

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NOTES

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THE WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA golf season for 1914 was practically brought to a close by the annual fall one-day tournament of the Western Pennsylvania Golf Association, which was held at the Oakmont Country Club last month. The tournament was match play and was conducted along rather unique lines. As the players entered they were drawn into flights of sixteen irrespective of their golfing ability. The sixteens then competed at match play under the association handicaps. Each match was of nine holes, so that the contest was completed in one day. There were 52 entries, making four flights. Mr. C. F. Peters, of the Youghiogheny Country Club; Mr. H. H. Pierce, of Sewickley Valley; Mr. L. L. Voigt, of Oakmont, and Mr. C. H. Aufhammer, of Stanton Heights, were the winners in their respective flights.

In the afternoon a special 18 holes medal play handicap was held which was open to those playing match play as well as others. Mr. J. E. Beck, of the Bellevue Country Club, turned in the low net score. His gross was 94, with a handicap of 17, which gave him a 77.

Following the tournament the annual dinner and meeting of the Western Pennsylvania Golf Association was held at the Oakmont club house.

The meeting was the largest that the Association has ever held, eleven clubs being represented. The following officers were elected for 1915:

President, John C. Oliver, Allegheny Country Club; vice president, Harry D. Shute, Oakmont Country Club; secretary, George A. Ormiston, Oakmont Country Club; treasurer, James W. Barber, Thornburg Country Club. The following executive committee was elected: J. F. Byers, Allegheny; W. C. Fownes, Jr., Oakmont; J. B. Crookston, Stanton Heights; L. C. Liddell, Field Club; M. N. Ballard, Bellevue.

Plans for the next season were discussed, the question of team matches being the principal subject. Many of the clubs stated that they would like to put a team in the field, but that they could not compete with such clubs as Oakmont and Allegheny. It was decided that a meeting of the executive committee be called and that each club in the association should be represented by one member. The chances are that three leagues of four or five clubs each will be formed.

Mr. R. L. James, of Allegheny, who resigned as secretary, was presented with a loving cup in appreciation of his six years service with the Association.

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Much interest was displayed in the team matches last month between the Oakmont Country Club, the Allegheny Country Club and the Stanton Heights Golf Club. Oakmont won both of the spring matches, Allegheny won one and lost one, while Stanton Heights lost two. The first fall match was between Oakmont and Allegheny, and was won by Allegheny 25 to 20. Oakmont lost 12 points because Mr. M.



MR. H. C. FOWNES, one of the prominent members of the Oakmont Country Club.

D. Ritchie, one of its team, failed to put in an appearance. Had Mr. Ritchie been present, Oakmont would no doubt have won out. The result of this match made Allegheny and Oakmont tie. Allegheny next played Stanton Heights and was defeated by the score of 28 to 8, which was rather a surprise to the Sewickley Heights players, who were confident of winning. The last match was between Oakmont and Stanton Heights and the result was eagerly awaited by everyone as it would decide which club should hold the Western Pennsylvania championship. Should Oakmont win it would give them the title, while if

Stanton Heights should win the three clubs would be tied. The match was played at Oakmont in a snowstorm and the home club scored an easy victory 35 to 15, which gave them the title.

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The McCurdy-Trees Ringer Trophy for which the members of the Oakmont Country Club have been competing all season, was won by Mr. Davidson Herron. Each time a player made a hole under par he could turn it in as a "ringer" provided he completed the full round of 18 holes. Mr. Herron during the season had every hole but the third under par, while on several holes he was two strokes under par. His total for the 18 holes was 52. Mr. G. A. Ormiston was second with 53. It was on the eleventh, which is a par four that Mr. Ormiston fell down. Several times he hit the cup for a three but could not get down. The four best cards were:

Davidson Herron :

Out—3 3 4 3 3 2 3 2 3—26
In —3 3 4 2 3 3 2 3 3—26—52—0—52

G. A. Ormiston:

Out—3 3 3 4 3 2 3 2 3—26
In —3 4 4 2 3 3 2 3 3—27—53—0—53

H. C. Fownes:

Out—3 2 3 4 4 2 3 2 4—27
In —3 3 4 2 3 3 2 3 4—27—54—1—53

W. G. Costin:

Out—3 3 3 4 3 2 3 2 4—27
In —3 3 4 2 3 4 3 3 3—28—55—1—54

W. C. Fownes, Jr.:

Out—3 3 3 4 3 2 3 2 4—27
In —3 4 4 2 3 3 2 3 4—28—55—0—55

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The past month has been one of club championships. Many of last year's champions retained their titles, while in some cases a new name appears on the list. The following is a list of the clubs that held championship contests and the winners and runners-up:

Stanton Heights Golf Club — J. B. Crookston, winner; J. Graham, runner-up.

Pittsburgh Field Club—L. C. Liddell, winner; T. M. Bennett, runner-up.

Edgewood Country Club—W. A. Dalrymple, winner; R. L. Kester, runner-up.

Bellevue Country Club—W. Jenkinson, winner; S. B. Ralston, runner-up.

Thornburg Country Club—C. H. Barber, winner; Alan Mathews, runner-up.

Beaver Valley Country Club—T. E. Corbus, winner; E. S. Brubaker, runner-up.

Ben Avon Country Club—H. F. Jefferson, winner; E. W. Eichenberger, runner-up.

Castle Shannon Country Club—Walter Long, winner; W. E. McCormick, runner-up.

Mt. Lebanon Country Club — T. P. Tweed, winner; Horace Hays, runner-up.

Pittsburgh Country Club—J. N. Anderson, winner; J. S. Hammond, runner-up.

The Oakmont Country Club and the Allegheny Country Club did not hold championship tournaments.

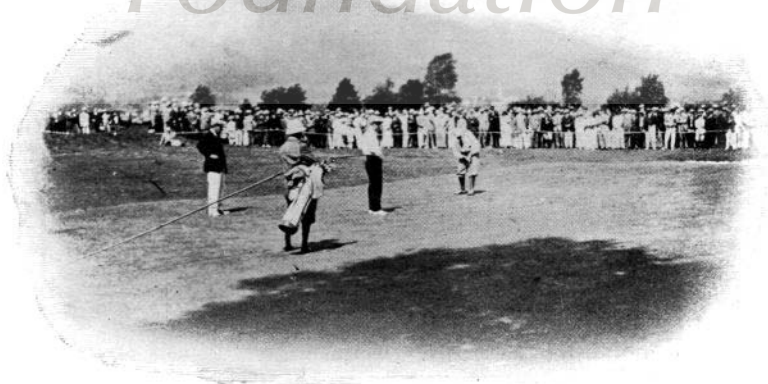
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At the annual meeting of the Stanton Heights Golf Club the following officers were elected for 1915: presi-

dent, R. A. McDonald; vice president, Dr. G. A. Dinninger; secretary, Bruce Millar; treasurer, Grant Dibert.

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As they did last year, Pittsburgh golfers will have a chance to play the game all winter, as the Pittsburgh School of Golf, which was in operation in the Century building last winter, reopened December first. There will be four nets as last year, but in addition there will be a nine holes putting course. This course will be covered with a special kind of heavy carpet, with mounds and depressions. Charles Rowe, professional of the Beaver Valley Country Club, and Dave McKay, of the Bellevue Country Club, will again have charge of the club, giving lessons and making clubs. Tournaments for members and matches with indoor clubs in other cities will be held during the winter. Three mornings a week will be reserved for women.



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