

GOLFERS AND TENNIS PLAYERS EAGERLY AWAIT COMING TOURNAMENTS

Drives and Putts

Being Gossip About Golf and Golfers

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DURING a national golf tournament the interest among a lot of the followers of the game centres in the short holes, or what are called the one-shotters. As these are holes where a full view of the green and the bunkers in between and around it are plainly in view, they act as vantage points for many of the spectators. Instead of following any particular match, these individuals pick out one of the short holes and, safely out of range of flying balls, wait for the big fellows to come around.

It is rare in a big tournament that any of these short holes are made in one shot, but there is always such a likelihood. E. P. Allis, one of the best of the Western crowd, once made a short hole during the progress of the Western amateur championship in one, and he got more of a reputation for that than for almost anything else he has done in his successful career as a golfer.

For those who prefer to watch the golfing stars shoot at the one-shot holes at Merion next week it may be of interest to know that there are eight of these, four on the east course and as many on the west course. Some of them are driven with the wood, others need all the stuff that can be put into a full iron shot, while still others require a delicately played shot with the masher or the masher niblic.

The first of the short holes on the east course is the seventh or Redan hole, particularly one of the most famous holes abroad. It is 195 yards long and is located on a side hill with a deep gully and severe bunkering in front of it. It is a shot that requires any club from a driver, brassie, spoon, driving iron, cleek to a midiron, depending upon the wind. It is a fine test of golf and ought to be one of the interesting points along the course for spectators to halt and watch the big fellows play.

The next one-shooter is the ninth. This is 170 yards in length. The tee is situated well above the green. To the right are the woods and there is a sliced shot. Long grass, sand pits and bunkers and other troubles punish the pulled ball. A small brook runs in front of the green and curves around to the right. Part of this has been dammed in front of the green, so that a short shot or a tee shot is apt to land in the pool or the brook. If the tee shot is too long it is apt to find its lodgment in ditches or bunkers beyond the green. However, the green is large and will hold any well-played shot. It will be an iron shot for the cracks.

The thirteenth is the real gallery hole as the green is alongside the club and possibly the greatest crowds of the days will be there. This is a masher niblic hole, for it is but 125 yards from tee to the green. To the right are the tracks of the Philadelphia and Western. And there are fir and poplar trees there waiting for the sliced ball. To the left is the stone wall and just below them a number of nuts. A brook flows around the green from the back and along the right side and front. A weak tee shot will probably land in the brook. The green is a large one and there is plenty of room for the steady player, but it is remarkable how often the players fail to land on this green.

Another fine spot for the spectators and a very short walk from the clubhouse is the seventeenth tee. This is one of the trio of famous quarry holes. It is 215 yards long or fifteen yards shorter than it was earlier in the season. This has been done by bringing the tee close to the edge of the quarry. It takes usually a wooden shot to reach this green, as there is a dip just before the green is reached. The carry to the fairway is slightly under 280 yards. This green has been lengthened and widened.

The west course is about a mile away from the east course and has four interesting short holes. The best are the fourth and sixth and the most interesting of all is the sixth. There are no artificial traps or bunkers ahead of the player as he steps on the fourth tee. The drive is partly through the woods, a narrow stretch of fairway having been cut through for a part of the way. The hole is 185 yards in length and from the tee to the green there is a drop of forty feet. Depending how the wind is it is a shot that demands anything from a cleek to a masher. I have seen players use a masher niblic and almost reach the green, for there is quite a bit after the ball hits the fairway. I imagine most of the cracks will use jiggers.

