



The Country Club of Rochester

Articles

1896

WILL HAVE A TALLY-HO.

Country Club Will Run One Out to Their House Twice a Week.

The board of stewards of the country club held a meeting at the Genesee Valley Club Saturday evening and decided to run a four-in-hand coach at regular intervals from the Genesee Valley club house to their own home on East avenue. The tally-ho has been placed at the disposal of the club by Warham Whitney, a member, who is an expert whip and who will probably handle the reins himself. The coach is a new one and was recently purchased in New York by Mr. Whitney. It is one of the most elegant of its kind and its estimated cost is \$2,000. A large announcement card has been placed in the hall of the club, showing the trips to be made and time of departure and arrival, as follows:

PUBLIC COACH.

On and after Saturday, May 9, 1896, (and until further notice) the Four Horse Coach

BRIGHTON

Will leave Genesee Valley Club for Brighton and Country Club Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.

Time Tables.

Going:

Leave Genesee Valley Club.....	2:00 P. M.
Leave Brighton	2:15 P. M.
Arrive, Country Club	2:25 P. M.

Returning:

Leave Country Club	5:35 P. M.
Leave Brighton	5:45 P. M.
Arrive, Genesee Valley Club	6:00 P. M.

The privileges of the Country Club are extended to the passengers of this coach. Places on the Coach can be secured at Coach Booking Office, Genesee Valley Club, or with Guard on Coach.

FARE.

Single trip	\$ 50
Round trip	1 00

Box seat, \$25 extra each way.

Whole Coach, \$10, going and returning.

N. B.—Passengers are cautioned to be on time.

Stops to put down and take on passengers.

The Stewards are arranging to erect a dormatory on the grounds of the club, which will accommodate from twelve to twenty persons. According to their plans, ground will be broken in the spring. This will be of great convenience to the members, as there are at present no sleeping accommodations at the club-house. Leonard L. Allen was elected a steward to fill a vacancy.

The Country Club Election.

The Country Club held its election of officers Monday afternoon, which resulted as follows: President, Josiah Anstice; vice-presidents, James S. Watson, F. P. Allen; secretary, George Wilder; treasurer, Gilman N. Perkins; house committee, J. H. Stedman, chairman; A. B. Eastwood, W. B. Lee; managers, elected for three years, James S. Watson, Warham Whitney, George H. Ellwanger, J. H. Stedman, George Wilder.

Golfers Met at Genesee Valley Club.

The Thistle Golfing Club held an enthusiastic meeting at the Genesee Valley Club last evening. The plans for the summer were informally discussed, but no definite action was taken. The Thistles prospect having a tournament some time in September, when they will have some of the best golfers in the country to participate. The links at the Country Club in Brighton will be immediately placed in condition and it is expected that they will be in shape for the sport as soon as the members are ready.

GOLF SEASON OPENS.

Links Here and There "In Commission" Clubs Being Organized.

New York Sun.

Golf is again in full sway. On Saturday nearly all the important links near the city were "in commission," as yachtsmen say, and those that have yet to fall in line will be heard from this week, with the exception of Ardsley Casino, where the golfing preparations are being completed on such a great scale that it will be possibly three weeks before the links are ready. The Morris County Golf Club members have kept in form by practicing on the short course at the Morristown Field Club, but the regular course will be open for informal games on next Saturday. The New Brunswick Golf Club course will also be opened on the same day.

There will also be regular competitions on Saturday. At Paterson there will be a match between teams of the Paterson Golf Club and the Philadelphia Country Club and a members' handicap will be played at the Westchester Golf Club. The next near-by open tournament will be at the Knollwood Country Club, May 20th, 21st, 22nd, and 23rd. Thereafter competitions and interclub matches will be held in rapid succession until the championships, July 13th, at the Shinnecock Hills Golf Club. After the championships the summer tournaments at Newport, Lenox, Narragansett Pier, Watch Hill, Saratoga and Seabright will keep the golfers busy until the autumn.

The May schedule for the Paterson Golf Club, to follow the interclub match, shows that a mixed foursome will be played on May 9th, a monthly medal match on May 16th, the King cup competition on May 23d, and a members' handicap on May 30th. The annual cup competition will be held on May 30th at St. Andrew's. May matches arranged by the Philadelphia Country Club include visits to St. Andrew's, on the 16th, and to Tuxedo on the 23d. On June 13th the Quakers will go to Shinnecock, and on June 27th to the Morris County Golf Club, while journeys still further afield are being arranged for July and August.

The informal play at the Essex County Country Club on Saturday was to fix the handicaps for the opening of the new course in May, which is being built in affiliation with the Orange Tennis Club. The full eighteen holes will not be ready until the autumn, but nine holes will be ready for the early tournaments. Alexander Finlay, late of the Meadowbrook club, is superintending the work, and has a gang of twenty-five men busy. The first hole will be about 150 yards, a deep ravine on the left making the hazard. The next will be 300, and the third 275 yards. The fourth, of 250 yards, will be a very sporty hole. The tee will be on a natural terrace, the play being across the ravine, which makes a perfect bunker. The fifth hole, in a corner near the evergreens, is to be 275 yards. The sixth will be 300, the seventh 140, the eighth 300 and the ninth 190 yards, with each putting green guarded by a natural or artificial hazard.

