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MISS GENEVIEVE HECKER.

Miss Genevieve Hecker by defeating Miss Ruth Underhill at the Morris County Links this month became champion of the Metropolitan Golf Association. Miss Hecker is a member of the Wee Burn Golf Club, and is, needless to say, its best woman player. She is not yet out of her teens, and bids fair to hold the championship for some time to come. She is expected to make a strong fight for the national championship in August.

GOLF CLUBS IN CONNECTICUT.

BY W. D. FREER.



GOLF has taken a strong hold on Connecticut and at last a use has been found for many abandoned farms. Old pasture lots are used for links and the stonewalls serve their purpose in the game. In this article will be found an account of a good many clubs and they occupy much ground. The lands being utilized for links are increasing at an amazing rate and if the ratio keeps up the scientists of a few thousand years hence will obtain queer ideas of the purposes to which this state was put to in 1900. The remains of man and his activities are to be found back as far as the miocene period and some hold that golf goes further back than that and the opinion is advanced that the planet Mars was once a great golf field and what are supposed to be the banks of canals are but the hazards for the ancient game.

There are various ways to account for the popularity of the game. Those who play are supposed to wear suits that are pretty and there is a wide field for taste. It is one of the games that is interesting to see even if the onlooker is unfamiliar with all of the points of the game. There is much activity in it and there is but little sameness. As it is played out of doors and as the age is an athletic one it affords a fine opportunity for women who are fond of exercise. This may account for some of its popularity.

Thirty years ago croquet was the only inducement for girls to venture in outdoor games. The art of sledging had not been advanced to tobogganing and there was not much of a field for sportswomen. But women have had the inclination since the times of Bess of Hardwick, who could carry a 60-pound Cheshire cheese on her head.

As all who play are enthusiastic over the game it must be something more than a fad. If more proof is needed notice the space that this magazine gives up to it and calculate the time that I have spent upon it. Below will be found an account of a large number of the most important clubs in the State.

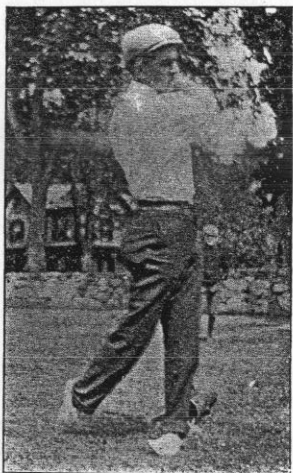
WEE BURN GOLF CLUB.

THE Wee Burn Golf Club of Norton is one of the best known clubs along the Sound, and will be the subject of particular interest this summer, as the



CLUB-HOUSE WEE BURN GOLF CLUB.

tournament for the championship of Connecticut is to be played on its links early in June. The course is over a picturesque stretch of ground on the old Boston Post road. It is admirably situated, as it has all the quaint associations and scenery of a country village, and is at the same time within easy reach of the business center of Stamford. Across the road from the links, on the top of a high knoll, from which a view of nearly the entire course may be obtained is the club house, which



CHARLES H. SEELY, LEADING PLAYER WEE BURN GOLF CLUB, WAS RUNNER ON IN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP CONTEST.

is an attractive model of colonial architecture. These things are all very nice, but it is not to them alone, however, that Wee Burn owes its distinction in the golfing world. It is the quality of its links from a playing viewpoint that so commends it to golfers, and has made it such a thriving, vigorous club. It is a nine hole course, the total length being 2,800 yards. The ground is of a character adapted for golfing, and has been given very careful attention, so that it is

now in excellent trim. This spring some obstructions such as trees, have been removed, and a couple of greens, which were not up to the standard, have been improved. Last fall such players as Findlay Douglas and C. M. Hamilton spoke in high terms of it and this year it will be found to be in better shape than it was last. This will be welcome information for the clubs throughout the state, owing to the championship meet being held on these links. The tournament commences Wednesday, June 6, and concludes the following Saturday.

The Wee Burn Golf Club was organized in the spring of 1897. The chief movers in founding the club were Edward E. Buggerhof, John D. Crimmins, Archibald H. Smith, A. Floyd Delafield, and Wilson L. Baldwin. About 30 acres of land were procured for links from George Stranward, F. S. Fitch and Mrs. Charlotte F. Callender. The club grew rapidly. It was but a short time until the membership limit, at first determined upon, had been reached, and it was extended to 125 members. There is now a full membership. The first two years the bulk of attention was given to improving the course, but, last year, an important step forward was taken by the erection of a new club house. The opening of the new house, last fall, was marked by the holding of an open tournament, in which most of the prominent golfers of the M. S. A. took part. The club has several excellent golfers on its rolls. Among them are C. H. Seely, who has distinguished himself in many open tournaments, George and Fred Hecker, Harvey L. Williams, W. L. Baldwin, W. B. Wheeler, A. C. Wheeler and A. S. Pitt. The last few years it has been represented by a team which can hold its own with most others. The club has also developed some good women golfers.

Chief among these are the woman champion or the club, Miss Genevieve Hecker, who showed up well in the national women's championship at Philadelphia, last year. The present officers of the club are: President, John D. Crimmins; Vice-President, Charles Stewart Smith; Secretary, Harry F. Devens; Treasurer, Wilson L. Baldwin; Captain, Alfred S. Pitt.

HILLANDALE GOLF CLUB.

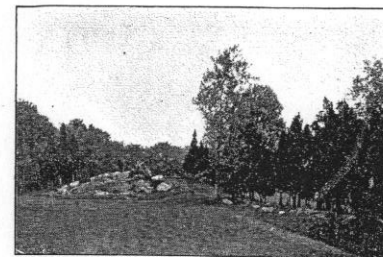


for the most part to Stamford people.

About the best known player belonging to the club is Edward Leavitt, who was proficient at the game long before it gained its present popularity. The links are near Mr. Leavitt's residence and he has devoted much of his time recently to attending to them. As a result they are now in first-class shape.

The officers of the club are as follows: President, Frank Phelps; vice-president,

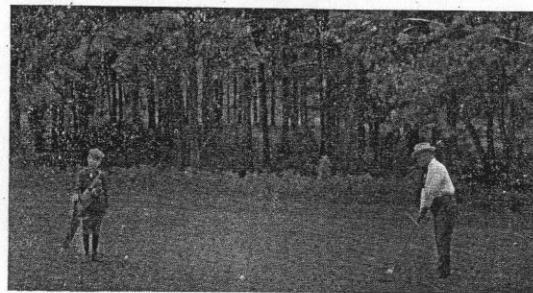
Charles Francis Deau; treasurer, Dr. James Albert Meek; secretary, Joseph R. Swan; captain, Edward Leavitt.



NINTH TEE HILLANDALE GOLF CLUB.

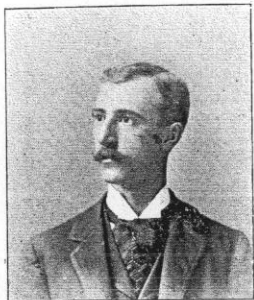
The club will boast of a course this season of more than ordinary merit. It has been lengthened and improved to such an extent under the direction of Edward Leavitt, captain of the club, that it is practically a new course, and one which will hardly be equalled by any nine-hole course in the metropolitan district, not excepting even Oakland, which is ranked among the best nine-hole courses in the country. Its natural advantages are almost unequalled. The turf, which is a distinct feature, is firm but springy, and of a rich, thick texture, which practically insures a good lie from a well-hit ball on any part of the fair green. The contour of the country is also favorable for golf links, and natural hazards have been made

such good use of that artificial hazards have only been found necessary in playing to three holes. The greatest care has also been used in arranging the distances of the various holes and the hazards, so that perfect play receives its full reward, as to every hole the distances require a full drive or the multiple thereof, or



EDWARD LEAVITT, CAPTAIN HILLANDALE CLUB.

the country. And there will be tennis courts and a bridle path for horseback riders. Located near the beautiful Elizabeth Park the scenery is unsurpassed.



F. R. COOLEY, CAPTAIN HARTFORD CLUB.

Among the best players are F. R. Cooley, R. W. Cutler, H. S. Redfield, Alex Bunce, J. C. Stirling, D. L. Schwartz, E. K. Mitchell and W. F. Whitmore. Miss Ruth Whitmore, whose portrait is given, has played three years, is a scratch player, and plays the men's course in 95.



MISS RUTH WHITMORE, WINNER OF THE BACHELORS' CUP.

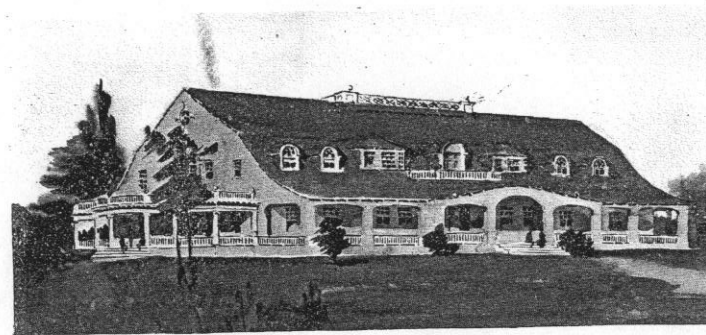
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RALPH W. CUTLER, PRESIDENT HARTFORD GOLF CLUB.

