Many Factors Combine to Make Pinehurst PGA Best Ever

The PGA's most successful championship was the recent 1936 event at Pinehurst. Denny Shute's brilliant short game pitted against the powerful shooting of Jimmy Thomson made the final a tense, significant comparison of two types of games.

Pinehurst's championship course, in superb condition, was an exhibit of the architectural construction and maintenance abilities of Donald Ross and his fine staff. Especially interesting were the approach contours Ross put in when he remodeled the greens for grass. Pros were unanimous in praise of the layout.

Publicity given the championship was far in excess of that received by any other PGA titular event. This was due to the arrangements made by Linde Fowler, Pinehurst publicity manager; John Hemmer, Pinehurst photographer; Ross, Ed Fitzgerald, and Dick Tufts, general manager of Pinehurst. No detail was overlooked in facilitating the filing of press copy. The weatherman was true to the cause and supplied a grade of perfect playing weather that matched the perfection of the course.

Water Pipe Acts as Conductor for Novel Phone System

Kent Bradley, resourceful genius who is greenkeeper at Passaic County (N. J.) GC, has developed a system of communication with his groundsmen, using the course water pipe as conductor for his telephonic conversations. The system is still in the experimental stage but has great possibilities for course maintenance.
control, player contact with clubhouse switchboard and tournament news.

Bradley furnishes some details:

"This gadget might be called the Bradley Broadcaster, for want of a better name. It has a total weight of less than 2 pounds, fits in coat pocket, and has a range between 1200 and 3600 feet, depending on conditions. Greater distance can be obtained with a small vacuum tube amplifier that I have designed. I have used this phone for distances up to 7200 ft.; remember pipe line distances are often greater than a bee-line.

"A fixed terminal station that I made, weighing about 20 pounds, can transmit and receive amplified voice practically any place on the job, there being some dead spots anywhere you go. A few trials soon show where these are, so you just don't phone from there, but go on a few feet farther. This fixed terminal rig will also ring a bell to another fixed terminal station. The difference in weight is due to more batteries and a few extra parts. For mobile use, this rig could be set on a fairway tractor, when following a round, or a man could carry it on his back. This is not radio, but audio (sound) telephony. It works on a principal that apparently has been overlooked. Most telephone men say it shouldn't work, but it does for me."

Farthest North—A course 1,000 miles from Stockholm and run by Swedish State railways is said to be most northerly golf course. Season at the course is 5 months. Because of the midnight sun, play can be around the clock in summer.

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