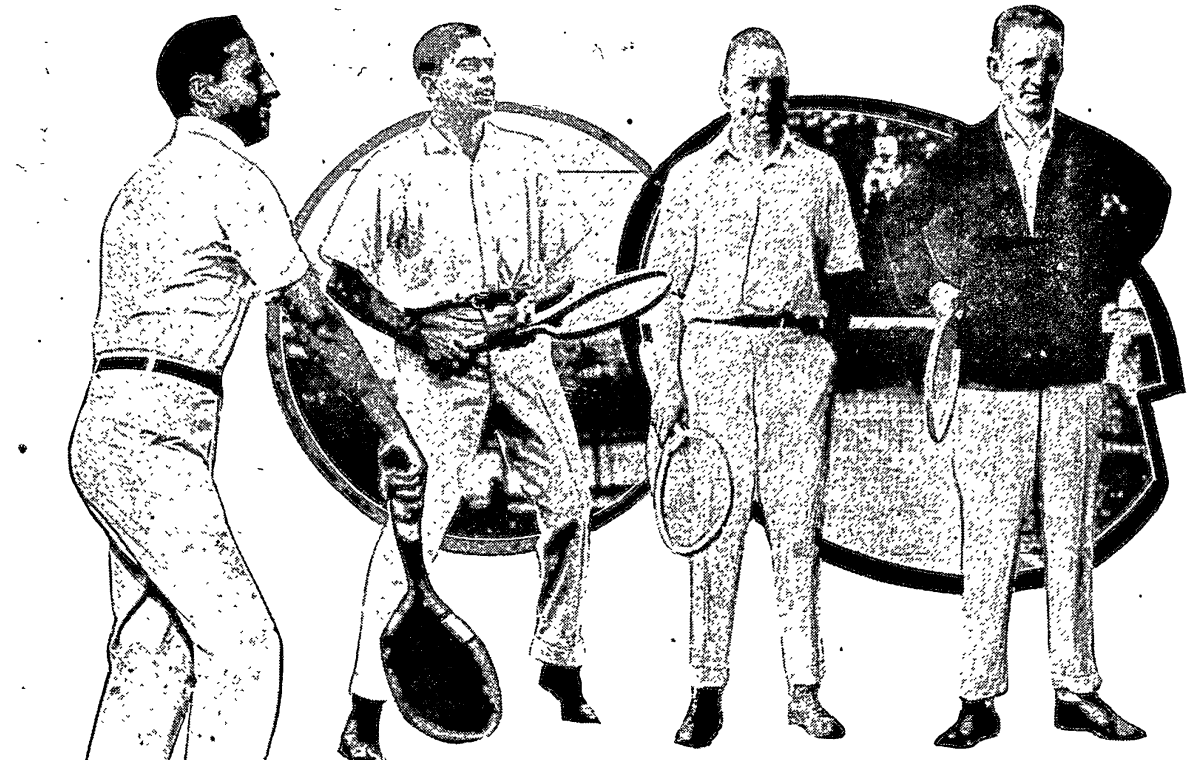
The sixth is generally the prettiest hole in this section of the country and has to be seen to be appreciated. No one has any conception of it until he gets onto the tee, for it is not visible from the fifth green. You walk a short distance from the fifth green to the sixth tee and all of a sudden it bursts upon you. Seventy feet below you is the green, and it looks like a pocket handkerchief because of the drop. It is 125 yards away, yet it would seem easy to tee the ball and give it a short easy tap with a putter to reach the green. A brook flows around the front of it and on the left side, while there are deep hollows to the right and back. It is a hole that will puzzle any one the first time he plays it. The distance is very deceptive, owing to the great drop, and the best club is a masher or a niblic. The fifteenth is a drive, for it is 235 yards in length, while the seventeenth is an iron, either a midiron or a full masher, the distance from tee to green being 185 yards.

For those who want to see all the players and who do not feel like walking over the course after some of the big fellows any of these holes will be interesting spots to watch the cracks play. On the east course the most interesting spots are the ninth tee and the thirteenth green and the seventeenth tee, while on the west course the vantage spots are the fourth and sixth tees. You may be fortunate enough to see some one hole out from the tee and then again the best you may see any players do will be a tee shot and a putt.