The Green's committee is made up of T. H. Powers Farr, Oscar Willigerod and Frederick Frelinghuysen. On last year's form the best players are T. H. P. Farr, C. F. Watson, C. H. Lee and Richard M. Colgate, who has private links on his grounds near Orange.

The golf club organized among the members of the Bedford Country Club last fall is having a neat course laid out on the George Warden property.

A golf club has been started at Hartford, Conn. At a meeting held in the Colonial Club Dr. E. B. Hooker, W. H. St. John, and Emerson G. Taylor were appointed a committee to select grounds for the links.

Kirk, a professional from Manchester, England, has been engaged by the Larchmont Golf Club.

Philip S. Honeyman, who was to superintend the laying out of the Seawanbaka-Corinthian Yacht Club links on Center Island, had to hurry back to the Lenox Golf Club, but the course will be finished by the yachtsmen and be ready by June.

A. Ricketts, from the Ottawa Golf Club, has been engaged as professional by the Albany Country Club.

The annual competition for the amateur championship of Ireland, open to members of clubs affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland, born and resident in the country, was played over the fine links at Portrush on April 8th, 9th and 10th. It was won by J. S. Moore, Jr. (Royal Dublin), who defeated H. A. S. Upton (Royal Dublin) in the final round, by eight up and seven to play.

J. H. Taylor, the open champion of Great Britain, again defeated J. Braid on April 11th, this time at the Northwood Golf Club, in a thirty-six hole match. Taylor won by three up and one to play. In the second round both went the eighteen holes in eighty, beating the club record by two strokes.

Alex Simpson, the Forfar professional, may have a look in for the Great Britain open championships this year. On April 24th he made the Cumminghill course in seventy-one, a record score.

Arrangements are being made for a team match between the Lakewood Golf Club and the Richmond County Golf Club, to be played here on May 8th. Jasper Lynch, R. B. Kerr, Paul T. Kimball, and W. H. Sands will represent Lakewood, and Messrs. Chadwick, Armstrong, Parker and Patterson the Richmond County Club. Willie Norton and Tom Gourlay are trying to arrange a professional foursome with the Tucker brothers, but thus far have been unable to complete the details.

The golf season was opened yesterday (April 25th) at the Country Club of Brookline. The players were forced to use temporary greens instead of the regular ones. Thirty-five players took part in the match, which was for a medal. The course was eighteen holes. G. E. Cahat was the winner, with a score of 71. Among the players was ex-Governor William E. Russell, who played a very fair game.

Thistle Golf Club's Professional.


David Honeymann, from St. Andrews, has been engaged as the professional for the Thistle Golf Club for the season. This means that he will be the professional green's-keeper of the Thistle Golf Club's course at the Country Club's grounds. He will also instruct members in the game.

**THISTLE GOLF
CLUB'S LINKS**

**Delightful Course on the Grounds
of the Country Club.**

A BIT ABOUT THE SPORT

**A Cut of the Links Which With Refer-
ence to the Article Accompany-
ing Will Explain Something
of the Game.**



THE Thistle Golf club's links on the grounds of the Country Club are said to be as fine as any in this country and certainly there could have been no more delightful a spot than at the grounds of the local club yesterday afternoon. The vigorous breeze bore the scent of warm meadows over the course and the heat, which was oppressive in the city, was at a delightful temperature there.

The very approach to the grounds from the place where the street car line ends at Brighton was over a road bordered by old fashioned yards in which the lilac bushes were sweetly in evidence, both to eye and nose. The smell of ploughed ground and of cut grass added to the delights of the afternoon.

From the flag staff of the Country Club was floating a very beautiful flag and the grass of the links had been cut down and trimmed so that the big fields on each side of the road looked like lawns.

Nearly all of the golf course is in view of the piazza of the Country Club house, and the scene is very pretty from the shady spot, with its old trees and old-fashioned bushes.

There are but nine holes on the Thistle Golf Club's links, making it necessary to go twice around in order to obtain the full course of eighteen holes. Some of the "hazards" or obstructions of the course are artificial and some natural. A "hazard" is desirable because it presents an

obstruction to the player and requires skill to avoid. No links are good ones unless they contain "hazards."

Of the natural "hazards or bunkers the Brighton road is the best, being bounded on each side by stone walls and scrubby brush, and a man is apt to lose a good many strokes before he can get over. Yesterday afternoon a gentleman drove a ball into the road and it fell so close to the fence that he was unable to "loft" it over until he had made many strokes in trials.

The game as it is usually played is scored by the number of strokes it takes to make the whole course and the one covering it in the least number wins. The hazards are very apt to cause an increase in the number of strokes necessary to cover the course, although it is possible to become so skilful that they make no difference.

