

ESSENTIALS IN GOLF TOLD

Experts Declare Changing of Style is Fault.

FIRST STYLE MAY BE BEST

Practice of Bunker Art is Department of Game Often Overlooked to Disadvantage—Weakness Kills Off Otherwise Good Score.

According to a well known student of golf, the first and most important essential of practice is that the player should have acquired something like a settled style.

One of the chief drawbacks to success with a majority of amateurs who devote a great deal of time to practice throughout the year is the tendency to change in the disturbing process of taking to pieces and building up again many of the essentials of such style as they may have formerly acquired.

The swing may be either a full one round the body, or a shorter one round the shoulders, but in either case, the essential of progressive practice is that it must be based upon one of the other styles or, at any rate, that the player should have mastered the first elements of knowing how to grasp the club and to address his body to the ball.

Original Style Best.

Practice carried out on such principles as these must obviously become deleterious. In the first place, the player had formerly acquired the art of playing shots in a certain manner which was in all respects suited to his peculiarity of swing and physical attainments.

Another element of practice not less essential than that of building it up on some sort of settled style is that it should be carried out with the whole-hearted object of mastering the difficulty.

Take, for example, one of the most frequently recurring difficulties wherein practice is rarely made a settled policy on the part of a majority of players. It is the art of getting a ball out of a deep sand pit with any shot.

Bunkers Now Are Deeper. These new traps are not only being made deep, but they are, for the most part, built up with a high perpendicular face on the side approaching the hole.

Everybody adapts the proud theory that from the relative shortness of his play or the straightness with which all of his balls are hit the chances of getting into a bunker are fairly remote.

Another instance in which there is failure to lighten up the loose joints of a game is the short approach shot, especially when there are one or two little sandpits to be crossed in order to get near the hole.

Many players seem to be unable to acquire the delicate touch of lifting the ball clean, so as to place it well over the obstacles near the hole side. But at a distance of fifty or seventy-five yards, when there is a clear, unbroken run, the players who do not practice the short lift are a good deal more successful in running the ball up along the ground.

Practically its true sense really consists in trying to strengthen the weak points in the golfing harness. It ought to be carried out methodically with that object alone. It is to be feared, however, that this is a source of perfection. No player as a rule seems likely to face the drudgery of applying himself to the art of practicing in detail.

His main object is rather to derive pleasure from the game whatever the result may be of frequent hitting, and his pre-occupied attitude with respect to serious practice in the details is summed up in the familiar phrase that "the game is not worth the candle." Yet if one were disposed to take a leaf out of the practicing book of the professional, the lesson of settled practice would be graphically ex-

posed by the amount of its productive energy.

At times when J. H. Taylor, several times open champion of Great Britain has been forced to listen to the many deserved compliments that have been paid to him by discriminating amateurs on the brilliancy of his match play, the modest answer of the professional has always been that few golfers realized how many long hours of steady practice in acquiring skill at that shot alone had been spent by him. If, therefore, efficiency should be the object of all practice, it is one of the essential conditions that it must be made in detail.

For the main part, this is the difference which distinguishes the methods of the professional from the amateur. The professional is content to practice steadily at the few shots in which his skill is relatively deficient, while the amateur is only in rare instances a serious enough student to sacrifice for a time the sociable amenities of the friendly match to learn how successfully to play out of bunkers, or the rough, or to lay the pitch approach shot dead.

Big Series to Be Played by Three Cities

New York, Philadelphia and Washington Will Compete.

PHILADELPHIA, July 16.—Amateur baseball teams of New York, Philadelphia and Washington will meet in a great inter-city series of games this fall. This plan was determined at a meeting held here last week, and while full details of the series have not been arranged, it was decided to hold the series on September 10, 17 and 24.

At the same time an inter-city amateur baseball commission, with two commissioners in each of the above named three cities, was formed and plans were laid for a further enlargement of amateur baseball contests for 1911. It is likely that next year the inter-city commission will include Boston in these inter-city matches, and may extend its activities to a city in the west.

In this inter-city series New York is represented by the Interborough Amateur baseball league, the Philadelphia end is safeguarded by the Philadelphia Amateur Baseball association, while Washington is prominent with the Amateur Baseball commission, a well established association, comprising six leagues of six clubs each.

The decision to hold a tri-city series this fall means that such of the above named cities will witness games for the title and that the winning teams in each league will make visits to the other cities. While it has not been decided where the first games will be played, it is likely that New York or Washington will get the first and second games, with the third and final games in this city. The schedule planned called for games as follows:

At New York—First game, Philadelphia against New York; second game, Washington against New York. At Philadelphia—First game, Philadelphia against Washington; second game, New York against Washington. At Washington—First game, New York against Philadelphia; second game, Washington against Philadelphia.

