

NOTES OF GOLF INTEREST.

There will be two days of competitive golf this week. Practically every devotee of the game in this vicinity has arranged to spend election day on the links, and provided the weather is at all propitious the crack of the driver and click of the iron will resound from morn till dusk. Later in the week the women will assemble again at Baltusrol for a continuation of the tournament which was interfered with on account of the storm last week.

The last big tournament of the season will engage the attention of the amateurs at the Country Club of Lakewood, Nov. 24, 25, and 26. This selection of Thanksgiving week is in accordance with time-honored custom, and the chances are that the usual large entry will be received. There will be an eighteen-hole medal play qualifying round on the first day, and contestants will classify themselves into four sixteens, according to the merit of their scores. All match rounds will consist of eighteen holes, and there will be the usual medal play handicap on the third day.

In the current number of the American Golfer, a new method of conducting the inter-city matches for the Lesley Cup is presented. Ever since the Massachusetts, Metropolitan, and Philadelphia teams have been meeting in annual contests many suggestions have been made as to the best conditions of play. The latest advice offered is as follows:

"There are one or two weak points in connection with the present method of playing the annual match between the Massachusetts, Metropolitan, and Pennsylvania Associations for the Lesley Cup. The conditions call for ten men on a side, singles to be played in the morning and foursomes in the afternoon, the winning team of the previous year to stand out the first day. One particular weakness has disclosed itself in that on the last two occasions the single matches in the morning have determined the whole match and the foursomes in the afternoon have been merely perfunctory.

"This happened at Myopia and again last year at Huntingdon Valley. Another bone of contention is the respective merits of foursomes as against four ball matches. Then, again, the principle of one team standing out does not seem quite right. A suggestion has been put forward which would overcome all these difficulties. Moreover, it would have the advantage of confining the play to one day only.

"It is simplicity itself. Simply have all the matches at thirty-six holes, three ball, one representative from each association playing against the other two. For instance, Mr. Whittemore representing Massachusetts, Mr. Douglas representing Metropolitan, and Mr. Fownes representing Pennsylvania would form the trio—and so on. And in the afternoon to give additional spice to the play, these three players would each play against a different opponent on the opposing teams and so on with the rest of the players. Each match could count a point as at present. The whole affair could be run off in one day, and the proceedings generally would be considerable heightened in interest.

"The idea is worthy of serious consideration."

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