

# FALL GOLF FEAST TO OPEN AT BALA

*Vardon and Ray, Evans and Marston, Leslie  
Cup Matches Among Delicacies to Be  
Served Phila. Devotees of the Links*

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**T**HE Day, Tomorrow; the Place, the Bala Golf Club; the Actors, over a hundred of the most active and accomplished golfers in the Philadelphia district!

Thus will the 1920 fall golf season be inaugurated in our fair city—a period which bids fair to eclipse any contribution of former years. Before it is over Philadelphia will have seen some of the most accomplished golfers in the world wag their clubs over local courses.

In addition to the district events, the first of which will be the annual Pater et Filius affair, scheduled this season for the Springhaven Club, Thursday, September 2, there will be the Lesley Cup matches early in October at Merion and the series of exhibitions by Vardon and Ray the latter part of September. When the two great English golfers appear at the Merion Cricket Club, September 23, they will be opposed by Max Marston, the noted Philadelphian, and the famous "Chick" Evans, of Chicago.

## FIVE SIXTEENS IN BALA INVITATION

Before all this comes to pass, however, the cracks, the near-cracks and the just plain "duffers" will have their chance at Bala—from tomorrow until Saturday, inclusive. Here is one of the most popular, if not the most popular, invitation tournament in the Philadelphia golf year, from a local viewpoint. They have only nine holes at Bala, but those nine holes are interesting holes, and the hospitality of the organization is proverbial in local golf circles.

There will be only five sixteens for the very good reason that the course will accommodate no more. Therefore the qualifying round tomorrow will be of unusual interest in that the field is so large that every contestant, barring the handful of stars who habitually make the first and second flights, will be on the anxious bench all the way.

On Thursday the first round will be played; on Friday the second, and on Saturday the semi-finals and finals.

## A FORTUNATE SELECTION OF DATES

The Bala officials were particularly fortunate in their selection of dates, for the tournament comes at a moment when Philadelphia golfers are famishing for action. Not since the invitation event at Llanerch, more than a month ago, has there been anything moving of major importance on links hereabouts.

Let it be noted that we employ the word "fortunate" in the above rather than "wise;" for be it known that the Bala folks had an August date sort of forced on them. Originally they selected dates which conflicted with the District Amateur Championship. When the matter was called to their attention they promptly elected to make a change, and as all of the available fall dates were taken up they decided on August 25, 26, 27 and 28. They could not have done better, but permit it to be recorded that Bala could put on a tournament in bleak December, and probably get a full entry list.

The Tournament Committee is as follows: Francis McAdams, chairman, and the following: Charles H. Long, Robert Clarkson, Jr., Walter B. Scott, William H. Wilson, W. B. Supplee, Charles H. Sykes, George W. Hoffner, C. H. Silvey, George C. Klauer and W. H. Webb.

## A CHANCE FOR LOCAL GOLFERS

Vardon and Ray are scheduled to play at three clubs in the Philadelphia district. On September 22 they are to open at Huntingdon Valley, their opponents not yet being selected. The following day the British pair are to appear at Merion against Max Marston and "Chick" Evans, and on the twenty-fourth at Aronimink. The latter club, like Huntingdon Valley, has not yet chosen opponents for the two stars.

It would be a graceful tribute to Philadelphia golf if Huntingdon Valley and Aronimink selected two strictly local players to oppose the famous Britons. To see Vardon, Ray, Evans and Marston in a links struggle will be a golf feast par excellent, and the Merion Club is to be congratulated for arranging such a wonderful match. Nevertheless, if the promoters of international exhibition matches here are inspired by civic patriotism to offer a golf spectacle for Philadelphia devotees, it is obvious that their purpose can best be served by putting local players in competition with the two men recognized everywhere as the world's leading exponents of the links game.

There are pairs in Philadelphia capable of extending Vardon and Ray. To see them in competition with the two Englishmen would be an engaging exhibition as well as a source of gratification and pride to every follower of golf in this city. A boost for Philadelphia golf is a boost for Philadelphia.