The members of the inter-city commission are John F. Flagg and William H. Pau of the Interborough Amateur league of New York; F. W. Bologna of the Amateur Baseball commission, Washington; M. N. Rawlings of the Amateur Baseball association, Philadelphia; and Washington and Philadelphia will appoint one additional commissioner each.

This will without doubt be the greatest series of amateur baseball games ever arranged. It will be the meeting of the best amateur baseball teams of the three cities. Word comes from not only New York and Washington, but from all parts of the country of the ever-increasing interest in amateur baseball, and the commission hopes next year to include other features that will place amateur baseball on a very high plane.

Commissioner J. F. Flagg of New York offers a large pennant to the team winning the inter-city series. Mr. Flagg has given trophies to the champion inter-city teams for the last two years. Linwood of Philadelphia and St. Nicholas of New York each possessing one of his red, white and blue flags.

NEW YORK, July 16.—Though the Motor Racing association has postponed its next twenty-four-hour race until August 13 and 14 it has been decided to hold midget races on the Brighton Beach motor track Saturday, July 23. There will be a program of nine events and a match race between George Robertson, driving a Simplex racing car, and Ralph de Palma, the Fiat "evolvee." The match will be in five-mile heats, best two in three, for a purse of \$200. All the other events will be ten-mile dashes, a distance that insures the cars being driven at top speed all the way.

There will be a free-for-all in which the world's fastest cars are expected to compete; a race open to all cars that have competed in twenty-four-hour races under the Motor Racing association auspices, and a contest for amateur drivers under the Automobile Association of America definition. All sizes of cars are catered to in the program. There will be five dashes under the class C ruling as follows: Division 1, for cars with piston displacement of 150 inches and under; division 2, with displacement from 161 to 175 inches; division 3, 181 to 200 inches; division 4, 201 to 220 inches; division 5, 221 to 250 inches.

The events will be started at 1 o'clock in the afternoon and will be concluded about 6 o'clock in the evening. The dashes are to be run off promptly one after another. A sanction for this meet has been granted by the Automobile Association of America to the Motor Racing association.

THREE-CUSHION LEAGUE IS A GO Catcher King of the Cubs is Moving Spirit in Organization. NEW YORK, July 16.—Johnny Kling, catcher of the Chicago Cubs, has perfected the organization of the National Amateur Three-Cushion league, which will take its place in the billiard world next November.

The new league's circuit will include eight cities—Kansas City, Chicago, St. Louis and Pittsburg in the west and New York, Brooklyn, Boston and Philadelphia in the east. Kling has been working for such an association ever since he joined the Chicago club this spring. While in the east on the Cubs' last trip he rounded up the four cities from this section of the country, then succeeded in interesting Pittsburg. Last week he secured the promise of St. Louis billiardists to go into the organization. A meeting will be held at the close of the baseball season, when officers will be elected.

Kling already has made out a schedule which probably will be followed. The season will open the first day of November and close on April 6. Four teams will be engaged in the opening series. Kansas City playing at Pittsburg and Boston at New York.

TO HOLD GREATEST REGATTA

Amateur Oarsmen in Large Numbers to Compete.

EVENT WILL BE ON POTOMAC

Potomac Boat Club Plans Most Stupendous Event of Kind Ever Held in Annals of Rowing—Foreigners to Compete.

WASHINGTON, July 16.—When amateur oarsmen came here in August to compete in the national regatta scheduled to be held on the Potomac river, the gathering of sweep swimmers will be the most representative one which ever attended a National Association of Amateur Oarsmen event. As a matter of fact, the Potomac Boat club, which organization is to run the affair, is planning the most stupendous regatta of its kind on record. Word received from the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen secretary, Fred Fortmeyer, who is in New York City, states that clubs from all parts of the country are writing for information concerning the regatta. Incidentally, he declares that the Canadian entry this year will be larger than ever before.

Some months ago it was reported that several European clubs would be invited to send crews to compete, but now it is thought that the organization will be unable to have them come here. This is due to the fact that it will cost the national association too much money to have the foreigners come. As it is, the expenditures will reach a large sum.

Already the local committee has started to raise the necessary money to defray expenses and insure success to the event. As the regatta is a national championship affair, the local committee is requested to guarantee to the national association close on to \$3,000. This amount will be used to purchase prizes and other regatta necessities.

The merchantmen are really enthusiastic over the fact that the regatta is to be held here. Many are helping the committee out by appropriating money. A large number of donations in the way of prizes have already been received.