As may be seen by the appended cut, the game is started on the north side of the club house and the first hole is called the "Hummock," and each one is named. The bunker or hazard is indicated, also the number of yards from the tee-ing ground to the hole. At each hole those playing state the number of strokes each has had to make to reach the place and get his little gutta percha ball in. The cards issued and filled up look like this:

THISTLE GOLF CLUB.
Date **May 9, 1896.**
Opponent, **Joe Doe.**

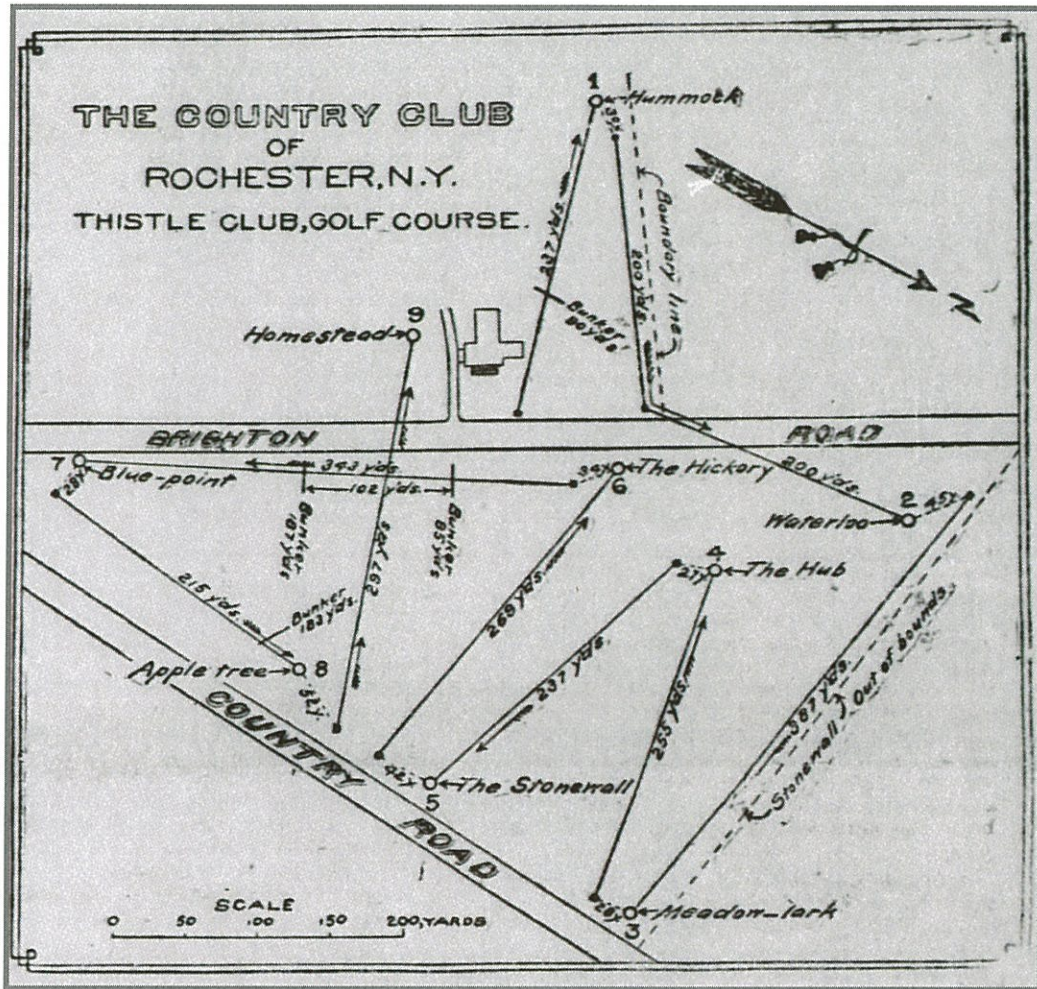
	1st Round.		2d Round.		
	Holes.....	Self.....	Opponent.	Self.....		Opponent.
Hummock, 237	1	8	7	8	10
Waterloo, 400	2	6	9	9	12
Meadow-lark, 387 ...	3	10	8	12	14
The Hub, 255	4	11	9	11	9
Stonewall, 237	5	12	11	10	10
The Hickory, 269	6	7	6	6	9
Blue-point, 343	7	7	9	10	11
Apple tree, 215	8	9	11	9	10
Homestead, 295	9	10	9	8	9
2,640	T'tl.	80	80	73	94

Total for 18 holes—Self 153; Opponent, 167.
Signature, Richard Roe.

Richard Roe won this by a margin of fourteen strokes.

The exercise is not violent, but is dependent upon skill in handling the striking irons. A strong arm and a sure, delicate hand are required for good playing. One can enjoy the beauty of such an afternoon as yesterday while playing the game, which is something which can hardly be said of other outdoors sports, most of which are too violent to allow the splendor of the day to be taken into consideration.

In the active athletic sports a fine day is welcomed with joy because it allows competitors to reach their best. In golf it has the same effect and is the more welcome in that players have time to enjoy it also for its beauties.



MEMORIAL DAY AT THE COUNTRY CLUB

A Varied Programme Prepared for
the Members.

GAMES OF VARIOUS KINDS

Contests at Golf During the Morning—
Rifle and Shotgun Matches, Archery,
Quoits, Base Ball, etc.—
Music and Refreshments.



THE Country Club has prepared a programme full of good things for its members on Decoration Day. There will certainly be enough for them to do to spend a busy day and those who are not anxious to devote all of the day to the club will find many games and pastimes which they can fully enjoy in whatever length of time they desire to spend. Weather permitting the occasion will be a memorable one. The grounds of the club are delightful and the glare and heat of the city are happily forgotten there.