Ardmore avenue cuts the east course in two, but there are more holes to the south than to the north. South of the avenue are the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, all of the tenth but the green, all of the eleventh but the tee, all of the twelfth but the short stretch of fairway between the road and the green. On the north side of Ardmore avenue are the first, part of the twelfth, all of the thirteenth and the remaining of the eighteenth holes. Ardmore avenue is one of the main thoroughfares in the Main Line district and usually the automobile traffic is heavy at certain times of the day. In order that the holes affected by the avenue, the tenth, eleventh and twelfth, may not be further tied up by a lot of cars, there will be a large parking space for automobiles on Haverford avenue just outside the course, and during the week of the tournament no cars will be permitted to park inside the grounds of the club except those used to take the players to and from the west course. It is expected that there will be hundreds of machines that will carry golf enthusiasts to the course, and there is not sufficient room to accommodate ten per cent of them in the regular parking space, so it has been decided to bar all the cars. Thus no favoritism will be shown to anyone and the members of the club will not get any more privileges than the ordinary visitor who comes there for the first time in his life.

The club has purchased several hundred yards of stout rope and half a hundred red flags are being made for those who will keep the gallery in check. The qualifying day possibly the gallery will be well divided, as there are so

FAMOUS TENNIS PLAYERS WHO MEET TOMORROW ON FOREST HILLS' COURTS TO DECIDE DOUBLES' CHAMPIONSHIP OF COUNTRY



LEFT TO RIGHT THE PLAYERS ARE MAURICE E. McLOUGHLIN, CLARENCE J. GRIFFIN AND WILLIAM M. JOHNSTON



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many stars entered that the gallery will be hopping from one pair to another. This will be the busiest day for all for the committee in charge, as it will be necessary to have ropes to hold the crowds in check who will be following such stars as Travers, Gardner, Evans, Guilford, Marston, Kikby and others. Naturally the greatest crowd will follow Travers and Gardner. Evans is the present open champion and comparatively few Philadelphians have seen him play, as he has never been seen here in competition and possibly the only time he has played anywhere around Philadelphia was a couple of years ago, when with Travers, Kikby and Buton he opened the new Seaview course. He is the most popular player in the West and everywhere he goes he wins the gallery. He wears a smile that never comes off and his play is such a fine combination of skill and judgment that every Philadelphian will want to see him in action.

Fortunately most of us have seen Jerry Travers, four times national amateur and once open golf champion. He has played here a number of times in the Lynnewood Hall tournament and he has also been seen here in the Lesley Cup matches. There is no question that he will also have a large following of spectators. There is no better golfer in the country today and his game is well worth watching.

Six or seven years ago we all of us saw Bob Gardner, the present amateur champion in the intercollegiate track and field championships at Franklin Field. Later he became the champion pole vaulter in the intercollegiate ranks, and it is thought that his proficiency with the pole did wonders to develop his forearm and wrists. At any rate, next to Guilford, he is the longest driver in the amateur ranks in this country. He can hit a ball farther with a driver and an iron than any other man, with the exception of Guilford, can with a driver and brassie. So many of the crowd will want to see Gardner play in this city. There are long drivers everywhere, but none of them are in the same class with the New Hampshire crack. Take the ordinary hole where a pit is suspected to affect the second shot and likely as not Guilford will get into it on the drive. He literally hits them a mile. Three hundred-yard drives are common to him, so if you want to follow the longest driver in this or any other country just follow the crowd that will be in the wake of Guilford. And his game is not confined to the drive. He has toned his drive down a little, and it does not get him into as much trouble as it formerly did and with the drive he combines a good, short game.

The twelfth annual seniors tournament, which has always attracted a score or more veterans from Philadelphia, will be played at the Apawamis Club, Rye, New York, on September 19, 20, 21 and 22. No one is eligible to play unless he is 55 years old. One half the field will play on the first two and the other half on the two following days. Each two days will be complete in themselves. There will be four classes of players. Those whose ages run from 55 to 59 make up Class A, from 60 to 64 Class B, from 65 to 69 Class C and from 70 years and upward Class D.