

## GOLF.

## RECORDS OF LESLEY CUP.



BEING that the Lesley Cup Competition is of vital interest to Philadelphians, we feel sure that the editor of *The American Golfer* will pardon us for reproducing the following article from the January issue:—

The Lesley Cup Competition, an annual event between teams of ten men representing, respectively, the Massachusetts Golf Association, the Metropolitan Golf Association and the Pennsylvania Golf Association, originated in 1900 in the form of a team match of twelve men a side between the Metropolitan Golf Association and the Philadelphia Golf Association, known as the Inter-City match. The first match took place at the Philadelphia Country Club on May 5th, 1900, the Metropolitan team winning by 33 holes to 1. The event was at thirty-six holes match play. The return match on November 10th, 1900, was played at the St. Andrews Golf Club, twelve men a side, singles in the morning, at eighteen holes, and four-ball matches in the afternoon. This arrangement continued until 1903, when the match was played at Morris County. There the four-ball matches were played in the morning and the singles in the afternoon. The following year the same order of play was maintained.

In 1904 the number of players was reduced from twelve to ten on each side. In 1905 the Lesley Cup Competition was instituted between teams representing the Metropolitan Golf Association, the Massachusetts Golf Association and the Philadelphia Golf Association, ten men a side, singles being played in the morning and four-ball matches in the afternoon. In 1907 the four-ball matches were changed to foursomes, and this order of play has been since maintained. A brief *resume* of the matches may be interesting:—

May 5th, 1900, at the Philadelphia Country Club, the Metropolitan team won by 33 holes to 1.

November 10th, 1900, at St. Andrews Golf Club, the Metropolitan team won the singles by 24 holes to 20, and the four-ball matches by 25 holes to 2, making a gross total of 49 holes to 22 in favor of the Metropolitan.

May 4th, 1901, at Philadelphia Cricket Club, Metropolitan was again successful, winning the singles in the morning by 43 holes to 7, and the four-ball matches by 11 holes to 4.

October 26th, 1901, at the Nassau Country Club, Metropolitan scored 60 holes in the singles against Philadelphia's 3, and 15 holes in the four-ball matches against Philadelphia's 0.

May 17th, 1902, at the Huntingdon Valley Country Club, Philadelphia won, for the first time, scoring 17 holes in the singles as against 13 for Metropolitan, and 10 holes in the four-ball matches as against 3, making a gross total of 27 holes to 16.

November 1st, 1902, at the Baltusrol Golf Club, Metropolitan won by 40 holes in the singles to Philadelphia's 4, and by 25 holes in the four-ball matches against 0, making a gross total of 65 holes to 4. The Philadelphia team was incomplete, owing to the fact that four of the Huntingdon Valley players who were selected to play on the team withdrew at the last minute because Mr. Wirt L. Thompson had not been selected, it being put forward by the Philadelphia Association that he was not a *bona fide* resident of the district. This thus deprived Philadelphia of the following players: W. P. Smith, H. B. McFarland, A. H. Smith and C. I. Starr.

May 16th, 1903, at the Merion Cricket Club, Philadelphia was again successful, winning the singles in the morning by 16 holes to 8, and the four-ball matches in the afternoon by 2 to 3, making a gross total of 18 holes to 11.

October 31st, 1903, at the Morris County Golf Club, another victory was secured by Philadelphia. In the morning they scored 12 holes against 9 in the four-ball matches, and 15 holes against the Massachusetts' 12 in the singles.

In 1904, at the Philadelphia Cricket Club, Philadelphia again won, scoring 9 holes in the four-ball matches in the morning against the Metropolitan's 4, and 18 holes in the singles as against 13.

October 24th, 1904, at the Garden City Golf Club, Metropolitan were the winners, scoring 6 holes in the four-ball matches in the morning against 1 for Philadelphia, and 42 holes in the singles in the afternoon against 2.

October 27th, 1905, the first match was played in the Lesley Cup Competition between Metropolitan against Philadelphia, the former scoring 7 points in the singles in the morning against 3, and 3 points as against 2 in the four-ball matches in the afternoon. It will be observed that the system of scoring by holes was abandoned, each win representing one point only.