Golf games will be played all the morning up to 1 o'clock in the afternoon, at which time lunch will be served. There will be several kinds of competition at the golf contests. One will be in long distance drives. In this event, if it may be so called, several members of the club have made good records and the gutta percha ball can be sent an amazing way through the air. Then there will be putting contests, where the balls will be put at gradually increasing distances from the holes, those falling dropping out as contestants do in a high jump as the bar is raised at too great a height for them.

All of the sports are under the direction of a committee composed of J. H. Stedman, A. B. Eastwood and W. N. Lee. Mr. Stedman is now at Cranberry lake and Mr. Eastwood and Mr. Lee are conducting the preliminaries. Captain Josiah Anstee of the Thistle Golf Club and Mr. Lee will have charge of the golf contests. Rifle and shot gun shooting will be held. The chairman of the committee in charge of rifle shooting will be L. Bordman Smith and S. F. Macomber is the chairman of the shot-gun committee. Ranges are to be built at the club's grounds this week and fitted with traps. The rifles used will not, of course, be of heavy caliber. Instead of prizes it is intended to place in position boards on which the records made and the name of the maker will be inscribed after contests and will remain there so long as no one breaks them. When that is done the new record and new names will supersede the old ones.

The Genesee Falls band will be in attendance during the afternoon from 2 until 6 o'clock.

There will also be ball games and W. W. Mumford is managing this end of the programme. It will not be necessary that entries to the various contests be made until the day, so it is not known just who will participate in the various events.

Besides the above named sports the members will play quoits, shuffle board, croquet; will bowl on the green and will compete in matches in archery.

AT THE COUNTRY CLUB.

How The Members Passed the Day Among Green Fields.

The Rochester Country Club passed one of the pleasantest days in its history at its club grounds yesterday. The old fashioned residence which has been converted to the use of the club, the green sward with the tall shade trees, relics of the past primeval grandeur, used as the playgrounds of the fashion and beauty of the city, the broad meadows where the golf links lie, all were a pleasant vista for the fortunate members of the club, who lost no opportunity to enjoy their benefits yesterday.

While the early nascent dew of spring-time lay on the crisp green grass, and the twittering birds still flitted in their downward course over the links, a score of well bred, well groomed men, clad in natty golf suits, representing the solid element of the city's aristocracy, scampered on the grounds and soon the air was full of noisy old fashioned merriment as the game progressed. These golfers are tireless fellows, and the glowing cheek and the panting chest proved to be no hindrance to the sport.

Most of the early arrivals had wheeled

sport.

Most of the early arrivals had wheeled their way out from the city, and the yellow fellow, the white flyer, the orange rim, the somber black, and the bright green tire, chummed in a sort of friendly but silent rivalry and companionship beneath the spreading trees. The wheels, as they were carelessly piled around the grounds, made the place look like the scene presented in some of the exquisite bicycle cartoons, where the shady dell and the country cross road lends additional charm to the tempting picture.

Verily the Country Club grounds were a paradise for the children and the wheelmen yesterday. The children commenced to arrive about eleven o'clock. Soon the sward was covered with many little tots smartly dressed in duck and tan, ready for the day's outing. Swings in the grove, croquet and the other childish games were soon rivaling the golf of the elders. The children came in the family carriages, accompanied by smart grooms and pretty maids.

Later the showy equipages filled with the matrons and young women came dashing down the avenue. The stream of fine horseflesh and well bred humanity commenced to wend its way to the club at noon, and it continued all day until the twilight warned the happy people that the day's pleasure was over. It would take columns to describe all the equipages. The showy double seated drag, the lumbering carriage with an outward air of dignity but filled with happy faces, the smart little traps which dashed by the heavier craft like the little tugs of a squadron, the wagonettes like the fleet frigates, and the horsemen and horsewomen like the swift pilot boats that caracoled around the larger craft in friendly proximity.

At noon the regular club luncheon was served to a large party in the club rooms. As soon as the meal was hastily disposed of the grounds behind the club house were filled with the amateur marksmen, and scores of clay birds and harmless targets fell victims to the men who were playing there. The game of shuffle board excited the attention of not alone the children, but of many of the older ones, and it was highly edifying to see them vying with the little tot who occupied the opposite place and sharply watched the maneuvers of the father, big brother, or uncle who was "Just learning the game."

At 3 o'clock the ball game was started. It would be hard to write a history of that game. Two sides were chosen. W. B. Lee captained one side and he was assisted by F. S. MacComber, L. S. Ward, Rev. Dr. Harlan, L. L. Allen, George Wilder, H. G. Danforth and J. P. Bowman. The other team was captained by W. W. Mumford. The other members of his team were as follows: E. L. Adams, E. T. Whitbeck, Gurney Curtis, E. G. Miner, Jr., Beekman Little, A. B. Eastwood, W. J. Curtis and W. B. Spader. The team captained by Mr. Mumford won the contest by an overwhelming score. One member of the team asserts that it was 16 to 4. After much discussion it was decided by the captains that the double umpire system should be used, and H. P. Brewster and J. H. Gregory consented to be sacrificed to appease the divinity of the national game.

