



THE VILLA FOURVIÈRES AT BIARRITZ
The present club house and the course, which is one of the oldest in France, are open for play the year round

Golf at Biarritz

In view of the fact that Biarritz has as many seasons as the year, its golf course, in the nature of things, ought to be open from the first day of January to the last day of December. It is. This was not always the case, however. During the first quarter century or so of its existence the course was closed from June to October. But by 1912 golf was making more headway in France and Spain—the border of which is not far from Biarritz—and why not include all the days of the year when, in that fair land, they are playable? How closely this was discounting the future is to be seen in the circumstance that the course became so thronged eventually that an additional one has been constructed and this also is to be open the year round.

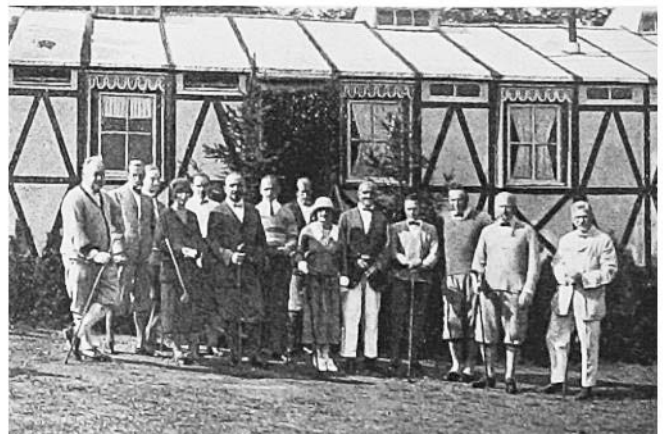
Golf had its beginning at Biarritz, as at Pau, in the early history of the sport in France. Members of the English colony, which has so long been numerous in this particular section of the wonderful Basque country, made the start in March 1888. Wanting the sport, they were willing to pay for it. This spirit was echoed down through the well nigh forty years which make up the history of golf at Biarritz. It has been evidenced again and again in the course of the heavy expenditures, especially in recent years, which have gone into making golf conditions there among the finest on the Continent. Thirteen years ago Sir E. Hambro, the owner of the better portion of the land devoted to the course, sold it to the municipality of Biarritz on the condition that it should always be used for that purpose. Meanwhile, Sir A. Fairbairn, one of the prime movers of the club, had guaranteed the payment of the

rental of the leased land from the beginning. Mr. Boulant, the president of the Société des Terrains de Golf de Biarritz et Angleterre, has also been a benefactor. Then there is Sam Park, the American who has been so prominent in the resident colony for many years; he contributed one hundred thousand francs to the cause.

Golf at Biarritz also owes much to the prestige given it over a lengthy period by notable sojourners at this resort, among them being Edward VII, Lord Derby, the Earl of Dudley, Lord Kilmare and Lord Herbert Vantempest. And the fashionable world of New York has been well represented on the course.

A committee of nine, chosen annually from the permanent members of the British Golf Club of Biarritz, was intrusted with the management of affairs from the beginning up to 1894. In that year the Société des Terrains de Golf de Biarritz et Angleterre was organized, the Villa Fourvières—the present club house—and its grounds were purchased and an honorary secretary was appointed to conduct the club thenceforth in the accepted British manner.

The course was originally a nine-hole one, like so many of the others of that period. In 1892 it was extended to eighteen and before long there was constructed a special one of nine holes, reserved exclusively. The first prize, the Médaille d'Argent given by Lord Shand in April, 1888, still figures in the club's principal annual competitions. Three years later Lord Milmaine offered the Grand Challenge Cup, for foursomes representing the first two golf clubs in France, played annually for 72 holes, 36 at Biarritz and 36 at Pau.



A GROUP OF GOLF STARS GATHERED AT SALZBRUNN
Among those who played this well known German course: Count Hermann Zu Dohnau; Madame Von Szlavy, Hungarian lady champion; Count Nikolas Zu Dohnau; Dr. Von Limburger, German champion; Mr. Lauber, Hungarian champion; and at the extreme right, Mr. William Coffin, American Consul-General to Germany