October 28th, Metropolitan lost the singles in the morning to Massachusetts by 4 points to 6; but by winning all the four-ball matches in the afternoon secured possession of the Lesley Cup by a gross total of 9 points to 6.

October 28th, 1906, at the Merion Cricket Club, Metropolitan, as winners the previous year, stood out the first day, Massachusetts and Philadelphia fighting it out, the winners to play Metropolitan. Massachusetts won, scoring 7 points in the singles in the morning against Philadelphia's 3, and 2 points in the four-ball matches in the afternoon against Philadelphia's 1.

October 27th, both the Metropolitan and Massachusetts teams scored 5 points in the singles in the morning, halving the match, but the Metropolitan were successful in the afternoon, winning 4 points in the four-ball matches to 1 for Massachusetts.

October 25th, 1907, at The Country Club of Brookline, Philadelphia beat Massachusetts. In the singles in the morning the matches were all square at 5 points each, but in the afternoon in the *foursomes*, which were played for the first time, Philadelphia scored 4 points to Massachusetts' 1.

October 26th, Metropolitan beat Philadelphia by 8 points to 2 in the morning, and won all of the *foursomes* in the afternoon, making a gross total of 13 points to 2.

October 2d, 1908, at the Garden City Golf Club, Massachusetts beat Philadelphia in the singles 6 points to 4, but lost in the *foursomes* by 2 points to 3, making a gross total in favor of the former of 8 points to 7.

One thing we are free to admit that we are unalterably opposed to, and that is the substitution, some years ago, of *foursomes* for four-ball matches.

From first to last all sorts of schemes have been tried in so far as the playing conditions are concerned. But finality does not appear to have yet been reached, as there is some talk of reverting to the experiment of

having the *foursomes* in the morning and the singles in the afternoon, such as was done in 1903 and 1904. For ourselves, we must confess that we are very much taken with the suggestion put forward some little time ago which provided for each member of the three teams engaging in a three-ball match. In this way the whole competition could be settled in one day, and it would also have the especial advantage of not allowing the winning team of the previous year to stand out, as at present. This is a principle which is quite foreign to golfing practice generally. As well allow the amateur champion to stand out of the qualifying round or of the subsequent match play, in the amateur championship. The three-ball match could be played at thirty-six holes, match play. At the end of the morning round it would be interesting to have a change of opponents, for the afternoon play. The general idea is an excellent one and well worthy of serious consideration.

October 3d, Metropolitan beat Massachusetts in the singles by 7 points to 3, but lost 4 of the *foursomes* in the afternoon, winning by 8 points to 7.

October 1st, 1909, at the Huntingdon Valley Country Club, the newly-formed Pennsylvania team (an enlargement of the Philadelphia team) beat Massachusetts by 7 points in the morning, and scoring 2 points to 3 in the *foursomes* in the afternoon, won by a gross total of 9 points to 6.

October 2d, Metropolitan scored 8 points to Pennsylvania's 2 in the singles, which settled the match, notwithstanding that Pennsylvania won all of the *foursomes* in the afternoon, the gross total being Metropolitan 8 and Pennsylvania 7.

September 30th, 1910, at the Myopia Hunt Club, Massachusetts scored 6 points to Pennsylvania's 4 in the singles, and 4 points to 1 in the *foursomes*.

October 1st, Massachusetts beat Metropolitan, scoring 8 points in the singles to 2, and 2 points in the *foursomes* to 3, making a gross total of 10 points to 5.

September 29th, 1911, at the Nassau Country Club, Metropolitan beat Pennsylvania by 6 points to 4 in the singles, and 3 points to 2 in the *foursomes*.

September 30th, Metropolitan wiped out the previous year's defeat in the hands of Massachusetts, beating the latter 6 points to 4 in the singles, and 3 points to 2 in the *foursomes*.