Miss Whitmore is the possessor of the Bachelors' Cup put up in the ladies' handicap tournament in 1896. She won it three times, entitling her to hold it. Games were won in contesting for the cup

as follows: Miss M. S. Robinson 1, Miss A. N. Bennett 2, Miss G. O. Lewis 2, Mrs. R. B. Riggs 2, Miss C. E. Cutler 2, Miss M. B. Bald 2, Miss C. L. Howard 2. Miss Whitmore hopes to enter the international tournament at Shinnecock, L. I., this fall.

The team matches played by the Hartford Golf Club last year resulted as follows:



CLUB HOUSE, HARTFORD GOLF CLUB.

ent officers are: President, Ralph W. Cutler; Captain, Francis R. Cooley; Secretary, William A. Sanborn; Treasurer, John J. Nairn; Board of Directors, the above officers and J. C. Stirling, J. M. Taylor, E. B. Hooker, J. O. Enders and C. P. Howard; Green Committee, Francis R. Cooley, J. Carolus Stirling, Charles P. Howard and Charles E. Shepard; Membership Committee, Dr. P. H. Ingalls, John S. Camp, Miss Mary Bulkeley and Miss Mary S. Robinson; Entertainment Committee, Mrs. Edward B. Hooker, Mrs. John M. Taylor, Mrs. W. M. Storrs, Mrs. Robert H. Chapman, Mrs. Lewis D. Parker and Miss Ruth Whitmore; Auditing Committee, William P. Conklin and Edward S. Pegram; Prize Committee, Miss Ruth Whitmore and Harold G. Holcombe.

The non-resident members are Miss Mary E. Beach of West Hartford, John J. Corning of New York, Clive Day of New Haven, Franklin D. Glazier of South Glastonbury, Mrs. Franklin D. Glazier of South Glastonbury, Miss Estelle Lethbridge of Orange, N. J., H. C. Nickerson of New York and Charles G. Smith of New York. The honorary members are James J. Goodwin, W. W. Huntington and Mrs. W. W. Huntington.

NEW HAVEN GOLF CLUB.

IN the history of sport in New Haven never, perhaps, has any game become so widely popular so rapidly after its introduction as golf. It has easily taken the lead over all other pastimes with the average public and its growth in the five years it has been played has been wonderful. At present there are three golfing organizations in New Haven and they are making important arrangements for the furthering of interest in the game. The clubs are the New Haven Golf, the New Haven Country and the Yale Golf.

The pioneer in the field of golf was the New Haven Golf Club which was organized in 1895. It was incorporated at Hartford a year ago.

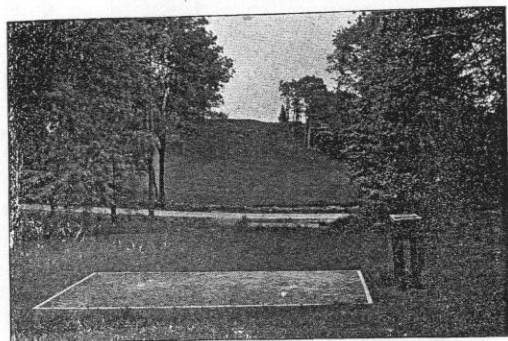
The start of this organization was the outcome of peculiar circumstances. In the fall of 1894 when the century-old pastime of the Scotch was becoming a fad in this country the game was the chief topic of conversation among the members of the New Haven Lawn Club, then the leading pleasure-social organization of the city. Agitation for a links resulted in a committee, having for its members J. S. Hotchkiss, Joseph T. Whittlesey, William Beebe, John W.

else a hazard is so placed that a poor shot is punished by the loss of a stroke. There are no holes which are a drive and a half or two drives and a half, offering chances for the bungler to retrieve himself.

Last year the course was only 2,434 yards long. It has now been lengthened 417 yards, making the total playing distance 2,851 yards. There will be absolutely no local rules, as none is necessary, which is a good feature, and a man is forced to keep straight, as there is hardly a hole where a sliced or pulled ball is not severely punished. One glance over the links leaves a good impression. Every hole offers some new and attractive feature, and there are one or two holes sporty enough to satisfy the most enthusiastic player. The arrangement of the holes, with names, distances, and bogey, is as follows:

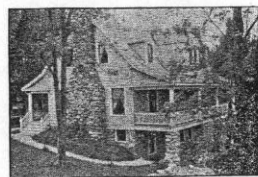
| No. | Name. | Distance. | Bogey. |
|----------------|------------------------|-----------|--------|
| 1. | The Arches, | 210 | 4 |
| 2. | The Oaks, | 209 | 4 |
| 3. | Rock Spring, | 315 | 4 |
| 4. | The Maples, | 435 | 5 |
| 5. | The Roadway, | 145 | 3 |
| 6. | The Moorlands, | 587 | 6 |
| 7. | Hillandale, | 385 | 5 |
| 8. | Pike's Peak, | 350 | 5 |
| 9. | The Cedars, | 215 | 4 |
| Total, | | 2,851 | 40 |

The first two holes are by themselves to the right of the club-house. They run parallel to each other, and are practically the same. A bunker runs across the line of play to both holes 110 yards from each tee, which must be driven. A mashie approach should then find the green with



A VIEW OF THE GROUNDS HILLANDALE CLUB.

the regulation two more for a bogey, four in each case. The second green, on the top of a ledge overlooking Rock Spring, is nicely situated. A low bunker and sand-pit at the back will punish an over-approach. The tee for the third hole is to the left of the club-house, and an accurate tee shot is necessary to avoid clumps of trees on each side. The play is then over rolling country to a punch-bowl green with little trouble if one keeps straight. The next, 435 yards, calls for careful play. The drive is from the top of a knoll from where a bird's-eye view of five holes can be seen. A road punishes a poor second. The fifth is the short hole, only 145 yards, for which the bogey is



CLUB HOUSE, HILLANDALE CLUB.

three, and then comes the longest hole on the course and one of the longest in the country, 587 yards. A road in front of



MISS GERTRUDE LEAVITT, CHAMPION LADY PLAYER, HILLANDALE CLUB.

the tee punishes a topped ball, while a bunker 300 yards from the tee traps a poor second. The green is rolling, on a little knoll, and those who record a six will probably be in the minority most of the season.

The seventh, Hillandale, 385 yards, is one of the most attractive of the nine. The drive is from the same knoll as the fourth hole, only in the opposite direction. A road 150 yards from the tee must be driven, while a brassey should be within a mashie approach of the green, which is nestled down at the side of a thick woods with a road behind it. The eighth is the sportiest hole on the course, and different from any in the country. The drive is over a road and two stone walls to the foot of a ledge 200 yards from the tee. This ledge is forty or fifty feet high, and the second shot must be up over this hill bunker at right angles to the drive, to a

punch-bowl green lying between a clump of trees and a road. Bogey is five, par is four, and eight will not be unusual. In facing the home hole, a rock bunker fifty yards from the tee threatens danger to a poor drive. Well away, however, it is plain sailing to the green for a bogey four. Woods on each side of the fair green, however, demands straight play. The turf here is the finest on the course, as a player could run up to the green with a putter from almost any distance. The roads, which are referred to as hazards, are all private.

A cosy little club-house, built last fall, overlooks the course and is surrounded by a clump of cedars. On the main floor is a large reception hall with big, open fireplaces, back of which is the dining room. The women's locker-room and parlor are up stairs, while down stairs are the men's locker-room and workshop, where Tom Gourlay, the well-known professional, holds sway. Gourlay has just been engaged by the club, and a better man could hardly have been found, as he is a good club-maker, teacher, and green-keeper.

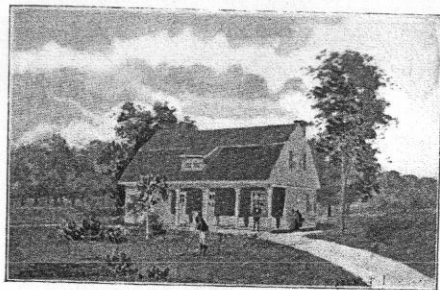
From the *New York Post*, Mar. 9th.

HARTFORD GOLF CLUB.

THE Hartford Golf Club is building a magnificent club-house and is to invest \$60,000 in its new property. Its new course is of 18 holes and is excellent in nearly every respect. The membership is now close to 350. The showing the team made against the strong Yale club in April gives an idea of what good material there is in the club.

The new club-house is to have facilities for luxurious dining and for conveniences that will be excelled by but few clubs in

Bristol and Prof. T. S. Woolsey, being elected to look into the project of introducing golf as one of the amusements of the Lawn club. These gentlemen immediately set about finding a suitable site for a course and while thus engaged deemed it best to keep the golf organization separate from the Lawn club. Accordingly the New Haven Golf Club was organized in 1895 with the above named committee acting as executive committee. Mr. Whittelsy was elected president and Mr. Bristol named as treasurer. Links were laid out on a large stretch of land on the beautiful Prospect street hilly eminences amid the most healthful surroundings. The club started with a member-



CLUB HOUSE, NEW HAVEN GOLF CLUB.

ship of 150 which has since increased to double that number which is the membership limit. The size of the present waiting list indicates that a large number of new members will be added shortly. Yale students at present make up the majority of the members but among business men and their families new recruits are being daily added. That the golf craze is at its height and even increasing cannot be doubted from the interest being shown in the pastime in New Haven just at present and especially in the old club.

