

Hooks and Slices

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IF THE army preparing to mobilize at the Polo Grounds for the World's Series was limited in its recruiting to the ranks of golfers who revel in tournament play, there would be weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth among the nabobs of baseball. Trying to keep an eye on the links labyrinth this week will be no harder than attempting to see all of a three-ring circus and a Ziegfeld chorus at one and the same time.

Not until the snow flies will the golf balls cease to whistle over the fairways; but this week will furnish something of a grand finale to the 1922 links extravaganza in the matter of tournament competition. Other invitation events are carded for later in the season, but they will be few and far between.

No less than four major tournaments are scheduled for the balance of the week, and Thursday, Friday and Saturday the devotees will be tying knots in their necks trying to get an eyeful of it all.

And insofar as the players themselves are concerned, club clicks are being formed, historic foursomes split and domestic wrangles developed as member, partner and brother clash in choosing a field of activity.

In short, the hard-pressed golfer can't decide whether to compete at Swanee or Linwood. Then again, he feels that he will miss some dazzling golf and perhaps forfeit a lot of personal popularity among his women folks if he overlooks the Berthelwyn Cup classic at Huntingdon Valley.

Meanwhile he must carefully follow the Lesley Cup play at Lido, Long Island. The balance of the time he can devote to his business. Here is the tabulated programme for this week:

Berthelwyn Cup (Women).
Huntingdon Valley Country Club: Starts today and is concluded Saturday.

First Annual Open, Linwood Country Club, Atlantic City: October 5, 6 and 7.

Annual Fall Tournament, Shawnee Country Club, Shawnee-on-Delaware: October 5, 6 and 7.

Lesley Cup Matches, Lido, Long Island: October 6 and 7.

CONFLICTING DATES

SO much for the protean program. It is unfortunate that Linwood and Shawnee should fix upon conflicting dates—unfortunate for the clubs, for the golfers and for the game. Both events will undoubtedly attract big and representative fields, but if they did not clash they would certainly draw better.

The Shawnee fixtures are familiar to all, and it would be difficult to find a real golfer in either the Metropolitan or Philadelphia district who has never played over the mountain course. Linwood, on the other hand, is stepping out with its first big amateur event.

In round figures the course measures 6,500 yards, with a par of 72. It was laid out by Herbert Strong, the man responsible for the Engineer's course. At Linwood they have what is said to be the largest green in the world, the eighth, which is 110 yards long and two-thirds as wide. If this isn't the greatest green we would like to hear the details. Five water hazards are provided, and nine holes are of the dogleg variety. Three of the first nine holes are one-shotters, and one of the second nine is also a short one.

Some idea of the severity of the golf test provided may be had when it is recorded that the best score ever made over this terrain is 73, Henry E. Williams, Clarence Hackney and Maurice Risley having spun this total. The first two named are professionals.

NAILING A CANARD

SINCE the birth of golf the reproach has been hurled at those who play that they were wasting their time on "an old man's game." If this wasn't so trite and so pitiful it would be ludicrous.

Glenna Collett, queen of women golfers in the United States, is an elderly dame of nineteen summers!

Jesse Sweetser, amateur champion of the United States, is a doddering old wreck of twenty!

Gene Sarazen, open champion of the United States, has reached the ripe old age of twenty-one!

Three national champions in "an old man's game" have a combined age of just 60 years. Take all other major sports, pick any three champions and if their ages do not total more than 60 years you may name your poison.

FORTUNATE PHILADELPHIA

PHILADELPHIA is exceedingly fortunate in that the Berthelwyn Cup classic is an annual fixture within its borders. Every twelve-month the best women golfers in America gather at the Huntingdon Valley Country Club to furnish a delectable encore to the National Championship. Possessing the Berthelwyn tournament is only slightly less satisfactory than holding the national title event in perpetuity.

As a matter of fact, this year it happens that the local fixture is of greater interest to local golfers in this vicinity than the championship. Practically all of the outstanding stars who qualified at White Sulphur last week will tee off at Noble today, and in addition the field will be reinforced by all the crack local players who did not appear in the national.