



NEW Year's Day without a snowflake in the North may well tempt golf to stay long, and up to the last day of the old year and into the first day of the new the pick of the players of the North kept up the merry racket. Lakewood, a veritable die-hard among the links, where autumn is the spring of its play and winter golf lingers in the lap of spring in more than the poetic sense, was busy in the holiday season. Baltusrol, not to be behind, had its links full, whilst, of course, Atlantic City justified its more southern position by active play well up into January.

The majority of the Northern courses are in the hands of experts, and anxiety largely centers round the selection of the links for next year's championships.

Among those who are bidding for one or other of these events is the Nassau Country Club of Long Island. Its course has during the year been extended to 6,022 yards, with the following schedule of distance and bogie scores:

OUT.		IN.			
Yds.	Bogie.	Yds.	Bogie.		
1. First.....	375	4	10. Slide.....	400	5
2. Long.....	500	6	11. Sand Pit.....	188	4
3. Meadow.....	317	4	12. Corner.....	395	5
4. Mounds.....	378	5	13. Railroad.....	300	4
5. Old Lane.....	350	5	14. Cellar.....	390	5
6. Graveyard.....	410	5	15. Hill.....	473	5
7. Circus.....	161	3	16. Hollow.....	360	5
8. Woods.....	340	5	17. Pond.....	150	3
9. Roadside.....	375	5	18. Home.....	280	4
Totals.....	3,086	42	Totals.....	2,936	47
Grand Totals—Length, 6,022 yards.		Bogie, 83.			

Last year there was quite a hanging back of good clubs; nobody seemed particularly anxious to secure the privilege of the championships, so much so that in the event at the annual meeting it had to be left to the Executive Committee to select a place at a later period of the season. This year there is every probability of quite a contest for the now coveted honor. and as last year the West was the scene of the Amateur Championships, the Men's at Chicago and the Women's at Philadelphia, and the professionals at Baltimore, we may expect a reversal of the order and that the Amateur Championship will find a home in the East. It would be useful to have the place selected at the forthcoming annual meeting.

Our English brethren have already made their selection, and it may be useful to intending visitors to Europe in the coming season to know that the English Amateur Men's Championship will be held over the Sandwich course (near to the two great departure ports, Dover and Folkestone) during the week beginning May the 17th, and the Women's Championship will be held the following week on the beautiful west country links of Westward Ho! in Devonshire.

Winter golf, really winter golf, will be divided into two main streams, each of them having possession of superb opportunities for play. One stream will take a westward course from Denver to the coast, and thence flow north and south over the sixteen links dotting California from its northern limits to the border line of Mexico. About these I need say no more in this place, inasmuch as the subject will, I am told, be fully dealt with in the body of OUTING for March.

The other stream will take a direct south-eastern course, from Richmond and Virginia Hot Springs through the two Carolinas, Georgia and Florida, and of this stream I can say no more than is told by J. Duncan Dunn, who tells in the pages of this issue the story of his tour in the South last winter.

Special arrangements for quite an interesting series of play have been made by the East Coast Florida Golf Association on its links from St. Augustine to Nassau, and in the West Coast Association golfing has been placed by the Plant system under the superintendence of that veteran golfer, Thomas Dunn.

Already the links are busy on both these highly favored winter seacoasts, and the Pacific and the Atlantic will both ring with the sound of golf on its favorite haunts—links by the sea.

In the intermediate West and Southwest golf is steadily marching on. Galveston, Tex., is providing a course of holes and Austin and El Paso Tex., are following suit. Arizona's Phoenix Club has been organized, with every prospect of success, Omaha, Neb., has arranged for a course.

At the meeting of the Intercollegiate Golf Association Chester Griswold, Jr., was re-elected President and George Clark, Jr., Vice-President, and S. H. Nash Secretary and Treasurer. The University of Pennsylvania, which has had a club for three years past, was admitted to membership. No tournament, however, will be held in 1900, as two were held in 1899. In 1901 we may hope to see the benefit of this fallow year.

The Princeton "P" has been heretofore an exclusive possession of the 'varsity football, baseball and track men. An exception will be made in Percy R. Pyne's case, and he will be the first Princeton golfer to be awarded this honor.

Secretary Robert B. Kerr, of the United States Golf Association, has not, at this writing, issued the thirty days' notice to the associated clubs fixing the date of the annual meeting, but it is understood that it will be held in New York on the 28th February.

Notes have been sent to the associated clubs asking each of them their wishes with regard to having one or the other championship on their links, and to state their abilities for managing a national event.

Garden City is likely to be a strong competitor for the men's amateur contest, and Shinnecock Hills and Baltusrol will make a close contest for the women's competition, whilst Chicago will seek to obtain the open championship.

These selections would all be popular and appropriate. Garden City has been a favorite with the first circle of players ever since the Metropolitan Championship held there last spring.

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