The course of the New Haven club is about two miles distant from the railway station, trolley cars shortening the dis-

to a 25 minute ride. The first nine holes were laid out in 1895 by Robert D. Pryde, a son of Scotland, who has since been the greenkeeper. Last fall an additional 60 acres was purchased and the course is now being made to consist of 18 holes. This move will be a great improvement as the distance between several of the holes will shortly permit of drives of 500 yards. This will make distance another strong point of the course.

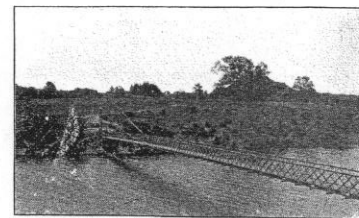
The original course has maintained a reputation far and wide for its peculiar excellence. In speaking of the greens while here on a visit in April, Harry Vardon, the English open champion, said, "Thus far they are the best I have seen in America and those over which I played in Florida do not at all equal them." Since its course was completed the New Haven Golf Club grounds have been the haunt of all Yale undergraduates who are inclined toward golf and here have been developed some of the finest amateur players in the country. No other club can approach the record of the pioneer Elm City organization in rounding out star performers. Since the formation of

the intercollegiate league, Yale has had her team on the Prospect Hill course for practice and thus far they are the leaders of college golfers. Recently Yale's representatives won out from Princeton and Columbia's men at Lawrence Harbor, New Jersey.

W. Rossiter Betts, Yale '99, who was runner-up at the national amateur championships in Chicago in '96 acquired his earliest knowledge of golf at the New Haven grounds. Last year Walter B. Smith, another Yalensian, after three years practice over the links was runner-up against Findlay S. Douglas at the Morristown, N. J., tournament. Harry

Vardon is of the opinion that it would be hard to find a course which offers more possibilities for the development of golf and it is true that indications point to a future for the organization which would be hard to duplicate.

The present officers of the New Haven Golf Club, all of whom with one exception are Yale men, make up a board which manages the organization and are as follows: Joseph T. Whittelsy, 67s; Dr. Frederick L. Chase, 91s of the Yale Observatory; Arthur L. Wheeler, 93, James E. English, and the undergraduate representatives, F. C. Havemeyer, 1900, and T. M. Robertson, 1901, captain of the Yale golf team.



SUSPENSION BRIDGE AND VIEW OF NEW HAVEN COUNTRY CLUB-HOUSE AND GROUNDS.

NEW HAVEN COUNTRY CLUB.



IN 1898 the New Haven Country Club was organized and is today the leading social organization of the city. On an island in Lake Whitney, two miles distant from the center of the city, (a ten minute ride by trolley) is situated the picturesque grounds of the organization. In the acquiring of the property and the laying out of the eighteen hole course a large sum of

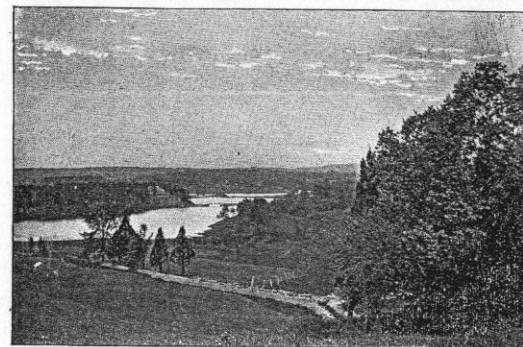
money was expended. To complete the charming pleasure resort a handsome stone clubhouse, costing \$20,000, was erected last fall. The architecture of the

structure is of the Old English pattern similar to the clubhouses on the courses in England and Scotland. The building

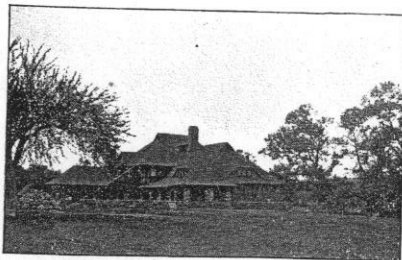


ROBERT SHIELDS, COACH.

is entirely of stone and is low and rambling. A restaurant famous for its excellence is maintained the year round for the convenience of the members. In the clubhouse, far from the noise and bustle of the city, many of the largest social entertainments of the smart set are held. A spacious dancing hall, retiring rooms for the ladies and gentlemen and sleeping apartments complete the modern ideas in the construction of the house.



NEW HAVEN COUNTRY CLUB, VIEW FROM 3RD TEE.



CLUB HOUSE, NEW HAVEN COUNTRY CLUB.

The course stretched out over a large and beautiful countryside area is one that is much sought after and admired by golfers throughout the state. The most painstaking care was observed in its arrangement and neither money nor time were spared to make it meet the almost ideal requirements of the club members.

At present the membership touches 450, with a large waiting list on the club books. One of the features of the architecture of the grounds is the foot suspension bridge, constructed entirely of iron, extending from the Lake Whitney shores

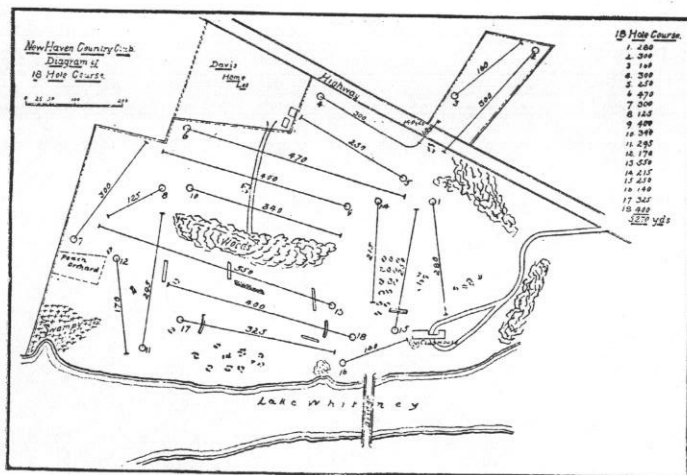
over the surface to the club grounds. A golf course amid more perfect environments could not be imagined. Ever since the day it opened money has been spent in constantly improving the grounds and course and the expenditures have been duly rewarded.

Every day is a gala one at the links and tournaments between members and also between the club and visiting teams are in progress throughout the season. Mr. Henderson, the steward, has charge of the grounds and clubhouse.

The officers of the New Haven Country Club are: President, Henry L. Hotchkiss; Vice-President, General E. E. Bradley; Secretary and Treasurer, George S. Barnum. Mr. Barnum is at present engaged in getting up a book of the Country Club.

YALE GOLF CLUB.

THE Yale Golf Club is composed of 200 undergraduates who use the New Haven Golf and also the Country



PLAN OF COURSE, NEW HAVEN COUNTRY CLUB.

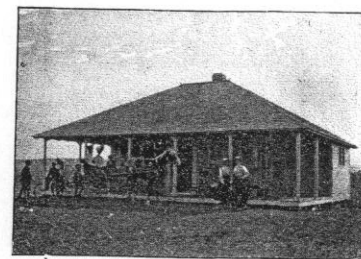
Club grounds. There has been some talk of securing a private course but it is not probable that such a move will be made before next year.

Vardon's visit together with the natural and expected growth of the game have had the causes of the fine innings golf is now enjoying at Yale.

T. M. Robertson, 1901, of New York City is president of the Yale Golf Club.

STAFFORD COUNTRY CLUB.

WITH undulating land and natural hazards of brooks, marshes and sand pits the Stafford Springs Country Club is very fortunate in having a good course. The club was organized in the



CLUB-HOUSE, STAFFORD SPRINGS COUNTRY CLUB.

very picturesque. A pretty brook runs through the club property and there are



MISS MARY CONVERSE, WINNER WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT, SEASON OF 1899.

tennis courts and other forms of sport and recreation. The club was opened July 4,



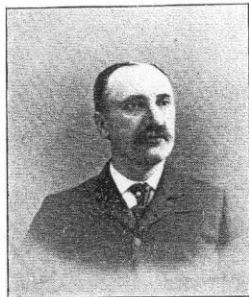
E. H. PINNEY, CAPTAIN GOLF TEAM 1898-1899.

spring of 1898 and the links were prepared under the direction of John Shippen, the professional player from the Shinnecock Hills Golf Club. The clubhouse commands a view of the course and there are piazzas on three sides. It has a living-room, refreshment room, lockers for men and women and an old fireplace in one of the rooms gives it a very comfortable appearance.

The links are about one mile from the village and the surrounding country is



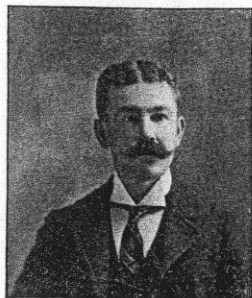
MISS CLARA KINGSLEY BAKER, PLAYER IN THE FINALS (WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT SEASON 1899)



CHRISTOPHER ALLEN, PRESIDENT STAFFORD COUNTRY CLUB.

1898, by a match with Rockville players, and the club has had matches with Norwich club experts. Last summer the club sent players to the State tournament and Dr. L. F. Eaton qualified among the sixteen. Last fall a cup was presented by Christoph Allen to be played for at the fall tournaments by members of the club. Dr. Eaton won it in the first tournament and it is to be won three times before it can become the property of any member.