After the ball game the dinner was served in the club house, and the tired and happy crowd fled homeward to escape the pattering rain drops which came with the twilight. The members of the Country Club are enthusiastic over their happy day in the country.

CINDER PATH TO FAIRPORT.

Rochester, Fairport and Pittsford Wheelmen Favor the Scheme.

A communication received from Pittsford states that there is some prospect of the wheelmen of Pittsford and Fairport constructing a cinder path to this city, although the meeting held in the latter village yesterday was not productive of as much enthusiasm as the promoters had anticipated.

Frank J. Amsden of this city was chosen chairman of the meeting, and a committee consisting of J. Y. McClintock and Frank Smith, of Rochester; George Holman and Will O. Greene, of Fairport, and Frank W. Emerson, Charles Mortimer and W. Rand of Pittsford, was appointed to ascertain the general feeling of interested wheelmen with regard to the plan.

The path, if built, will probably follow the direct road from Fairport to this city and will connect with the path now constructed from Brighton village to the Country Club, while an independent path will be built from Pittsford to connect with the main path at the nearest point from that village.

BUFFALO GOLFERS MEET THE THISTLES

Tournament to be Held on Saturday on Thistle Links.

TEAMS TO NUMBER 7 MEN

First Contest of the Season Locally—
The Links Now in Fine Condition—Notes of the Game
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THE first match of the season on the grounds of the Country Club will take place on Saturday when the golf team of the Buffalo club will meet the representatives of the Thistle Golf Club of

this city. Work on the links of the Thistle Golf Club has been going on for many weeks and the whole new course will probably be in first-class condition for the tournament on Saturday. The teams will consist of seven men each. It is not yet definitely known who will compose that of the Thistle Golf Club nor has any information been received as to the make-up of the Bionic organization.

The visitors will certainly find a course of unusual perfection in the one on the Country Club grounds and the entire length of it, with perhaps a hundred yards, will be in view from the piazza of the Country Club house. The interest in the game has been growing of late and each afternoon many members of the club go there with their families while on Saturday there is always a large number present all day long.

This afternoon the Buffalo Golf Club is scheduled to meet the team of the Thistle Golf Club of Rochester on the latter's course on the grounds of the Country Club. There will be seven men in each team.

THISTLE GOLF TEAM BEAT THE BUFFALOS

—●—
Won the Match on the Country
Club Course.

—●—
SCORE WAS 18 HOLES TO 8

—●—
W. B. Lee Covered the Course in the
Least Number of Strokes and
Dr. Grant Ranked Next
to Him.

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Interest in the golf tournament between the Country Club of Buffalo and the Thistle Club of this city caused a large gathering of ladies and gentlemen at the Country Club grounds yesterday afternoon. Rochester won the match by 18 holes to 8, a margin of 10. A return match will be played in the near future at Buffalo, although the date is not yet fixed.

The visiting team was entertained by the officers of the club, J. H. Stedman, president; C. H. Angel, vice-president; F. P. Allen, treasurer; J. W. Cutler, honorable secretary; Josiah Anstice, captain; Erickson Perkins, L. L. Allen, E. G. Miner, Jr., E. S. Clarke, governing committee.

The Buffalonians arrived on the 11:20 train from Buffalo and were met by a tallyho and members of the club. They dined at the Country Club house. Immediately after dinner the contest began and continued until close on to 6 o'clock. Afterwards supper was served.

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Miner, Allen, Pleistain and Hib-

Messrs. Miner, Allen, Bleistein and Hibbard played but once around, the two last named being obliged to leave early to catch a train. The others all played 18 holes.

For the benefit of those who are not familiar with the game it may be well to state that it consists in each side playing a ball from a tee into a hole by successive strokes. If both sides hole out in the same number of strokes the hole is halved. One round in the links--18 holes generally--is a match, although on the Thistle course two rounds are required, the course being a 9-hole one.

The match is won by the side which gets more holes ahead than there remains holes to be played, or by the side winning the last hole when the match was all but even at the second last hole. If both sides have won the same number it is a halved match. This word "halved" occurs several times in the summary between the pairs of opponents and means that each has broke even.

W. B. Lee made the best score of the day in strokes. He made the course going out in 55 and coming in did it in 56, a total of 111 strokes for the course. The next best stroking was done by Dr. H. G. Grant of Buffalo, who stroked against Mr. Lee and who was defeated by one hole in their round. He stroked out in 57 and coming in in 59, a total of 116. The summary follows:

Rochester.		Buffalo.	
L. L. Allen	3	B. Rumsey	0
F. P. Allen.....	0	Bleistein	2
E. G. Miner, Jr.....	0	George Hibbard ..	1
J. P. Bowman	5	Dr. Metcalf	0
Gurny Curtis ..halved		Hedstrom	halved
J. Craig Powers	8	C. W. Cady	0
J. W. Oothout	0	Dr. Chas Cary....	5
Wm. B. Lee	1	Dr. H. G. Grant..	0
J. Anstice	halved	E. A. Bell	halved
	13		8

A Return Golf Game.

The Thistle Golf Club will meet the Buffalo Golf Club in a return game on Saturday on the links of the Buffalo Country Club on Saturday.