Reports received here from rowing clubs all over the country state that their men are in training. The Canadians are particularly enthusiastic over the event, and declare that they expect to have their hopes realized in the way of carrying off the premier honors this year. The Canadians in recent years, have produced crack crews, but somehow or other they don't seem to be able to get the better of the American amateurs. Captain Joseph Wright, captain of the famous Argonauts, has written a letter to a local oarsman, stating that he alone would bring down with a contingent consisting of over 200 persons. They will travel in a special car, and besides attending the regatta expect to spend a week here sightseeing.

One of the leading Canadian oarsmen to come here will be O'Neill, the champion Canadian sculler. Other across-the-border clubs will also send large delegations. If O'Neill comes primed in the best condition, however, he should not feel any too sure of his success. Dorando Miller, the New Yorker, is also coming, as are a number of other star American single scullers. Miller is to be trained by Edward Hanlon Ten Eyck and his clubmates feel certain that he will give the winner of the championship single sculls the race of his career. Miller finished second in the event last year.

In the class in which Miller will compete will be Scholes and Cogrove of Toronto, now in England, and the English Henley; Shepherd and Fussell of the Harlems; Dick Mann, also of the New York Athletic club; Shea of Sheepshead Bay, Bennet and Wards of Springfield; Gordon of Vesper, Belcher of Walters, Allison of West Philadelphia and Gleason of Vesper. Out in St. Louis, Fred Platsted, who is coaching

the Mound City oarsmen, believes he has a corner in Lepping.

WESTERN TENNIS MEET NEAR

Championship Tourney Will Be Held at Onwensia Courts July 25.

Announcements have been received that the Western Championship Tennis tournament will be held on the courts of the Onwensia club at Lake Forest, Ill., during the week of July 23. Entries will close July 21.

First, second and consolation prizes will be given for the singles and doubles championships. The tournament will be under the rules of the United States National Lawn Tennis association.

It is stipulated that the winners in the men's doubles will be the western champions and will have the privilege of competing against the champions of the eastern, Pacific coast and southern champions.

Harry Lewis Sees Easy Money Philadelphia Boxer Fought For of Gold in Europe. NEW YORK, July 16.—Harry Lewis, the Quaker City fighter, who cleaned up \$10,000 out of the ten battles he had on the other side, nine of them in Paris and one in England, is going to Paris again on October 1, where he is booked up for ten more fights, for which he is to receive a guarantee of \$1,000, or 2 per cent, out of each battle. His first fight will be with Ian Hagus, the English heavyweight, whom he will meet for twenty-five rounds at the Wagram club of Paris on the night of October 15. His manager, Al Lippe, has also practically completed arrangements for him to fight Tom Thomas, the English middleweight champion, for twenty rounds at the National Sporting club of London the last week in October.

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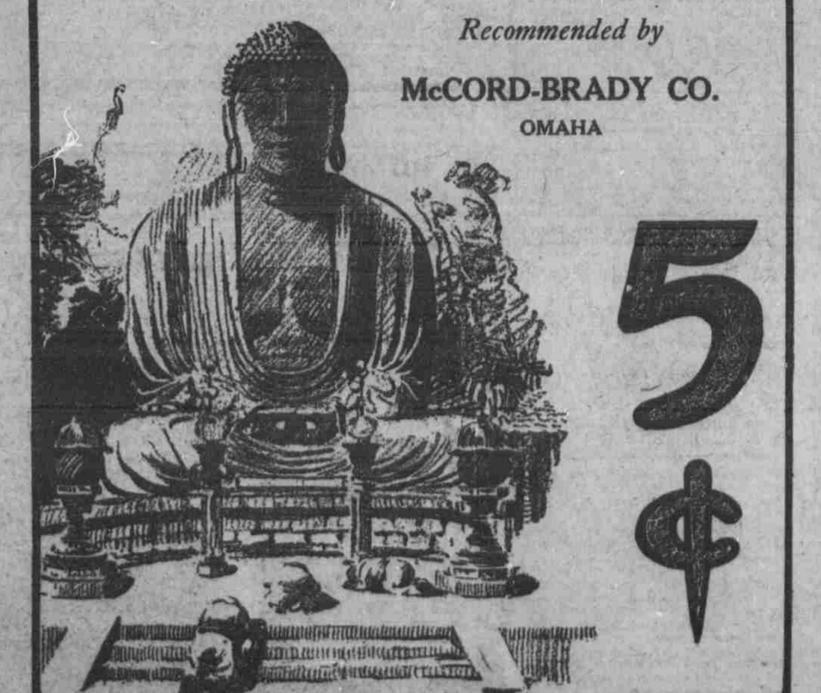
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