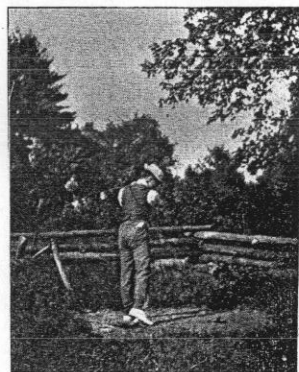
For the ladies in the club special entertainments are provided Saturdays during the season. The club has in its membership many of the officials of the big woolen mills at Stafford Springs and it has a number of non-resident members in New York, Boston and Hartford. The club



DR. L. F. EATON, WINNER OF THE ALLEN CUP AND CLUB CHAMPION SEASON 1899.

has about 180 members and the officers are: President, Christopher Allen, of the Phoenix Woolen Company; Vice-President, J. H. Valentine, of the Warren Woolen Company; Secretary, J. Carl Converse; Treasurer, B. P. Cooley, of Smith & Cooley.

The team for 1900 will probably be selected from the following players: Dr. L. F. Eaton, J. H. Valentine, E. H. Pinney, Charles B. Pinney, Claud C. Pinney, F. G. Sanford, Richard M. Fisk and J. Carl Converse.



A PICTURESQUE CORNER, STAFFORD SPRINGS GOLF CLUB.

The best women players are Miss Mary Converse, Miss Clare Kingsley Baker, Mrs. E. H. Pinney, Miss Gertrude I. Butterfield and Mrs. Lewis McLaughlin.

FENWICK GOLF CLUB.

NEAR the shrine of Lady Fenwick the golf players have their links. The Fenwick Golf Club has been in existence four years and it has members from about every section of the United States. Mr. Pemberton of London, who has frequently played there, says that the

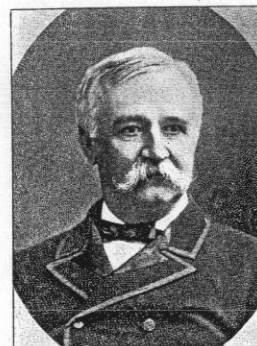
ground comes nearer to the great courses of England and Scotland than any he has seen in this country. This is high praise as the best are supposed to be in the kingdom of Great Britain.

It is certainly an ideal spot that the club has chosen for its links for it has water on three sides and a fine breeze is constantly blowing about. With the Sound on one side and the River on another and the cove bending in on the north the club members are sometimes undecided whether to play golf or go fishing. In the two last years golf has been very popular

one of his age and there are few in the club who can cope with him.

The first teeing ground is near Fenwick Hall, the course is west about a half mile, it then goes back past the hotel and swings around until it strikes some other place. Some of the hazards are the wonderful country roads that have been built along the river and sound and are made of vast quantities of sand, four times as much as are necessary, with a variety of cacti along the sides. If this was not enough sand dunes have been built, ditches have been dug and partly filled with sand and there are artificial bunkers.

Play begins about May 1st and extends into November. James B. Moore of Hartford, who passes the winter in Florida, is president of the club, and M. B. Brainard of Yale, a son of ex-Mayor Brainard of Hartford, is secretary and treasurer. Among the best players are Colonel H. S. Redfield, Frank Cooley, Dr. W. D. Morgan, Colonel W. E. A. Bulkeley, president of the Beefsteak Club, R. G. Irwin, the manager of the Plant interests, and M. G. Bulkeley, Jr. The club has about 60 members and it is looking forward to a big season.



EX-GOVERNOR MORGAN G. BULKELEY, FENWICK GOLF CLUB.

among the guests at the Fenwick Hall and it has to a large extent superseded bathing. When the followers of Neptune are becoming fickle it is an indication that golf is taking a strong hold on the young men and women in this country.

One of the most enthusiastic golfers in the Fenwick club is Governor Morgan G. Bulkeley. He plays very well, too, and spends much of his spare time at the links during the hot season. But he is not as good a player as is Morgan G. Bulkeley, Jr., who has arrived at the tender age of 16, and bids fair to beat all the club players. He has done remarkable work for

THE NORFOLK DOWNS.

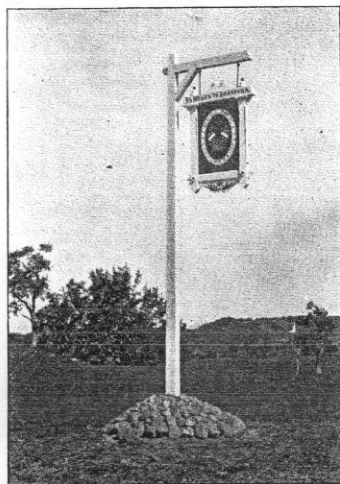
FOUR years ago last August our golf-lovers were wishing Norfolk could have the one thing lacking to make it an ideal summering place—a first-class links. Little did they think that even then plans for introducing this good old game among the features of our village were taking shape in the minds of two of its residents. But such was the case and before many weeks had passed the plans were finished. Whereupon a large tract of land about a mile from the library was bought and the work of laying out a course was begun.

This work under the excellent supervision of Dr. A. E. Cobb was completed in less than a year, and the course at once opened to players. Since then the downs have been improved from time to time until now they are regarded by the experts who have played over them as among the few real Scottish downs in the state. Part of the expense of maintaining them is met by small annual dues received from the players and the rest is borne by the same public-spirited residents, the Misses Eldridge, whose generosity first made the course possible.

As I said before, the downs are only a short walk from the public library, and a delightful walk it is too—through a park of venerable elms, along a gravel path skirting a shady road, through a meadow and a stretch of fragrant pines and lo! we are there. Or, if we prefer to drive, we can do so over a well-kept road which brings us out, as the path does also, near a tall standard bearing the gilded crest of the Duke of Norfolk.

From this point a good view of the grounds can be had. Bounded on all sides but one by acres of woodland the course rolls away for more than a mile in a series of tiny picturesque hills and valleys covered with close-mown grass

and dotted here and there with patches of laurel. On nine of these hills at irregular intervals from each other are the



STANDARD NORFOLK DOWNS GOLF CLUB.

“tees” and far from each of these in a somewhat inaccessible valley is its corresponding “green.” By a system of underground mains water is brought from a distance to the “greens” and keeps them fresh even in the hottest season. To the south of the course is Toby Lake on whose wood-fringed shores are two or three summer cottages, while not far away to the north and the west rise the Berkshire Hills.

The links are used from early spring till late fall, but of course the season is at its height during July, August and September. Then crowds of brown-faced, red-coated players may be seen on the downs every day,—some playing well, some poorly, but all greatly excited as they move along from “tee” to “tee.” More than a hundred of them are members of the Norfolk Downs Golf Club, and it is from this number that the team is



CHARLES H. PECK, SECRETARY NORFOLK DOWNS GOLF CLUB.

selected each summer to represent the club in the Litchfield County Tournament. In the last one four teams—two from Litchfield, one from Washington, and the home team—competed for a handsome silver cup, valued at one hundred dollars, which will become the property of the team that first wins it three times. It was won last August by the Norfolk team. Tournament week with its many gay events has come to be looked forward to eagerly by all who make our village their summer home.

THE ORFORD GOLF CLUB.

THE ex-champion Connecticut golf player is a member of the Orford Golf Club of Manchester and the club is unique aside from this in that it has all Cheneys on its team. The club was organized in 1894. It has a nine-hole course in the center of the town of Manchester. Orford was the old name of the

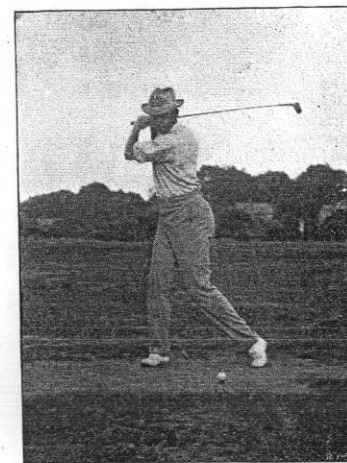


CLUB-HOUSE, ORFORD CLUB.

town and it is from this that the club takes its name.

The golf course is a very good one and the holes are about 300 yards apart. The ground was once pasture land and is varied in character. The ground has been rolled and the turf is excellent. Twice the course crosses a brook and once it goes up a steep hill, then there is a deep gully, artificial bunkers at all

the holes and a whole it is a very sporty course. Two of the holes are very long and there is only one that can be reached with the iron. The scenery is very pretty

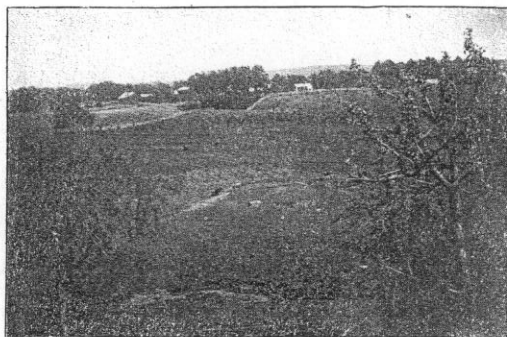


JOHN P. CHENEY, ORFORD CLUB.

with the rolling hills and the pond, the sheet of water being one of the hazards.