The score:	
BUFFALO.	
Dr. H. G. Grant	0
G. A. Hibbard	5
E. A. Bell	0
Dr. F. Metcalf	0
A. Hedstrom	3
E. N. Fleming	0
W. A. Douglass	3
C. W. Cady	2
George Bleustein	1
Dr. C. Cary	3
Total	<u>17</u>
ROCHESTER.	
W. B. Lee	3
E. G. Miner	0
Josiah Anstice	1
J. P. Bowman	1
G. T. Curtis	0
A. B. Eastwood	1
J. H. Stedman	0
J. C. Powers	0
F. P. Allen	0
L. L. Allen	0
Total	<u>6</u>

ROCHESTER GOLFERS
BEATEN BY BUFFALO

Home Team Victorious by a Majority of 21 Points.

EACH HAVE WON A GAME

Hedstroms the Best Individual Score
Over the Mile Course, 99 Strokes
—Curtis Finished with 108
Strokes.

Special Dispatches to Democrat and Chronicle
Buffalo, N. Y., July 25.—The Buffalo and
Rochester Country Clubs' golf teams played
a match game here this afternoon, and Roch-
ester was defeated. Buffalo won the game by
eleven points.

The game was played on a course nearly a
mile long extending from the Country Club
house across the fields into the park. There
was a big crowd of lookers-on in fashionable
coaches and carriages. The game lasted for
four hours, and it was long after 6 o'clock
before it was finished.

Hedstrom, of Buffalo, made the best record,
finishing the course with but 99 strokes. Cary
finished the course with 104 strokes and Cur-
tis with 108.

Anstice made 111 strokes and Lee and Bell
each 112.

It was a perfect day for the game. The
sun shone from a cloudless sky, and there was
just enough wind to cool the air.

THISTLE GOLF LINKS ARE VERY LONG

The Eighteen Holes Measure More
Than Buffalo or Shinnecock.

A COMPARATIVE TABLE

Measurement of the Three Courses,
Hole by Hole—A Big International
Tourney at Niagara-on-
the-Lake.

The links of the Thistle Golf Club measure a greater distance for the eighteen holes, or two rounds, than nearly any course in the country and therefore it is almost impossible for any player to place the course record as low as the records of many of the famous courses. The greater distance requiring a greater number of strokes to propel the ball from hole to hole. Mr. J. Harry Siskman of the Thistle Golf Club has had an opportunity in visiting the Shinnecock links and those of the Buffalo Country Club's course to make a comparison with the distance required to cover those of his own club. The result follows:

Holes.	Thistle. (yds.)	Shinnecock. (yds.)	Buffalo. (yds.)
1	237	275	221
2	400	290	145
3	387	240	230
4	225	230	191
5	237	151	103
6	230	255	383
7	343	330	422
8	215	200	153
9	235	204	83
10	2,634	225	85
11 .....	...	265	184
12 .....	...	237	162
13 .....	...	200	223
14 .....	...	317	407
15 .....	...	330	71
16 .....	...	250	184
17 .....	...	235	152
18 .....	...	210	65
	5,276	4,544	4,524

*Thistle course—Twice around.
Link records (strokes).
111 81 83

It will be seen that for the eighteen holes the Thistle Golf Club's links are 722 yards longer than the Shinnecock links and 213 yards longer than those of the Buffalo Golf Club. A study of the above tabulation will show that in the three short links of 71, 83 and 85 yards the Buffalo club has a great advantage in placing the course record lower than either of the other clubs and the unexpected shortness of these links was rather a handicap to the local golf team which played the Bisons on Saturday last.

The difference in length of the full courses amounts to several strokes in favor of each of the other, as the maximum length of a drive varies between 175 and 200 yards for the best performers.

At Niagara-on-the-Lake on September 23, 30, 4th and 5th, the big international tourney of the year will take place on the new Fort George Links and not on the Fort Missisaga Links, as has been the custom. All of the great golfers of the country will probably compete.

The third game between the Thistle golf team and the Buffalo Country Club team will occur at that time and place. Each club has won a game. The rubber will be awaited with interest.

Practice goes on daily on the links of the Thistle Golf Club on the Country Club grounds but there has been no handicap play of consequence, as was expected.

PLAN FOR A GOLF CLUB ITINERARY

To Encourage Matches Between
America and Canada.

THE PROJECT FEASIBLE

The Routes Through New York, New
England and Canada — Clubs so
Situated as to Obviate Long
Jumps — Golf Notes.

Says an anonymous writer in Golfing:

The Editor of Golfing:

Dear Sir: With a view to encourage friendly matches between players of American and Canadian clubs, it has frequently occurred to me that it would be very useful if some one interested in the matter and acquainted with the localities and routes should map out various "itineraries" or trips which might conveniently be taken by a party of Canadian golfers, starting, say, from the bridge at Niagara, so as to admit of their playing friendly matches with several American clubs, regard being had both to saving of expense in traveling and of time in reaching the various links.

Some suggested itineraries of this kind would I think make a very interesting departure in your columns.

If to this could be added some arrangement on the part of the various clubs visited that the visiting players should be put up during their stay by the local players so as to cut the item of hotel bills out of the visitors' expense list, leaving them simply their traveling expenses to provide, I think a number of our Canadian golfers, especially now that the holiday season is approaching, would be glad to join a trip of the kind.

