

Golf, Rowing, Yachting Comment

M'DERMOTT'S CONSISTENT PLAYING HAS STARTLED GOLF WORLD

Victory in Whitemarsh Tourney Showed His Ability to Cope With Best Players

Saturday's Match Between North Hills and Old York Road Clubs Brought Some Good Golf

NO MORE consistent golf has been seen in this city than the exhibition by Jack McDermott at the Whitemarsh Valley Country Club on Friday last when, for the second year in succession, he gained the title of open champion of Philadelphia. For both rounds of eighteen holes he took 75 strokes, or a total of 150 for the day. Incidentally the purse he won was \$150, or at the rate of \$1 a stroke. On the entire day's play he took only one six, his remaining scores being three, fours and fives.

McDermott also holds the title of National Open champion in addition to the local open. His performances this season have been extremely good. Last year, in the play-off for the open championship, it was prophesied that he would perform greater deeds and all the good things said of him have come true. He is the first American born golfer to win the national open championship and what is more, he is still a comparative youngster. His marvelous work in the triple tie at the Chicago Golf Club in the national open was highly spoken of by all who formed a part of the gallery. His work in these recent tournaments has demonstrated that an American golfer is the equal of the Scotch players, than whom there is supposed to be none better.

The club matches between the members of the North Hills Country Club and the Old York Road Country Club on the course of the former on Saturday brought out some very good golf and several of the matches in particular were closely contested. H. B. Prest, a leading light in the affairs of his club, captained the North Hills team, and S. H. Rich did the same for the Old York Roaders. Playing over their own course, the North Hills players had the advantage and this may have had something to do with the visitors' defeat.

Without doubt, the North Hills' course is the most natural in this vicinity. More natural hazards are encountered when playing in the entire course than on any other course. These hazards consist of piles of stone and dirt over which grass has grown and they form a realistic scene.

Originally the course was, in part, an old iron mine and these quarries are still open in their natural state, giving the players considerable difficulty and the course is thus far from being an easy one.

Yesterday saw the semi-final and the final round played of the first invitation tournament of the Shawnee Country Club at Shawnee-on-Delaware. This new club should prove popular with local players, many of whom entered their first tournament. The course consists of eighteen holes and is in one of the most beautiful districts of Pennsylvania. A. W. Tillinghast, of the Philadelphia Cricket Club, was responsible for the course, which is excellently laid out and of which various players speak highly.

The location of the club, with its excellent hotel facilities and sites for cottages and bungalows and being comparatively near to this city and New York, should bring the club into prominence in another year, when the same progressive plans will be followed out.

It is assured that George Duncan and Albert Tingey will visit this country in the fall for a series of matches. Duncan will engage in matches over the more prominent courses of the country, and Tingey, after playing some matches, will stay to coach. Duncan, the Hanger Hill professional, is probably the better known of the two, to local golfers at least, as his brother is now professional to the Philadelphia Cricket Club at St. Martin's. Duncan and Tingey play a vastly different game. The former never loses a minute; he takes in the circumstances at a glance; the club necessary for the second shot seems determined upon practically at the moment the first has been played, and even over his putting no moment is wasted on steady calculations. His speed was shown in a match with Charles Mayo in England recently. Duncan was dashing; Mayo was painstaking. Not until he had calculated the possible effect upon the short putt of an offending blade of grass would Mayo speed the ball on its way holewards. Duncan would never look twice at it, but would take putting cleek and generally run the ball down. Both did well as partners. Duncan's game of the dashing order being in direct contrast to Mayo's, and this served its purpose well. His performances on this side will be looked forward to with interest by golfers, amateur and professional, and should a match be arranged with J. J. McDermott, our national open champion, the golf will be of the highest order.

Just now golfing circles are quiet in the extreme. However, it is not long to the Pennsylvania State championship, which will be played over the course of the Whitemarsh Valley Country Club on August 30, 31, September 1 and 2. This is a change from the original schedule, the third annual tournament of this kind having been first marked down for September 6, 7, 8 and 9. Each year the leading players of the State go in for this tourney and from all appearances this year will be no exception. William F. Fownes, Jr., of the Oakmont Country Club, won the cup last year and the first year, 1909, it was won by Harold H. McFarland, Huntingdon Valley Country Club. During the month of September local golfers will be busy in the extreme, as included in the list of fixtures are the first annual invitation tournament of the Whitemarsh Valley Country Club, on September 2, 4 and 5. September 14, 15 and 16 will see the eleventh annual invitation tournament of the St. David's Golf Club, and on September 29 and 30 the seventh annual contest for the Lesley Cup will be played, although the course has not been decided upon as yet.



JACK M'DERMOTT

His recent victory in the Whitemarsh tournament added another title to those he already holds.