

Golf on the Coast

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Fourth of July witnessed the opening of the third course on the famous Monterey Peninsula. The new layout is the Monterey Peninsula Country Club. Nine of the holes are situated in the midst of a pine forest. The other half is along the sand dunes on the coast. These two distinct types of golf are played in one round. For the first time, conditions are those of the interior courses of California. For the second there are the trade winds off the ocean to deal with.

The inaugural tournament brought out a large entry list. George W. Nickel won the qualifying round and established the course record with a 76. He was unable to continue in the match play. The event was won by Archie Sanchez of Monterey.

The new course was planned and partially laid out by Seth J. Raynor, who died before its completion. Robert Hunter of Pebble Beach in collaboration with Dr. A. Mackenzie finished Raynor's work. The course is given a high rating by reason of its versatility, picturesqueness and its call for sound golfing shots.

Arrangements have been made with the Del Monte Properties Company, which controls the Del Monte and Pebble Beach courses, for cooperation in large tournaments whenever three courses should be needed. Thus it is seen that for a long time to come there will be no congestion at Del Monte for the annual state tournaments or for any other. Moreover, it will not be long until a fourth course will be added to this "playground of the West." Dr. Mackenzie has already laid out the Cypress Point links and construction will be under way in the near future.

The Cypress Point links will be in the estimation of the players who have gone over the ground, one of the world's greatest natural courses. Artificial hazards are practically unnecessary. In scenic beauty as well it will have few peers. Cypress Point for more than fifty years has attracted sight-seers in all parts of the world.

Following closely upon the heels of the rather spectacular Oregon State championship, the Pacific Northwest Golf Association held its annual championship at the Spokane Country Club. The event was won by Forrest Watson of the home club, who beat Dr. O. F. Willing of the Waverly Club, Portland, 5 and 3 in the finals. The matches at Spokane did not have, as a rule, the astonishing scoring that occurred at the Portland event. The weather was hot, and gusty winds most of the time made the play erratic. Watson beat Willing chiefly by superior recovery work as both were unsteady from the tee.

The other two semi-finalists were Roy Moe and Bon Stein. In his semi-final match Dr. Willing hit the fastest streak of the tournament when he made his third nine in 32. A 67 by Willing and the same score by Clare Griswold of San Francisco were the best cards turned in during the meet. Frank Dolp's defeat by Jim Wall was the one outstanding upset. Roy Moe of Portland was the medalist with 72-69—141.

Mrs. Guy Riegel of the Spokane Country Club won the Women's championship after taking first honors in the qualifying round. Mrs. Anne Wolverton of California was the runner-up. Mrs. Riegel's 85 in medal play equalled the women's par of the course.

Johnny Junor, professional of the Portland Country Club, who a few weeks later brought himself to the notice of the East by a brilliant 70 on the first day of the U. S. G. A. Open, won the Open championship at Spokane. He had four, consistent rounds totalling 290. Walter Pursey of Inglewood was second with 292.