

EASTERN DEPARTMENT

By "HAZARD"



"I SOMETIMES
THINK that
never blows so
red
The rose as where
some buried
Caesar bled;
That every hyacinth
the garden
wears
Dropt in her lap
from some once
lovely head."
(Omar Khayyam.)

And maybe, too, the rank weeds flourish
more
In spots where once a frenzied niblick tore;
And every crab-grass root on putting-
greens
Springs from the curse of some dub that
was sore.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Golf Association of Philadelphia was held on January 15th at the Bellevue-Stratford. Peculiar interest centered on the occasion for the action of the delegates was to settle the fate of the titular tournaments for 1919 and the other regularly scheduled events, which were abandoned with the breaking into the war by America. However it was conceded generally that all the events would be restored to schedule and this action of the meeting brought no surprise.

For the past month and longer, there have been mutterings of discontent among the smaller clubs. It was rumored that they would demand greater representation on the Executive Committee. The younger organizations, it was asserted, were supplying most of the contenders in local tournaments of the past two years, and

each season found them getting more ambitious. Evidently, the conduct of the team matches has not been altogether to their liking. For several seasons the interest in the team matches among the older and larger organizations has waned until there is a likelihood of their discontinuance. For this reason the smaller clubs contended that their team matches were of considerably more importance than of old. With some of the city's best golfers contending in these meetings there is some reason for such a contention.

The officials of the Golf Association of Philadelphia have been long in service and there have been those who openly expressed the belief that an infusion of new blood among the executives would be good for golf in the section. Particularly during last season there were rumblings of dissatisfaction over the awards of war-fund prizes. It is true that the association had no schedule last year, but it did encourage tournaments for the benefit of various patriotic funds. Over forty thousand dollars was raised for war-funds by local clubs' efforts.

There was practically no change in the officials and the following were selected for the coming season: President, Mr. Robert W. Lesley of Merion; vice-president, Mr. Howard W. Perrin of Pine Valley; secretary-treasurer, Mr. Francis B. Warner of the Phila-

delphia Cricket Club. The executive committee consists of Mr. Harrison Townsend of Aronimink; Mr. Walter Zebley of Huntingdon Valley; Mr. Garfield Scott of the Philadelphia Country Club; Mr. F. F. Hallowell of St. Davids; Mr. Henry Strouse of Philmont, and Mr. Frederick S. Sherman of the Country Club of Atlantic City.

The Amateur Championship will be played over the course at Philmont and the Open Championship at White-marsh on dates to be announced later. North Hills will have the Junior Championship.

The annual dinner will be spread at Merion with the play of the day over that course and St. Davids as well. The Country Club of Atlantic City was awarded the Midsummer Handicap. The Pater et Filius tournament is scheduled for St. Davids and the Ancient and Honorable event goes to Springhaven. As usual the Patterson Cup contest will be played at St. Martin's.

So it will be seen that the old schedule has been restored completely and the Association proceeds with the same officials. There was one excellent motion made and it met with unqualified approval. It provided for the care of injured soldiers and sailors by employing them wherever possible in the capacities of caddie masters and general helpers around clubhouses and courses.

As mentioned before in this magazine the Association has paid a fine tribute to the late Mr. H. H. Cornish, the newspaper man, and the first playing of the Cornish Memorial will be over Aronimink, the home-course of the lamented golfer and journalist.

IT IS WITH DEEP REGRET that we chronicle the death of Mr. Benjamin Shoemaker, one of the veteran players of Huntingdon Valley, and one of the most popular golfers of the city.

LAST MONTH, in our reference to Pine Valley and a contribution which had been made for the completion of the four unfinished holes, the Editor inserted a clause which stated that Mr. Eugene Grace was the mysterious donor of \$35,000 for this purpose. Now, I know that he got this information from a source which seemed to preclude any possibility of mistake, but the following letter from Mr. Howard Perrin, President of Pine Valley and ex-president of the U. S. G. A., speaks for itself:

"My dear—:

I notice in "Hazard's" article in the American Golfer, (and I am sure you know this gentleman very well) that he makes a statement relative to Pine Valley which is absolutely incorrect and which I would like to have you correct in your next article and in any other way that you see fit.

Mr. Grace did not give any money whatever to Pine Valley and I do not understand where the report emanated.

Mr. Grinnell Willis of Morristown, New Jersey, who has been very much interested in Pine Valley and was a great friend of George's and mine, and who spends considerable of his time at Pine Valley, came in to see me about a month ago and said that he would be glad to give \$20,000 to finish the four holes at Pine Valley, and in a few days he sent me a check for that amount. It seemed to me that inasmuch as the Crump Estate had returned to us \$40,000 of the \$100,000 in bonds that were held by George, for the purpose of taking care of the \$20,000 note and to finish the course, that it was only fair since we had sold \$20,000 of the bonds to take care of the note, that the other \$20,000 of the bonds should be given to Mr. Willis instead of accepting his offer as an absolute gift.

So it practically amounts to Mr. Willis having purchased \$20,000 of the Pine Valley Golf Club five per cent Bonds and the proceeds will be used for finishing the course.

Mr. Willis asked at the time he made his gift, that his name should not be made known to the newspapers, although all club members knew that the money was given

by him, but since the newspapers have gone entirely wrong on the subject, I think it only fair that the facts should now be stated.

Mr. Grace naturally is very much annoyed that he should have been given credit for something he did not do and therefore, you will be helping not only Mr. Willis but Mr. Grace in stating the facts of the case."

(ending in a purely personal strain)

Faithfully yours,

HOWARD W. PERRIN.

I am very glad indeed to correct the editorial error in this fashion, but so far as "Hazard" is concerned he must declare that he never had heard Mr. Grace's name mentioned in the matter.

(A CABLED MESSAGE informs us that "Somewhere in France" at St. Cloud, the President of the United States enjoyed his round of golf in the mud.)

*A gentleman, named Wilson,
Went a'golfing to "San Cloo";
Of course he took his putter,
And he took a smile or two.
But did he keep on smiling
Every time he blew a putt,
Or show some irritation
With a Chevy Chase "Tut, tut?"*

ONE OF THE most unique courses in Eastern Pennsylvania exists at Hazleton. The clubhouse is situated high on the cliff-like sides of the mountain, 500 feet above the course itself. The first teeing ground is located about half way down the mountain and consequently it has been necessary to take a stiff climb after the ninth hole to begin the second round. In the past the club has

kept some small donkeys and the players have made the ascent on burro-back. Plans have just been completed by Mr. A. W. Tillinghast, the golf architect, for a remodelled course of nine holes, measuring close to 3,200 yards. To make this possible some additional ground was purchased and in the future the climbing will be eliminated.

ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS The American Golfer has referred to that excellent band of golfers, the Ozone Club. Mr. Samuel Mason was recently elected president; Mr. James G. Biddle, secretary, and Mr. John H. Webster, treasurer. Recently the club held a tournament over the course of the Country Club of Atlantic City and the annual dinner as well. Mr. Daniel S. White defeated Mr. Henry W. Leeds in the final for chief honors. Each of these players had three of the monthly competitions of 1918.

Mr. J. Haines Lippincott won a leg on the President's trophy and a special prize went to Mr. Joseph Roberts of Moorestown, N. J.

MR. JULIAN STORY, the artist, has completed a large canvas, which depicts the late Mr. George A. Crump in golf attire. It has been on exhibition in the McKlee galleries but soon it will be hung in the Pine Valley clubhouse.

