

Philadelphia 1922 Amateur Golf Championship to Be Played at Pine Valley

OPEN TITLE EVENT AWARDED TO MERION

Local Links Association Favors Another Public Course

Veteran Golf Leader



HERE is Robert W. Lesley, of the Merion Cricket Club, president of the Golf Association of Philadelphia last night for a seven-month term.

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THE Philadelphia district amateur championship of 1922 will be played over one of the wonder courses of the world—a stretch of terrain rated as one of the finest tests of golf in the United States. We refer to the course of the Pine Valley Club.

The fact that this masterpiece of the golf architect's art was selected for the local classic this year shared the spotlight at the annual meeting of the Golf Association of Philadelphia, held at the Bellevue-Stratford last night, with the formation of an ambitious programme for the development of the links' game among the junior players of the city.

Howard W. Perrin, ex-president of the National Association and an official of the Pine Valley Club, gave the delegates in attendance the big thrill of the evening when he took the floor and announced that his famous organization with its more famous course was now ready and willing to entertain any of the local fixtures the delegates saw fit to send there.

From out of the excited hum of conversation came the voice of a Merion delegate offering Merion's noted east course for the championship, but the delegates would hear of nothing but Pine Valley, and there the amateur will be played next summer. A few minutes later, however, the district open championship was granted the Main Line club, which gratefully accepted a very nice consolation prize.

Meehan Pleads for Juniors

The other high light of the evening developed when Franklin Meehan took the floor to make a report as the chairman of the committee on junior championships. After electing the success of the 1921 event, the most successful ever held under the auspices of the association, and urging the wisdom of encouraging the boys to play golf, the speaker offered several suggestions which are certain to make golf history in this district, viz.:

First he urged that the junior championship be conducted more along the lines of the senior event, and added that the event should be given an early date in the 1922 schedule. He called attention to the fact that, although the entry list for the championship last year

Where Golf Fixtures of 1922 Will Be Held.

Amateur Championship—Pine Valley.
Open Championship—Merion.
Junior Championship—Terresdale.
Patterson Memorial—Phila. Cricket Club.
Interclub Series—Phila. Cricket Club.
Ancient and Honorable—Old York Road.
Father and Son—Whitemarsh.
Dinner Tournament—Philmont, Old York Road.

was bigger than ever before, it would have been still larger and more representative had it been held shortly after the close of school before the boys got away to their summer camps.

Mr. Meehan then submitted the proposition of forming a junior organization within the parent body, and suggested that two boys from each club be delegates with a committee of three seniors acting as a Board of Directors in an ex-officio capacity. He thought that this would do much for the advancement of golf and the development of the boys themselves. In conclusion the speaker suggested that junior inter-city competitions might well be developed so that the Philadelphia boys be given a chance to show the world the progress they have made through the fairway of Scott's pasture.

Following Mr. Meehan's report a motion was passed that the Chair appoint a committee of three to formulate a plan along the lines suggested by the speaker—the same to be submitted to the Executive Committee for action.

Lesley Re-elected President

President Robert W. Lesley added that he had witnessed much of the play in the 1921 junior championship, and emphasized the fine sportsmanship of the entrants.

"The boys were so upright in their adherence to the best traditions of the sport that they had a tendency to head over backwards," the veteran executive asserted.

Incidentally, Mr. Lesley was re-elected president for the seventeenth time. Francis B. Warner, who has occupied the dual office of secretary and treasurer for seven years, was also returned to office, as was Howard W. Perrin, vice president. In addition to these the following were re-elected to the Executive Committee:

Garfield Scot, Country Club; Henry Strauss, Philmont; E. S. Barry, River-ton; G. F. Brown, Huntingdon Valley; J. F. Deming, Whitemarsh; Fred Sherman, Country Club of Atlantic City.

The Lu Lu Temple Country Club requested that September 14, 15 and 16 be set aside for its annual Knoprick Cup tournament, while the Huntingdon Valley Country Club announced that the Graywood Hill classic would be held June 19, 20 and 21.

Tacony Public Course Urged

The association went on record as unanimously approving of more public golf courses in Philadelphia. After President Lesley had referred to the overcrowded condition of the district's lone municipal links at Cobbs Creek and called attention to the fact that over 50,000 rounds were played there last year, he told the delegates that Ab Smith, the man whose untiring efforts had made the Cobbs Creek course possible, had a resolution to offer.

Mr. Smith, who is a member of the Huntingdon Valley Club, then offered his resolution pointing out how far behind other cities Philadelphia is in the matter of public courses and placing the association on record as endorsing the project of the Park Commission for the establishment of a second municipal course at Tacony.

The resolution was enthusiastically passed, after which President Lesley appealed to the delegates to get out and work for the Tacony course with the same vim and energy that they showed in casting their votes.

The Handicap Committee reported that the 1921 list could be ready about February 15. The committee on caddy welfare reported progress as did the Greens Committee. Section J. C. Deming, amateur champion of Philadelphia, submitting the report of the latter, announced that on March 2 his committee would hold a meeting with speakers of national and international reputation on course upkeep.