I have no doubt that Canadian clubs on their part would be glad to fall in with such a scheme and to arrange to put up visiting Americans and to arrange return itineraries.

I think if anything of the kind were done it would of course be necessary to arrange for each trip separately, but if it were taken in hand I think it could be simply arranged and would result in some very pleasant games and a decided impetus to the game generally.

Golfing says editorially:

There is no doubt such a series could be easily arranged, and under the plan as proposed the necessary expenses would not be very heavy. A most interesting series of games could be played, and an increased good fellowship between the golfers of the two countries would certainly result. Starting from Niagara as proposed, a Canadian team would first reach Buffalo, where a match could be played with the Buffalo Country Club. Rochester would come next, where is located the Thistle Golf Club, a flourishing organization. We do not know of any club at Syracuse, the next large city, but at Utica, is the Sadaquada Golf Club, where Horace Rawlins, the American open champion, is greenkeeper, and instructor. Albany would next be reached, and here would be found the Albany Country Club, the Watervliet Arsenal Golf Club, and, a few miles up the Hudson, the Troy Country Club.

From Albany there would be a choice of two routes, either down the Hudson river to New York, where matches could probably be played with most of the local clubs, prior to a return through New England; or across through Massachusetts to Boston, stopping at Lenox, Great Barrington and Springfield. From Boston the trip could be extended to Portland, whence the return could be made by the Grand Trunk railroad.

To map out a route through Canada for an American team is even easier. Starting from Suspension Bridge, the links at Niagara-on-the-Lake, where the international tournament was held last fall, would first be reached. Next would come Hamilton at the western end of Lake Ontario, where there is a very lively club.

About seventy miles west of Hamilton is London, which also has a strong club. This would be the most westerly point in the itinerary. Toronto, which would next be reached on the eastward trip, rejoices in at least three golf clubs to our knowledge.

Next would come Kingston, where the officers of the Royal Military Academy, who are leading players in the local golf club, would probably muster a good team. Ottawa would come next, where there is a famous Canadian golf team, which has lately won a notable victory over its old-time rival, the Royal Montreal Club. Down the picturesque Ottawa river to Montreal would be the next stage, and here the Royal Montreal Golf Club would doubtless warmly welcome a visiting team. A flying trip down the St. Lawrence to the quaint old capital of Quebec, where golf is strongly supported, would end the trip, the homeward journey to be made from Montreal. Of course, this itinerary could easily be reversed, and Montreal be made the starting point, if found more convenient.

The matter of expense on either side, would of course depend on the length and duration of the trip, and these two latter elements would have to be carefully considered by the visiting team. We will be pleased to hear from any of our readers in relation to the matters, and will gladly publish any farther suggestions.

GOLF AT BUFFALO.

The Thistle Club Will Play the Bisons To-Morrow.

To-morrow the members of the team, Thistle Golf Club, of the Rochester Country Club, will hie themselves to Buffalo, there to play the third match of the season with the Buffalo Golf Club. The teams representing these two organizations have met twice before, once in this city, when the local players won, and later on in Buffalo, where the Bisons scored a victory. It was intended to play the third match off at the International tournament at Niagara-on-the-Lake, but this plan was abandoned when it was found that it would crowd matters at that tournament to try to play any more events than the programme called for.

The players from Rochester to-morrow will be: Captain, Josiah Anstice; Gurney P. Curtis, J. Craig Powers, L. L. Allen, W. B. Lee, John P. Bowman, Mr. Hudson and Dr. H. B. Carpenter.

THISTLE GOLFERS WON VERY HANDILY

The Buffalo Country Club Beaten
by 31 Holes.

HUDSON IN FINE FORM

Made the Round of the Course Within
a Second of Record Time—The
Result Gives Rochester
the Series.

Special Dispatch to Democrat and Chronicle.

Buffalo, Oct. 31.—The close of the series of three games between the Thistle Golf Club, of Rochester, and the Buffalo Country Club was played to-day.

Rochester was an easy winner in the series and will take the cup back with them when they return. The attendance at the game was very small, owing to the fact that it was the day of the greatest parade Buffalo ever had, and that everybody who could spare the time marched in the procession or went to some point where it could be viewed. From the moment the game began it was evident that Buffalo was outclassed and that the proof only waited the ending of the round.

Rochester won easily. Hudson put up one of the greatest games on record and making the round in ninety-five seconds, which is only one short of the record on these links.

Curtis and others also played great games and Rochester won hands down and in great shape. It is worthy of mention that Buffalo was handicapped by the fact that two of her men were not in condition, each having recovered from the effects of a surgical operation. But they played golf all the same and at a time they should not have done so. The score was thirty-one holes in favor of Rochester.

GOLF PLAY TO-DAY.

The Handicap Tournament on the Country Club Grounds.

The annual handicap tournament of the Thistle Golf Club will be held to-day on the course situated in the Country Club's grounds. Play will begin at 10 A. M. It will be for the Devine prize cup.

A "golf lunch" will be served from 1 to 2 o'clock and as this is one of the most important events of the season it is probable that the attendance will be large. A. Smith, the new greens-keeper, will give an exhibition.

ELLWANGER WON THE GOLF CUP

Annual Tournament of the Country Club Yesterday.