The view of the course accompanying this article shows a famous hole, No. 8, on the Orford Links, where a promising score is often “killed.” Standing on the spot from which the picture is taken, some 200 feet above the brook, a good drive must clear the sandbank in the center of the picture, well back of which is the green. A “topped” drive will roll down into the brook.

The club-house is a rambling low building with piazzas on three sides and its reception room has been the scene of many choice social affairs. The house is provided with kitchen, lockers, wash-room, etc., and is cosy and comfortable. N. T. Pulsifer is president of the club and W. B. Cheney is captain. There are a number of young women in the club who are good players and some of the ladies are



VIEW SHOWING THE FAMOUS HOLE, NO. 8 ORFORD LINKS.

officers of the organization, being represented on the committees. There are matches once a week, often entertainments for Saturday and an annual tournament.

Thomas L. Cheney was formerly champion until this summer. Charles Hitchcock is the present champion, is the club member who is champion of the state and of Yale also. Recently he tied with Vardon, the English champion. It was at the State tournament at the Brooklawn Club that Cheney won the championship. The team is composed of T. L. Cheney, W. B. Cheney, W. C. Cheney, Philip Cheney, Mark Cheney and John P. Cheney. The team has been very successful in all its matches. Improvements are to be made at the club-house and in another year the size of the course will be doubled as the club has all the land that is necessary.

ARAWANA GOLF CLUB.

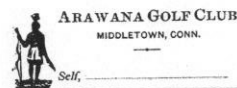
THE Arawana Golf Club of Middletown was organized in 1894 with about 20 members. It has never been incorporated but it probably soon will be. It was not until the fall of 1898 that the

blessings of golf made themselves so apparent to the citizens of Middletown that the membership of the club materially increased. Then the roll mounted up quickly to 60 members and it now carries 80 names. Women belonging to the families of members are honorary members and are exempt from dues or assessments. The officers of the club are: President, Samuel Russell; captain, Dale D. Butler; sec-

retary and treasurer, Frank A. Black. The management is intrusted to a board of governors. Among the best players are Samuel Russell, R. N. Jackson, Dale D. Butler, Earle Butler, E. G. Derby, S. B. Page and W. B. Douglas. A remarkably fine landscape surrounds the links and the charming ladies who are in the club play the game with grace and skill. Last year the club played several matches with Hartford, New Haven, Wallingford and other clubs and the members met with fair success. The management has now in hand the matter



DALE D. BUTLER, CAPTAIN ARAWANA GOLF CLUB.



| Self | Opp't | No. | NAME | Yds. | Self | Opp't |
|------|-------|-------|--------------|------|------|-------|
| | | 1 | TURBOGAN | 205 | | |
| | | 2 | LONG GREEN | 370 | | |
| | | 3 | A CINCH | 100 | | |
| | | 4 | TIP TOP | 130 | | |
| | | 5 | RISE | 400 | | |
| | | 6 | TROUBLE | 130 | | |
| | | 7 | TO THE WOODS | 360 | | |
| | | 8 | NORTH STAR | 355 | | |
| | | 9 | LAST CHANCE | 150 | | |
| | | Total | | 2300 | | |

Add Score first 9 holes.

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Date.

Event.

SCORE CARD ARAWANA GOLF CLUB.

of the enlargement of the links, thus providing scope for increased skill. The location of the links is about a mile and a half from the Middletown Main street and all who visit the links are favorably impressed with the scenic beauty and the adaptability of the ground to the game. The course is a 9 hole one and is located on an eminence which overlooks the city, river valley and a wide stretch of beautiful country on the Newfield road about a mile from the city. There are over 2,200 yards of perfect turf with excellent greens.

BROOKLAWN COUNTRY CLUB.

THE Brooklawn Country Club was started in Bridgeport in 1895. It has had a membership varying from 350 to 500. Golf is the most popular outdoor diversion and that game has 75 active devotees. The best players among the men are S. H. Patterson, H. H. Taylor, W. B. Wheeler, A. C. Wheeler, E. L. Ives, R. S. Hinks and J. M. Young.

The club rendered a conspicuous service to State golf interests by offering its links for the launching of the Connecticut League of Golf Clubs, and a very successful tournament was held at the Brooklawn links in July of last year, it being the first tournament of the league.

At that tournament, which covered nearly a week, some 80 entries were made in the individual contest and ten clubs

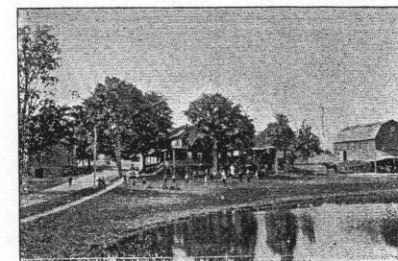
from different parts of the State sent teams of six each to contest for the team prize.

The individual championship was won by T. L. Cheney of the Orford Golf Club of South Manchester, and S. H. Patterson of the Brooklawn Club was the runner up.

J. M. Young of the Brooklawn Club has recently been elected president of the League of Connecticut Golf Clubs for the year. The Brooklawn Club leases some sixty or more acres of land and has sufficient room and did have facilities for baseball, tennis and archery, but since golf has become so popular interest in the other sports has decreased. A small sheet of water in the club grounds affords excellent skating in winter and for the social side of the club there are fixtures almost weekly.

The most popular one for the ladies is a series of contests of putting matches held on Saturday afternoons during the summer months. The best player among the women is Miss G. M. Bishop, who qualified in the first round of the women's national championship at Philadelphia last year and who recently won the championship at Palm Beach, Florida.

John M. Young is the captain of the golf team of the club and the committee on golf is composed of John M. Young, Howard H. Knapp, William E. Baillie, Jonathan Godfrey and V. P. Gibney.



CLUB-HOUSE FROM BROOKLAWN AVENUE.

The present officers of the club are: President, Charles G. Sanford; Vice-President, George W. Wheeler; Secretary, Fred Enos; Treasurer, H. M. Knapp.

GLASTONBURY GOLF CLUB.

THE Glastonbury Golf Club was organized in May, 1899. It is located in the town of Glastonbury about a mile from Wells corner and near the Williams factory. The links are about a mile in length and there are nine holes. Many improvements have been made this year in the grounds and new greens have been built. The ground is rolling with a pond for one hazard and a sand bank for another.

J. S. Williams is President of the club, H. S. Goslee Treasurer, E. B. Hurlburt Secretary and George H. Pinney Captain. There is a membership of 35 and the dues are but \$5 a year. It is the intention of the managers of the club to have an organization that will not be expensive to belong to. The question of having a clubhouse has been discussed. It is expected that one will be built in another year.

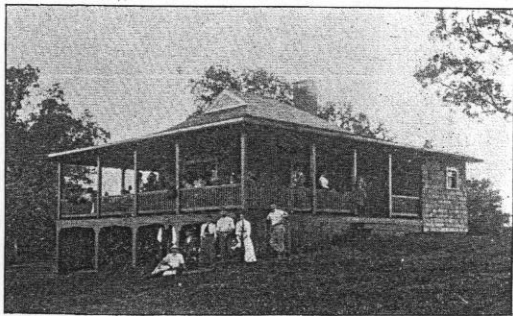
Several of the members live in surrounding towns. Among the best players are H. K. W. Welch, J. S. Williams and L. W. Ripley. Tournaments for members have been held at frequent intervals and they have been very successful. The scenery from some of the greens is very fine. The neighboring towns of Wethersfield, Hartford and Rocky Hill can be seen with the Talcott Mountains in the background. For a small club this one is doing splendidly and a great deal of interest is taken in it.



ON THE LINKS MAPLE HILL GOLF CLUB.

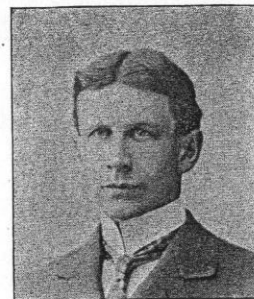
MAPLE HILL GOLF CLUB.

THE Maple Hill Golf Club of New Britain was organized in March, 1899. It has 280 members at present. The present course is a fair one, nine holes with a total length of 1,876 yards. The new course will be ready about July 1st, and will be a nine-hole course of 2,700 yards. Play was very general last year in this club but as the majority of players were new at the game few good ones were developed. The ladies' championship cup was won by Miss Etheline W. Hart. There was no men's championship event. The first annual meeting of the club was held a short time ago and at that time it was voted to require the payment of an initiation fee of five dollars



CLUB-HOUSE, MAPLE HILL GOLF CLUB.

from all who join in the future. A vote of thanks was passed for Philip Corbin for his services as president for the first



H. L. CURTIS, CAPTAIN MAPLE HILL GOLF CLUB.

year. The present officers of the club are as follows: President, L. Hoyt Pease; Vice-Presidents, E. H. Davison and C. E. Wetmore; Secretary, J. E. Cooper; Captain, William P. Felt; Members of Board of Government for three years, F. H. Allis, George P. Hart and W. L. Hatch; two years, John R. Perkins.

MERIDEN GOLF CLUB.

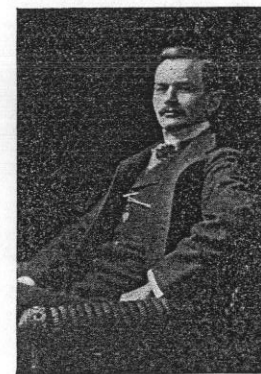
THE Meriden Golf Club, which is one of the largest and strongest organizations of its kind in the state, was formed early in 1899, its playing up to this year being over a 9-hole course just outside the northern limits of the city.

