington at Philadelphia, Detroit at Cleveland, Chicago at St. Louis—Eastern League, New York at Newark, Rochester at Jersey City, Virginia at Georgetown—Pennsylvania State at Syracuse—Pennsylvania freshmen at Villa Nova Preparatory—St. Peter's at St. John's—DeWane at Agricultural and Mechanical College, N. C.

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OVER THE CHESSBOARD. Characteristics of English Players—Deductions from More than 1,400 Games. By EMANUEL LASKER. It is a tempting and an easy thing to make general statements, but the data supplied are in most cases insufficient. I have therefore some misgiving in setting forth the opinion which follows. Since my arrival on these shores I have contested some 1,400 games, naturally being opposed by players of all classes and varieties. Now, if I were asked to explain one outstanding character of English chess play, I should name its stoutness, its courage, its economy in defence. When I come to deal with the attack, I should still comment on its virility and strength, except in its incipient stages, which lack that subtlety and finesse that the attack then requires, and which is strongly marked in the otherwise less forceful German game.

QUEEN'S FAWN OPENING. White: 1. P-Q4, 2. P-Q4, 3. Kt-QB3. Black: 1. P-Q4, 2. P-Q4, 3. Kt-QB3. This gives opportunities, but complicates. Probably 4. PaQP, KtP; 5. P-K3 is now best. 4. P-K3, 5. KtP, 6. Kt-KB3, 7. P-K3, 8. B-Q2, 9. KtP, 10. Kt-Q4, 11. Q-R2, 12. Q-B.

White, 6 pieces. Made in two. QUEENS COUNTY HANDICAP. Good Horses to Start in To-day's Races at Aqueduct. The Queens County Handicap at a mile is the feature of a good card to-day at Aqueduct, with Jack Atkin in the top weight of 134 pounds, giving away lumps of weight to Riffeman, Oxford, Spooner, and Light Wood. The Glendale Steeplechase will also be run off, as well as four overnight events. Winners yesterday were: First race, Samuel H. Harris; second, Siskin; third, James B. Brady; fourth, Zienap; fifth, Blackheep; sixth, Robert Cooper.

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