

SPRING HAVEN COURSE IS TEST TO GOLFERS

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Cricket and the Country Clubs the Eleventh and
Twelfth Holes Are Extremely Difficult

Many of the Philadelphia golfers did not play in the Philadelphia Cup competition which was won a week ago yesterday by Abbott Collins, of the Aronimink Golf Club, because of the tournament arranged by Crump and Perrin over the Cricket and Huntingdon Valley courses. Others stayed out, taking the ground that Springhaven was not a championship course and stating rather frankly that the course was flat, stale and unprofitable. While it is true that Springhaven does not compare in playing qualities with such courses as Huntingdon Valley, Philadelphia Cricket and the Country Club, yet Springhaven has some other interesting holes. Possibly the two most characteristically consecutive holes are the present eleventh and twelfth, which prior to the rearrangement of the links were the second and third. The eleventh green is guarded by a pond which extends directly across the course, a distance, of probably fifty or sixty yards. Even with a fairly long drive the approach shot presents difficulties, because to many it is a bad mental hazard. Along the right extends the road, marking the boundary of the course.

To the right is a trap, and there is plenty of rough back of the green to punish an over approach. The twelfth is one of several of long holes and Springhaven has several of these. A topped drive is punished by a marsh, which is a continuation of the pond. To the left extends a long stretch of rough and to the right is out of bounds. A long brassy shot finds the ball within easy approach of the green. The green itself is sloping in nature, much more so than most greens marked by a slope. An over approach will find the ball in a deep trap. Even if the ball sticks on the green, and this is practically impossible after a hot dry spell, it is a hard job to hole out, for the ball has a trick of tricking past the cup and rolling down past the hole. More putts are wasted on this green than any other on the Springhaven course.

The final selection of the golfers from this city, who with the Pittsburgh players will represent the Pennsylvania State Golf Association in the Lesley Cup matches at the Huntingdon Valley Country Club on September 27 and 28, will be determined by the play of thirteen men who will contest over the course at Noble.

Some time ago, Howard W. Perrin, of the Merion Cricket Club, and George A. Crump, of the Philadelphia Country Club, invited about thirty of the best players to compete in a 54-hole match against par over the Philadelphia Cricket and Huntingdon Valley Club courses. The object was to aid Philadelphia in selecting its share of the Pennsylvania team. As a result of the contest, prizes were captured by E. A. Satterthwaite, Balu; W. G. Pfeil, Huntingdon Valley, and H. L. Willoughby. The results were not as favorable, as had been expected, the poor scoring being due largely to the humid weather which maintained on September 14 and 15. Then again playing against par is exceedingly difficult, as any one knows who has contested against it in any of his club tournaments.

At all events thirteen men, C. B. Buxton, H. B. McFarland, Richard Mott, A. H. Smith and Wirt L. Thompson, of the Huntingdon Valley Country Club; George A. Crump, R. E. Hanson, Francis W. Kemble and W. P. Smith, of the Philadelphia Country Club; Howard W. Perrin and H. L. Willoughby, of the Merion Cricket Club; Robert C. James,

of the Springhaven Country Club, and Edwin Satterthwaite, of the Bala Golf Club, will fight it out for the honor and glory of representing Philadelphia in the big inter-association tournament next week.

The Lesley Cup competition is an annual event between teams representing the golf associations of Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and the Metropolitan district. It is the outgrowth of a series between Philadelphia and New York begun in 1900. In 1904 Robert W. Lesley, of the Merion Cricket Club, the present president of the Golf Association of Philadelphia, offered the Lesley Cup for competition between Philadelphia, Massachusetts and the Metropolitan Associations. In 1909, it being realized that Philadelphia was placed at a considerable advantage, the Massachusetts team being made up of golfers from the entire State, while the Metropolitan team included not only New York, but New Jersey, Long Island and parts of New York State, the present Pennsylvania State Golf Association took the place of the local players.

The winners of the competition since 1900 follow: 1900, Metropolitan; 1901, Metropolitan; 1902, Philadelphia; 1903, Philadelphia; 1904, Philadelphia; 1905, Metropolitan; 1906, Metropolitan; 1907, Metropolitan; 1908, Metropolitan; 1909, Metropolitan; 1910, Massachusetts; 1911, Metropolitan.

For a number of years twelve players constituted a side, the matches being at singles and four balls. At the request of Massachusetts, the foursomes were substituted for the four-ball matches and they have continued so up to date. Efforts on the part of both the Pennsylvania and Metropolitan teams to return to the four-ball matches have not been successful. Walter J. Travis, who captained the Metropolitan team for years, playing No. 1, has declined to play with the Metropolitan team this year, taking the ground that as the majority of the golfers are opposed to the foursomes, he cannot, in fairness to himself, participate in the matches.

While Travis will be greatly missed, the Metropolitans will be represented by a very strong team, including Jerome D. Travers, the present national champion and three winner of the title; Findlay Douglas, a former national champion; John M. Ward, the old-time baseball player, and recent owner of the Boston Nationals; Gardner White and Oswald Kirby, two of the cleverest of the younger players around New York, and others who have made their mark in national golf.

Massachusetts has a number of prominent players, including John G. Anderson, several times champion of that State, and runner up in the French amateur championship to Chick Evans a year ago; Heinrich Schmidt, the present State champion; Francis Oumet and other well known Bay State golfers.

Heading the Pennsylvania team will be two former national champions, W. C. Fownes, Jr., and Eben M. Myers, both of Pittsburgh. Other prominent golfers from the Smoky City are George Ormiston and E. E. Giles. Philadelphia representatives are not chosen, but will probably include McFarland, Perrin, Crump, James, Satterthwaite and the two Smiths.

The teams this year will be made up of twelve men and as last year's team was composed of six Philadelphians and four Pittsburghers, the chances are that Philadelphia will have either seven or eight men on the team. The representation will probably be decided either tomorrow or Tuesday.