

Golf In Early Days

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Park, Riverside, Westward Ho, Evanston, Edgewater, Belmont and Skokie.

Other highlights of that issue of *Western Golf*:

"Caddies at the Sellwood (Ore.) course struck the other day. They had been getting 15c for a round of 9 holes and 25c for a round of 18 holes. They are still out."

Golf Getting Big

"It is estimated that in the East more than \$1,500,000 will be expended this season in the erection of golf club houses alone, to say nothing of the money which will go into the maintenance of grounds, etc. It is, of course, impossible to give an exact accounting of the amount of capital invested in American golf, but * * * men who have made some study of it declare that \$200,000,000 is short of the mark. Others say that, computing the capital shut up in golfing lands, \$500,000,000 would be near it."

"So far as our knowledge extends there are only four instances of holing in one stroke in the history of American golf."

An eastern club investigating a report that their pro was of negro blood, "announce proudly * * * he is, instead a lineal descendent of John Rolfe and Pocahontas."

"It is reported from Brooklyn that the caddies of Long Island intend to form a trust."

"A liquor maker in New York city says that the growth of golf in this country has popularized Scotch whisky."

Women Start a Club

From July, 1899, *Western Golf*:

"The Danville (Ill.) GC is the only golf club in the world organized, officered and engineered entirely by women. The men were not consulted, nor was any one of the trousered tribe taken in even as a member until the ground had been procured, the course marked out, and the body put in fair running order."

"In the middle west more than 100 new clubs have been formed since March 31."

In an ad for Imperial Liquid Fertilizer, Tom Bendelow, Golf Expert says: "During the past 2 years I have laid out over 130 golf courses."

Studebaker Bros. Mfg. Co. advertises "Country club and golf wagons."

In August, 1900, *Western Golfer*, Studebaker's copy begins: "Golf grounds rolled, sprinkled and kept in perfect condition with Studebaker Wide Tire Sprinkling Wagons."

The same issue had a comedy story, "Why the Strike Occurred" by A. Caddie, the wind-up of which is that the kid is complaining about caddying 3 hours for 10 cents the round. He says that unless they make it 15 cents there'll be no more golf on "dese here links" this summer.

Vardon for Free

"Short Putts" a department by the editor, Herbert James Tweedie, said: "The golfing public of Chicago took advantage of the kindness of the Midlothian and Chicago clubs in permitting them to witness the matches played at their respective clubs by Vardon during his visit without charge, contrasting favorably with the methods of Cincinnati and some eastern clubs that charged an admission fee."

Also in that department:

"Nicholas Longworth, the well-known Cincinnati player, drove a golf ball $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles in 117 strokes over the rough country from Grandin Road to the Pillars, near Cincinnati. It was wagered that he could not accomplish this feat under 159 strokes."

Two pages were devoted to Pacific Coast golf.

Willie Hoare, who had recently broken the Sinissippi GC, Janesville, Wis., course record with a 37 is quoted; "When water is laid on the greens it (Sinissippi) will be the best 9-hole course in America."

James and David Foulis of Chicago GC, Wheaton, Ill., advertised clubs, balls and Foulis' cup. The American Eagle golf ball, made of "best gutta percha" and originally designed and manufactured by James and David Foulis, "prove to drive further than any ball against them."

Joplin, Mo., organizes its Country Club with 225 members, saying: "Almost every other town in the United States has its golf club, and an enterprising town like ours should not be behind the balance of the country that have golf clubs. * * * The links will be put in shape very soon, and a steam roller will be used to prepare the grounds."

From these quotes you can see how far, in some respects, golf has come in the past 47 years, and in other aspects you'll see that basically the nature of golf news and problems is about the same in relation to the current American design of living.

Greenkeepers Consider Change of Name

Greenkeeping Supts. Assn. members are considering changing name of the organization to Turf Improvement Assn. Action will be taken on proposed name change and suggested new by-laws at the association's 1947 convention which will be held at Hotel New Yorker, New York City, February 11-14.

First name of the organization was National Association of Greenkeepers of America. Leadership of greenkeepers in turf improvement work has interested many park, cemetery, airport and estate superintendents and others in joining an association having course maintenance experts as its nucleus.