

EPIDEMIC OF GOLF MEETINGS NEAR END

Miss Maule Asks Women's Metropolitan Association to Select Dates for This Year's Griscom Cup Matches

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WHEN a motion for adjournment was passed by the delegates attending the annual meeting of the Women's Metropolitan Golf Association Thursday, the series of golf meetings which have been held in the East recently neared an end. In every case the principal business of every meeting was the restoration of the events under the jurisdiction of the various bodies. The first to move was the Metropolitan Golf Association. The Golf Association of Philadelphia immediately followed, and on its heels came the action of the Women's Golf Association of Philadelphia, restoring the events which it controls. The following day the United States Golf Association restored the national events and now the W. M. G. A. follows suit.

Although the women of the Metropolitan district kept on with their title play longer than any other association in the East, they were forced to abandon their annual championship fixture last year because of war conditions. The resumption will take place at the Arcola Country Club, this organization receiving 22 votes, as against five cast for the Essex County Club, and two for Montclair.

Team matches will be resumed in the New York district and the territory will be divided into four sections instead of into three, as formerly. Teams will be representative of Northern New Jersey, Southern New Jersey, Westchester and Long Island. One-day handicap tournaments will also be featured.

At the meeting a letter from Miss H. Ethel Maule, president of the Women's Golf Association of Philadelphia, was read in which the metropolitan body was asked to select dates for the 1919 Griscom Cup matches, as it is now the turn of the W. M. G. A. to stage this event. Nothing has been done as yet by the Women's Eastern Golf Association toward reviving the championship of that organization, but it is likely that, as heretofore, the Eastern and Griscom events will be held during the same week and on the same course.

If the Brae Burn Club succeeds in enticing Harry Vardon, the famous English professional, to leave the home loam, it will have accomplished something for golf in the United States in addition to advancing its own interests. Vardon is one of the greatest golfers who ever swung a club, and his coming to America would be welcomed by all golfers who have the interests of the game at heart.

Vardon won the open golf championship of the United States in 1900 at Chicago. In the same event at Brookline, in 1913, Vardon, Ouimet and Ed Ray, another English pro, finished in a tie for first place. In

the playoff Ouimet was first, Vardon second and Ray third.

The Englishman sought by the Brae Burn Club is the first player to win the British open title six times. He, Jim Braid and J. H. Taylor are called the "triumvirate" of British golf. Vardon won the British open in 1896, 1898, 1899, 1902, 1911 and 1914.

He is between 45 and 50 years of age and is considered the finest stylist the game has ever produced. To him is due the general use of the overlapping and interlocking grip.

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The gentle manner in which the weatherman is acting may not suit many persons who like to talk about the winters of long ago, but it certainly pleases the golfer. During the week which is closing there were many opportunities for the devotees to get out on the links and a host of enthusiasts took advantage of the opportunity.

When it is remembered how completely the golfers were tied up at this time last year—both by the war and by the weather—there is much to be grateful for in the conditions which exist. The war is over, and no man who feels that he needs an afternoon on the links need feel the pricks of conscience. And with the weatherman furnishing conditions which could scarcely be equalled in the sunny south, who is there to complain?

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Robert W. Lesley, president of the Golf Association of Philadelphia and donor of the cup played for in the tricity matches between teams from Philadelphia, Boston and New York, has delivered himself of a few epigrams about the game of golf that are worth repetition. They follow:

"Whenever you meet a real golfer you will find that he is satisfied with every cent he spends on golf. He will tell you that it gives him more real health and pleasure than any other sport. Golf is not to be measured by dollars and cents."

"We are a nation of outdoor men and women, and the more we get out in the open the better we are."

"Next to baseball, golf is our national game."

"Golfers get more enjoyment playing golf, irrespective of the quality of their game, than they do by watching baseball, tennis or cricket."

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The membership of the United States Golf Association will shortly be augmented by one. At a meeting of the Winchester Country Club held recently it was voted to apply for active membership in the national body. When the application is accepted, the U. S. G. A. will have an active membership of 146. The Winchester club is at present on the allied list of members.