The past winter the club secured a lease of a tract of land embracing the old Bradley trotting park and including the fine old Bradley mansion as a club-house. The tract lies in the northern part of the city and is all embraced within the city limits, an unusually desirable location when it is considered that, as a rule, to obtain land enough, clubs are obliged to go some distance out.

The land is not only well situated, but is admirably adapted to golf purposes. As soon as it was secured a force of workmen began to clear it for the new links, and were kept at work throughout the season. Playing began upon the new 9-hole course the middle of April.

The club house is an old, roomy mansion, set well back from the street with a broad expanse of lawn set with great shade trees and exactly adapted to the needs of the club.

The club has a membership of about 200 and is growing rapidly. Its officers are as follows: President, Dr. E. T. Bradstreet; Secretary and Treasurer, C. T. Dodd; Captain, F. E. Sands; Executive Committee, Dr. H. A. Meeks, Chairman; Dr. E. T. Bradstreet, Dr. E. W. Pierce, F. E. Sands, Wilbur F. Parker, A. D. Meeks, C. T. Dodd, D. N. Williams, Floyd Curtis, Dr. E. W. Smith and W. J. Prouty. Greens Committee: Dr. H. A. Meeks, F. E. Sands, Dr. E. W. Smith, A. D. Meeks and W. J. Prouty.



F. E. SANDS, CAPTAIN MERIDEN GOLF CLUB.

This spring the club engaged James Trumbull, the well-known professional, formerly of the Larchmont and Lawrence

Harbor link, as greenkeeper and instructor. His wife acts as stewardess of the club-house.

The club embraces in its membership a number of clever players. The club team under the training of Instructor Trumbull promises well for the coming year. It is run upon a novel plan, by means of which the best players can only secure positions, and retain such positions on the team in numerical order, by virtue of superior playing. The team is made up of eleven players, the first six being the regular players and the others acting as substitutes, to be drawn in the order of their numerical standing. The team is composed of the following:

Dr. E. W. Pierce, James H. Hinsdale, F. E. Sands, Captain; A. D. Meeks, O. C. Faupel, Dr. E. W. Smith, W. J. Prouty, Dr. E. A. Wilson, Dr. H. Meeks, W. F. Parker and Floyd Curtis.

The club is looking forward to a very successful season this year. The new links will be in fine shape by the early summer, and the club will be then established as well as any in the state. The links are of the following lengths:

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| 1, . 232 yards. | 6, . 215 yards. |
| 2, . 178 " | 7, . 242 " |
| 3, . 300 " | 8, . 242 " |
| 4, . 204 " | 9, . 378 " |
| 5, . 220 " | |

Total, 2,311 yards.

SHENIPSIT GOLF CLUB.

THE Shenipsit course at Rockville was laid out in July, 1896, by Robert D. Pryde, now the greenkeeper at the New Haven Golf Club. The grounds are beautifully situated on the west shore of Lake Shenipsit and the club takes its name from that body of water. The course was originally laid out for private purposes as it was on land owned by F. T. and



CLUB-HOUSE, MERIDEN GOLF CLUB.

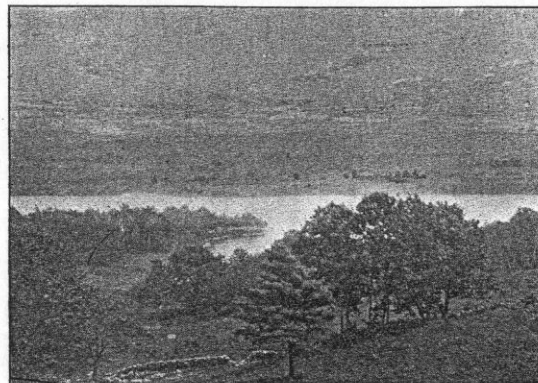
William Maxwell and William H. Prescott. The full length of the course was 1,427 yards.



CLUB-HOUSE SHENIPSIT GOLF CLUB.

In May, 1897, the Shenipsit Club was formed with William Maxwell, President; Miss Lida Prescott, Vice-President, and A. T. Bissell, Secretary and Treasurer. At that time the club had 48 members and the present club house was built in August of that year. The course was also lengthened to the present distance, 1,930 yards. The name and length of each hole is as follows:

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|------------------|------------|
| 1. Club House, . | 162 yards. |
| 2. Farm, . . . | 219 " |
| 3. Heights, . . | 228 " |
| 4. View, . . . | 304 " |
| 5. Brae, . . . | 169 " |
| 6. Lake, . . . | 181 " |
| 7. Grove, . . . | 120 " |
| 8. Knoll, . . . | 138 " |
| 9. Home, . . . | 309 " |



VIEW OF SHENIPSIT LAKE FROM CLUB-HOUSE.

The course consists mostly of old pasture and grazing land and abounds in natural hazards composed largely of stone walls. The view obtained from the first four links is unsurpassed, with Mt. Tom and Springfield to the north, the valley of the Connecticut and Hartford to the west and the beautiful Lake Shenipsit and the Tolland hills to the east. Dances and parties are frequently held at the club house, which commands a fine view of the course and lake.

The club has some very good players. Last year's team consisted of Charles Al-

len, George E. Sykes, Oliver T. Hyde, H. J. Mandell, and J. P. Cameron, Captain. The record for the course is 39, held by Charles Allen. Among the best women players are Mrs. J. P. Cameron, Miss J. Alice Maxwell, and Miss Florence Belding. Mrs. J. P. Cameron holds the ladies' record, 51. The present officers of the club are: William Maxwell, President; Mrs. B. H. Bill, Vice-President, and J. P. Cameron, Secretary and Treasurer. The club membership is 93.



J. P. CAMERON, CAPTAIN SHENIPSIT GOLF CLUB.

COUNTRY CLUB, FARMINGTON.

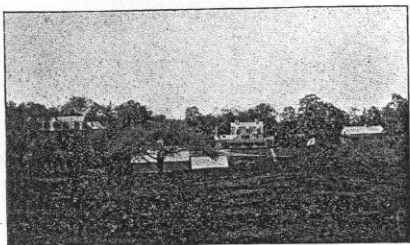
THE Country Club at Farmington takes in all kinds of sports. In the past few years golf has rather outclassed the other forms of exercise out there and now the club has an excellent 9-hole course. The club has about 100 acres and the land is very well adapted for golf playing. It is an old pasture ground and the links are close and short, at least the grass is.

The links are situated back of the club house and extend to the picturesque



CHARLES N. ALLEN, SHENIPSIT GOLF CLUB HOLDER OF CLUB RECORD ON THE COURSE.

Farmington River, which was once the favorite fishing ground of the Tunxis Indians and later a camp for the British soldiers during the Revolution. The club



GROUNDS OF THE COUNTRY CLUB,
FARMINGTON.

house is a roomy building that has been remodeled and now it is very comfortable. It has a well-appointed dining room and kitchen, reception rooms, and on the upper floors there are bed-rooms. D. Newton Barney of Farmington, is the President; John H. Hall of Hartford, Vice-President; Dr. Wm. D. Morgan of Hartford, Second Vice-President; Morris Penrose of Hartford, Secretary, and Louis Parker of Hartford, Treasurer. Among the best players are Mr. Barney, H. B. Steadman, W. A. Hooker, E. Henry Hyde and R. G. Erwin.

The far-famed Elm Tree Inn, managed by Arthur W. Rood, adjoins the club house and the two make a magnet for



CLUB-HOUSE, COUNTRY CLUB, FARMINGTON.

golfers from far and near. The club has a membership that extends all over the state, but principally in Hartford, Farmington, New Britain, Bridgeport and Waterbury. The links are often used by the relatives and friends of the girls attending Miss Porter's School at Farmington who visit the old town for the purpose of seeing the girls. The young ladies also play and some of them are very proficient.

WALLINGFORD GOLF CLUB.

PRESIDENT, George D. Munson; Vice-President, Dr. William S. Russell; Secretary, Roland F. Andrews; Treasurer, William H. Edsall; Captain, Harley H. Hawkins; Associate Captain, Miss Claire Banks.



HARLEY H. HAWKINS, CAPTAIN WALLINGFORD GOLF CLUB.

Board of Governors: Lothar Von Grave, Dr. William S. Russell, Roland F. Andrews, W. J. Leavenworth, Walter H. Young, George D. Munson, William H. Edsall, C. H. Tibbits, Miss Caroline Runtz-Rees.



CLUB-HOUSE, WALLINGFORD GOLF CLUB.

Greens Committee: Harley H. Hawkins, Chairman; Dr. William S. Russell, John P. Stevenson.

Tournament Committee: Lothar Von Grave, Chairman; Walter H. Young, Miss Runtz-Rees.

House Committee: Henry L. Davis, Chairman; Charles D. Morris, Mrs. W. S. Russell, Mrs. C. H. Tibbits, Miss Claire Banks.



MISS CAROLINE RUNTZ-REES, LEADING LADY PLAYER, WALLINGFORD GOLF CLUB.

Team: Harley H. Hawkins, Captain; Dr. William S. Russell, William H. Hapgood, George F. Fiske, Henry L. Davis, John P. Stevenson, George D. Munson, Walter H. Young.