## THE CHAMPIONS FOR 1911.

BELOW will be found a list of the winners of the most important championships throughout the world for 1911:—

- Open.—Harry Vardon (South Herts).
- Amateur.—H. H. Hilton (Royal Liverpool).
- Ladies.—Miss Dorothy Campbell (Hamilton, Ontario).
- Irish Open.—Lionel Munn (North West).
- Irish Native.—Lionel Munn (North West).
- South of Ireland.—Lionel Munn (North West).
- Irish Ladies.—Miss M. Harrison (Malahide Island).
- Irish Professional.—Michael Moran (Royal Dublin).
- Scottish Amateur.—George Willkie (Leven Thistle).
- Scottish Ladies.—Miss E. Grant-Suttie (Sunningdale).
- Scottish Professional.—E. Sinclair (Leith).
- Scottish Ladies' County.—Ayrshire.
- Scottish Club.—Prestwick St. Nicholas.
- Welsh Amateur.—H. M. Lloyd (Rhyl).
- Welsh Ladies.—Miss Clay (Royal Porthcawl).
- Welsh Professional.—Peter Rainford (Llangammarch Wells).
- Welsh Club.—Royal Porthcawl.
- American Amateur.—H. H. Hilton (Royal Liverpool).
- American Open.—J. J. McDermott (Philadelphia).
- American Ladies.—Miss M. Curtis (Essex County).
- Canadian Amateur.—G. H. Hutton (Montreal).
- Canadian Open.—C. R. Murray (Royal Montreal).
- Canadian Ladies.—Miss Dorothy Campbell (Hamilton, Ontario).
- French Open.—Arnaud Massy (Nivelle).
- French Open Amateur.—C. Evans, Jr. (Edgewater, Chicago).
- French Native Professional.—A. Massy (Nivelle).
- French Ladies.—Mrs. Durlacher (Princess Mitcham).
- Belgian Open.—C. H. Mayo (Burhill).
- German Open.—Harry Vardon (South Herts).
- German Amateur.—H. W. Twiss (Berlin).
- German Ladies.—Mrs. Edwards (Berlin).
- Indian Amateur (1910).—B. A. Collins (Calcutta).
- South African Amateur.—J. A. W. Prentice (Port Elizabeth).
- South African Open.—G. Fotheringham (Durban).
- Swiss Amateur.—Peter Gannon (United Services).
- Swiss Ladies.—Mrs. Barton (Montana).
- Italian Amateur.—Hon. C. Scott (Royal North Devon).
- Australian Open.—Carnegie Clark (Royal Sydney).
- Australian Amateur.—J. D. Howden (Victoria).
- West of Scotland.—J. Thorburn (Kilmacoll).
- Lancashire Amateur.—R. W. Crummack (Lytham St. Anne's).
- New South Wales.—A. H. O'Brien (Australian Club).
- New South Wales Ladies.—Miss N. Parbury (Sydney).
- New Zealand Open.—J. Clements (Christchurch).
- New Zealand Amateur.—A. Duncan (Wellington).
- Ceylon.—A. H. S. Clarke (Colombo).
- Cornwall Amateur.—B. A. Collins (Calcutta).
- Cornwall Ladies.—Miss Hardwick (Newquay).
- Yorkshire Amateur.—H. D. Gannon (Huddersfield).
- Yorkshire Ladies.—Mrs. Melrose (York).
- Yorkshire Club.—Ravenscliffe.
- Austrian.—Peter Gannon (United Services).
- English Ladies' County.—Cheshire.
- Midland Professional.—W. E. Reid (Banstead Downs).
- Midland Ladies.—Miss Lily Moore (Olton).
- Midland Amateur.—F. A. Wooley (King's Norton).
- Midland Team.—South Staffordshire.
- Engadine.—P. C. Thornton (Royal Wimbledon).
- Army.—Captain W. Green (Black Watch).
- Baden-Baden.—A. H. Ravell (Chicago).
- Transvaal.—D. F. Welsh (Burntisland, Fifeshire).
- Montreal.—A. Woodward (County Club).
- Tasmanian Ladies.—Miss L. Arthur (Longford).
- Metropolitan Amateur.—J. D. Travers (Garden City, U. S. A.).
- Highland Amateur.—Otto Kerr (Wendon).
- Straits Settlement.—T. Crabb Watt (Edinburgh).
- Swedish Amateur.—Erik Anderson.
- Swedish Ladies.—Miss Olive Bamber.
- Durham.—A. J. Graham (Seaton Carew).
- River Plate Amateur.—H. M. Bucknall (Littlestone).