Green Keeper: Charles Foster.

The club was organized March, 1898. Annual meetings and election of officers, third Wednesday of March each year.

Club colors, red and green.

The club, consisting of active and associate members, is in a very flourishing condition. The active membership is limited at 100 which figure was reached at the opening of the 1900 season with quite a number on the waiting list. The playing interest seems almost equally divided between the men and women players.

Active members are divided in four classes, viz.: Class A and B Men, and Class A and B Women. Each class having its own trophy for tournaments which are regularly played twice a month. The team this year has entered an inter-club league with Middletown, Meriden and New Britain.

The links comprise a 9-hole course with a total distance of 2,042 yards. The course is over an undulating country, interspersed with well placed natural hazards.

Entrance to the course and club house is on Constitution Street, near terminus of Electric Road on Center Street.

The new club house which was finished April 1, 1900, is comfortably furnished with lockers, running water, etc., and pleasantly placed in a grove on elevated ground near the first tee, dominating almost entire course and affording a picturesque view of the town and surrounding country.

WILLIMANTIC GOLF CLUB.

THE citizens of Willimantic are proud of their thread mills but they dislike to have everything in the place called the "Thread City." Therefore, when the golf club was formed and it selected the

name of the Willimantic instead of the Thread City organization there was much rejoicing and all kinds of prosperity were predicted. This club is one of the youngest in the state as it was not organized until last fall. It is a lusty youngster and steps have already been taken to improve and enlarge the course. Early in April the officers held a meeting and added several members to the roll.

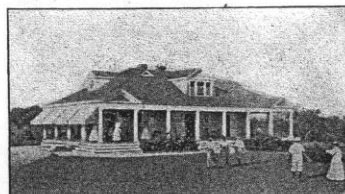
The grounds are on the South Coventry road, and about a mile and a quarter distant from the center of the city. There are hillocks and dales and stonewalls and on one side is the Willimantic River, making a course that is certainly picturesque. The Rev. E. A. George, the pastor of the Congregational Church, was largely instrumental in getting the club started. He had played on the links at Pomfret and was so enthusiastic over the sport that he interested others in the matter.

The club is fully equipped and the members played all winter. There are quite a number of ladies who play and some excellent scores are made by them. D. Everett Taylor is president, and Attorney William Ansel Arnold is secretary and treasurer. These officers, with Samuel Chesbro, G. P. Phoenix and Herbert E. Clark compose the board of directors. Some of the best players are Rev. E. A. George, Huber Morrison, A. D. Chaffee, W. A. Arnold and Judge Goodrich of Brooklyn, N. Y.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY GOLF CLUB.

THE Fairfield County Golf Club at Greenwich is one of the best known in the state and it contains some excellent golfers. The incorporators of the club are Julian W. Curtiss, John H. Boswell, James McCutcheon, Edward K.

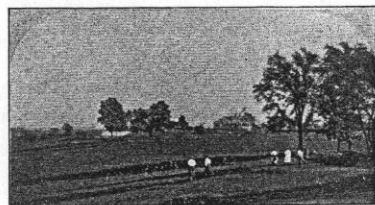
Willard, James Pott, Jr., Edwin B. Curtiss and George P. Sheldon. The organization is empowered to hold real estate to the value of \$100,000.



CLUB-HOUSE FAIRFIELD COUNTY CLUB.

The charter members were required to subscribe for at least one membership at \$100. The yearly dues are \$25 and the initiation fee is the same amount. No person not a member of the club and residing for thirty days or more within a radius of seven miles of the clubhouse may use the links, but friends of members, so residing, are welcome to privileges of clubhouse whenever properly introduced.

The executive committee appoints three standing committees, house, greens and handicap committee. The house committee is composed of three members and it has full charge of the club house. The treasurer is an ex-officio member of this committee. The handicap committee is also composed of three members and they have full charge of all club competitions other than matches engaged in by the club teams.



FAIRFIELD COUNTY GOLF CLUB, LOOKING FROM HIGH TEE.

The club insignia is a burgee with light navy blue background and monogram in white. The charter members of the club are as follows:

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| Anderson, A. A. | McAlpin, George L. |
| Alexandre, Mrs. | Murphy, P. F. |
| Natalie | Martin, W. R. H. |
| Adams, Allen, W. | Mason, J. M. |
| Bond, F. E. V. | Mellen, N. C. |
| Baker, Stephen | Norton, E. N. |
| Baker, Robert B. | Outerbridge, A. E. |
| Brown, Samuel W. | Park, Hobart J. |
| Brooks, Charles A. | Powell, De Veaux |
| Baldwin, J. C. | Pierce, Charles T. |
| Beal, W. R. | Renner, F. G. |
| Bouchelle, W. T. | Robins, C. D. |
| Curtiss, E. B. | Russel, E. W. |
| Cammann, H. L. | Ritter, F. W. |
| Curtiss, Julian W. | Sanger, F. W. |
| Converse, E. C. | Stephens, L. H. |
| Carhart, William E. | Stewart, P. M. |
| Freeman, Frank M. | Sheldon, George P. |
| Hoyt, Edward C. | Temple, William |
| Hooper, T. D. | Tiedemann, Theodore |
| Hubbell, George W. | Tatum, Charles A. |
| Hoyt, Walter S. | Tyson, George G. |
| Hilliard, Frederick C. | Tod, J. Kennedy |
| Hoyt, George S. | Wallace, E. C. |
| Holmes, Thomas S. | Wills, Charles T. |
| Lockwood, Edgar | Willard, E. K. |
| Logan, W. J. | Whiteman, A. V. |
| McCutcheon, James | Waterman, Will'm E. |
| McCord, W. H. | |



NORWICH CLUB

LINKS.—Golf is a feature of the Norwich Club—a social organization of this city—having its home on Crescent street.

The officers of the club are:

C. L. Hubbard, President; C. R. Butts, Treasurer, and J. C. Averill, Secretary. The green committee for this year are E. Wallner, chairman; A. H. Chase, Willis Austin and F. T. Sayles.

The first hole of the nine hole course has its tee at the rear of the club house

and is a drive and full iron to the green which is very small and shut in by a bank on two sides and a wall in the rear.

A carry of about a quarter of a mile ends on the second tee from which a drive—woods punishing pull or slice—and a full iron over a ledge should land the ball on the second green. A full iron will carry to the third green which is hidden from the tee by an elevation and which punishes an over shot by a disused road and adjacent stone wall.

The fourth hole is also hidden from the tee and is reached by a drive and half iron—a fozzle of the former being pun-



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ished by a stone wall with like trouble for the latter.

The drive to the fifth hole is from the crest of a knoll, across rapidly falling ground and a sunken road bounded by two stone walls; if this is crossed safely still another wall is between the ball and the green which should be reached by a full iron.

A good drive—crossing another wall—with a short approach should find the ball on the sixth green.

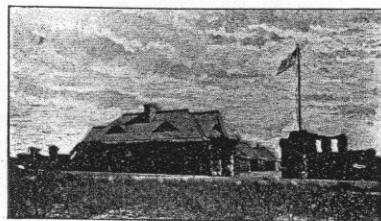
The seventh hole is perhaps the most difficult on the course. The green can be reached by drive, brassy and full iron; but the tee has in front the sunken road again with its two walls, while a pulled

ball will find another sunken road with the inevitable wall between it and the fair green and both the brassy and iron must be over walls.

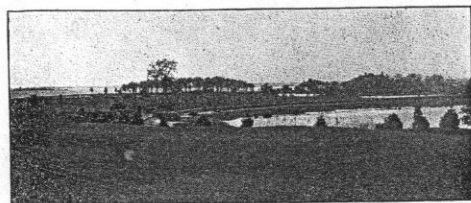
The eighth and longest hole requires a good drive—a pull punished by wild going—a long brassy over two walls and the sunken road—a full iron with woods for pull or slice and a short approach over a trap bunker. Passing down the carry again a drive over a raised road followed by a good iron over a bunker guarding the green leaves the player again at the club house.

INNIS ARDEN GOLF CLUB.

THE Innis Arden Golf Club was organized a short time ago at Sound Beach. A number of well-known New Yorkers who are summer residents of Sound Beach are charter members. A 9-hole course of 2,940 yards has been laid out. It is situated along the Sound on the estate of Innis Arden. This has long been noted as one of the handsomest of the many show places along the Sound. The peninsular is bounded on two sides by the sound, on the other by Greenwich Cove. This club holds the record for the value of its links in the real estate market. If cut into plots it is estimated



ENTRANCE AND LODGE, INNIS ARDEN GOLF CLUB.



VIEW FROM THE GROUND OF THE INNIS ARDEN GOLF CLUB.

that the links would net the owner a half million dollars. J. Kennedy Tod, a New York banker, is the owner. The ground for the links comprises forty-five acres and is the gate-way to the peninsula on which Mr. Tod has his summer home, connecting it with the mainland. The part reserved by Mr. Tod contains 200 acres and is separated from the links by an artificial lake.

Henry J. Lucas, the vice-president, has donated the casino which he built last year on his estate as a club house. It is known as the Greenwich Cove Casino. It is on the mainland, near the ninth tee and is well equipped with bath, lockers and lounging rooms. The club has boat docks on the Cove side and bathing houses along the Sound shore, where the beach is one of the best to be had anywhere. The membership is limited to 100 and includes H. O. Havemeyer, who has a house near by, and his son, the Yale player.

The officers of the club are: President, J. Kennedy Tod; Vice-President, Henry J. Lucas; Secretary, W. B. Strong; Treasurer, E. R. Washburn; Governors, Frederick Toppings, Edwin Burney, E. Hope Norton, F. W. Tuttle, J. H. White, J. K. Tod, E. J. Lucas, W. B. Strong and E. R. Washburn.

As these links represent such a large money value a description of them, taken from the New York Sun, is of interest:



The ground on which the nine-hole links is laid out is covered by the best possible turf, nearly equal to a well kept lawn in its verdant thickness. The first hole, 250 yards, is an open one, but two bunkers are to be cut out, one near the tee and one to guard the green. A pond must be carried on the second shot to the second hole, the distance being 400 yards, and the green on the extreme end of the promontory, commanding a grand marine view. Near the water, too, is the third tee, the play being up the hill crowned with a tripod bearing the beacon, one of the landmarks known to all who sail on the Sound. The distance is 255 yards. The fourth tee is on the apex of the hill, overlooking the Sound, Greenwich Cove, and landward, the Fairfield Hills. The play is over undulating land, trending downward. The distance is 335 yards. The fifth hole is only four yards shorter. This green is between the Sound and the artificial lake on Mr. Tod's grounds, the tee being on the hill. Teeing up near the lake, the play is along the bank for 273 yards, but only a very poorly pulled ball will be punished. Now comes the "Crescent" hole, 543 yards, and a hard one to play in par figures about two hundred and fifty yards from the tee the "Beacon" hill rises, the green lying in a hollow beyond. Although the eighth tee is on the hillside, the hole, 250

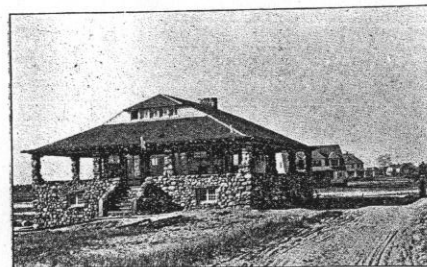
yards away, is a blind one, a still higher hill coming between it and the hole, forming a grand natural hazard. The ninth hole has a playing length of 267 yards. The only hazard is the road leading to Mr. Tod's grounds.

QUAGANOPOXET GOLF CLUB.



Quaganopoxet Golf Club of New London was started in the spring of 1897. The grounds comprise about seventy-five acres and are beautifully situated along the Sound, about one mile west of the Thames River. The grounds have a water frontage of one-third of a mile and are swept by ocean breezes. The place was an old farm and the turf is mostly excellent. The farm house, which is over 100 years old, has been renovated and is used a club house.

The membership has never been very large. Most of the members are summer residents of New London. While there are no great golfers in the or-



CASINO, INNIS ARDEN GOLF CLUB.

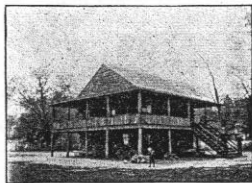
ganization there are many men and women members who play a strong game. The team has been very successful in the few matches in which it has participated. The club belongs to the Connecticut League of Golf Clubs.

The officers of the club are: President, Colonel A. C. Tyler; Vice-President, Dr. William Appleton; Secretary, Major Roswell D. Trimble; Treasurer, F. W. Foos; Captain of the Green, Captain C. P. Kirkland. These officers with Frank L. Palmer and W. W. Bond form the Board of Governors.

The club has a 9-hole course and the playing distance is 2,316 yards. Improvements have been made each year and now the grounds are as good as any of their size in the country. The putting greens are not as large as the members would desire as they are only 40 x 60 feet square, but otherwise they are excellent. The view from the club house is very fine, as it overlooks the entire course and the Sound beyond.

WATERBURY GOLF ASSOCIATION.

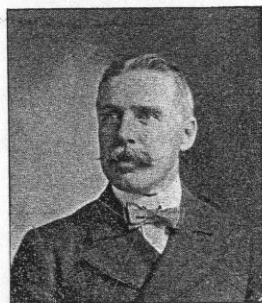
BEAUTIFULLY situated and easily accessible, with a splendidly appointed clubhouse and a well-kept field, the course of the Waterbury Golf Association is one of the most attractive in the



CLUB-HOUSE, WATERBURY GOLF CLUB.

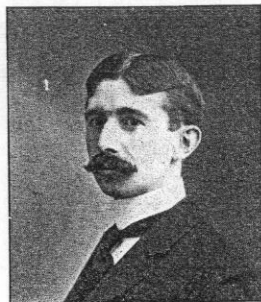
state. From the veranda of the clubhouse can be seen, more or less distinctly every one of the nine greens, due largely

to the well leveled surface of the field somewhat resembling the links of the Lakewood Golf Club.



WILLIAM B. MERRIMAN, CAPTAIN WATERBURY GOLF ASSOCIATION.

The view to the north is delightful especially in the changing lights of morning and evening, with the river on the left skirted by overhanging trees and marking the line of hazard on the western boundary, a middle ground broken by a few fine shade trees, and in the distance a long line of hill extending to old Ply-



CHARLES R. VAILL, WATERBURY GOLF CLUB, HOLDER CLUB RECORD FOR 18 HOLES.

mouth, give picturesque surroundings that are at once the pride of the club and the envy of visiting golfers.

Waterbury began to play golf in 1896, at which time Mr. Arthur Fenn laid out a short nine hole course on part of the grounds now in use and interest amount-

lie has never been seriously discussed by the committee.

The club house is a unique structure built of moss covered field stones and logs, and large locker rooms and spacious verandas are its prime features.

In club play Waterbury has not been very strong in matches other than those played on the home grounds, but in these has been defeated but once,

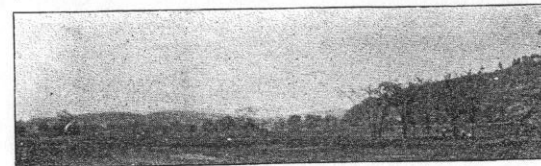
by the Hartford Club in 1899.

The leaders among the men are Mr. W. B. Merriman, captain of the team, Mr. N. R. Bronson, and Mr. C. R. Vaill. It would be a difficult matter to decide which of these gentlemen is the best. Mr. Merriman was "runner-up" to the present champion in a very close match at the close of last season, and as his scores are always high in team play, there is hardly a doubt that he holds first place as an exponent of the game in Waterbury. Mr. Bronson is the present holder of the coveted "President's Cup," a silver trophy given by the first president, Mr. C. L. Holmes, to be played for twice yearly until won three times by the same player. Mr. Vaill, the association's able secretary, holds the present club record for eighteen holes. He is a steady player and always shows up strong in team play.



"DALY."

Dr. Caroline R. Conkey is undoubtedly the best player among the ladies. She is a woman of superior physical strength, vigor and nerve, and a one hundred and fifty yard drive is not an uncommon feature of her play. Dr. Conkey won the ladies championship last year.



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ing to enthusiasm has never lagged. To a stranger it would seem an easy matter to cover the 2,660 playing yards in a "45," but that is really an excellent score for a player well up in the game, and although there are no artificial bunkers in sight, the many natural gullies and dry ditches form splendid obstacles to indifferent play, not only as obstacles to be safely negotiated are these ditched to be considered, but being as nicely grassed as

the fair green and of great variation in width, they constantly call into use the finest judgment of distance to be properly played. It would be difficult to find a better playing turf than that of this course, the soil being light and fertile, but like many other New England links, it cannot resist the effect of prolonged dry weather.

On the upper end of the course there are several places where a good drive is heavily penalized by a bad lie, but the men and women alike take all as it comes, and the childish rule of placing a ball out of a bad



DR. CAROLINE R. CONKEY, WATERBURY GOLF CLUB, WON LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP 1899.

The "Captain's Cup," a trophy recently presented by Mr. Merriman, will be played for in a series of handicap matches running through this summer and fall.

Bogie for the nine holes is 36. This is a low figure, however, and might safely be raised three points. The professional record, made by Harry Reddy, is 39.

The Waterbury Golf Association is an allied member of the U. S. G. A., and a charter member of the Connecticut League of Golf Clubs, and is represented on the executive committee of the latter organization by Mr. C. L. Holmes.

Officers: President, Mr. N. R. Bron-

son; Secretary, Mr. Charles R. Vaill, Treasurer, Mr. W. B. Bryan.

Men's team: W. B. Merriman, captain, Messrs. N. R. Bronson, W. W. Holmes, C. L. Holmes, C. J. Griggs, H. M. Steele.

Ladies' team: Mrs. Irving H. Chase, captain, Mrs. J. H. Bronson, Dr. Caroline R. Conkey, Miss Helen Williams, Miss Florence Chipman.

The Waterbury Golf Association was organized in 1899, under the laws of the State of Connecticut, as a corporation without stock.

The membership roll now contains 200 names.



TO A SUNBEAM.

Shaft of splendor,
Sweet and slender,
From the smiling sun,
Brightly sparkling
In the darkling
Leaves you fall upon!

You betoken
Love unspoken
From a source unseen,
Which surrounds us
Ties and bounds us
In our life's demesne.

MARGHERITA ARLINA HAMM.