DIXON GOOD SCORING

Took the Fewest Number of Strokes to Make the Course—G. L. Curtis Ranked Next, But Their Handicaps Were Too Heavy.



INTEREST in the annual fall golf handicaps of the Country Club for the silver cup given by Mr. Ericson Perkins drew a large number of the members to the scene of the contests. W. D. Ellwanger won the

cup.

R. G. Dixon went over the course in 93 stokes, the best performance of the day, but his handicap of 14 stokes was too heavy. Curtis went over the course in 95 stokes. The summary:

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	Gross.	Handi- cap.	Net.
W. D. Ellwanger	127	-28	99
G. T. Curtis	95	* 5	100
R. D. Harlan	122	-18	104
E. S. Clarke	129	-25	104
Charles Little	118	-13	105
Beekman Little	126	-20	106
V. M. Smith	130	-24	106
J. W. Oothout	117	-10	107
Walter Powers	124	-17	107
R. G. Dixon	93	*14	107
F. P. Allen	115	- 7	108
H. Wilmerding	129	-21	108
J. H. Stedman	127	-17	110
J. P. Bowman	114	- 4	110
George Wilder	120	- 8	112
W. L. Mercer	137	-25	112
E. G. Miner, Jr.	122	-10	112
C. B. Hudson	107	* 5	112
Mahlon Day	147	-35	112
L. L. Allen	110	* 2	112
W. J. Curtis	123	-10	113
F. S. Macomber	125	-10	115
Ericson Perkins	130	-15	115
J. C. Powers	110	* 5	115
J. Anstice	120	- 4	116
W. B. Lee	116	..	116
E. L. Adams	122	- 5	117
H. P. Brewster	143	-25	118
H. B. Carpenter	118	..	118
L. B. Sraith	140	-20	120
A. B. Eastwood	133	-12	121
G. N. Perkins	157	-35	122
C. H. Angel	138	-15	123

* Means that handicap was added to player's gross score.

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Country Club Golf Tourney.

At the Country Club's golf tourney yesterday G. T. Curtis beat Dr. Carpenter seven up and six to play. Bowman defeated W. J. Curtis five up and three to play. On Tuesday Powers beat Perkins one up. Play will be continued to-day.

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COUNTRY CLUB TOURNEY

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Meanwhile the other survivors of the first round had been playing along with their respective opponents and matters have so far progressed that they are all through and waiting only for Mr. Hudson to play Mr. Allen, when the second round will have been completed and there will be but four survivors.

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L. H. Allen	Hudson	
W. D. Ellwanger	Hudson	
W. J. Curtis	Curtis	
J. S. Austin	J. P. Bowman	
J. S. Bowman	J. P. Bowman	
George Wilber	H. R. Carpenter	
H. B. Carpenter	G. T. Curtis	
G. H. Ansel	G. T. Curtis	
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W. D. Ellwanger		
W. J. Curtis.....	2 up and 1 to play	J. P. Bowman
J. Austice	J. P. Bowman...	5 up and 6 to play
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PLAYED EVEN GOLF.

**Allen and Hudson Tied at 18 Holes—
Former Won on the 19th.**

The rain of yesterday prevented the play in the semi-final series of the Country Club's golf tournament.

In the Hudson-Allen match on Friday the two were tied at the end of the full round of 18 holes and an extra one was placed to decide. When each had made four strokes they were within eighteen inches of the hole. Mr. Hudson missed the next stroke and Mr. Allen went in, winning by the score in strokes, 5-6.

On the first pleasant day next week the semi-finals will be played. The matches are between Messrs. Allen and Bowman, Powers and Gurney Curtis. The two survivors will play for the championship cup the next day.

CURTIS BEAT J. CRAIG POWERS.

One of the Two Semi-Final Matches Finished.

Only one of the two matches in the semi-finals of the Country Club's golf tournament was played yesterday, and that was very close. Not until the last hole was made was it determined whether Mr. Powers or Gurney T. Curtis would play in the finals, but Mr. Curtis was the winner, in golf phraseology, one up.

The match left to be finished is between Messrs. Allen and Bowman, and as both are out of the city, this is not expected to take place before Wednesday, or even later. It is impossible to set the date for the finals.

NO THANKSGIVING GOLF.

The Semi-Finals Will Hardly be Finished This Week.

A prominent member of the Country Club said yesterday that owing to the absence of Messrs. Allen and Bowman from the city, the finals in the golf tournament will not be played to-morrow.

He further stated that he did not expect either one to return before next week, and until they play their semi-final match, of course there will be no survivor to meet Mr. Curtis in the finals.

GURNEY T. CURTIS WON THE FINALS

Conclusion of the Thistle Golf
Club's Annual Tournament.

GOOD WORK ON THE LINKS

Sharp Play at the Country Club—Con-
ditions Were Very Unfavorable—
The Devine Cup and the
Championship.

The annual fall tournament of the Thistle Golf Club came to an end yesterday afternoon, when the finals were played between L. L. Allen and Gurney T. Curtis, the latter winning by a score of two up. Much interest has been centered in the tournament and especially in the finals by the members of the Country Club on whose grounds the course is laid out. The tournament was for the Devine cup, which now comes into the possession of Gurney T. Curtis, who won the finals.

There were thirty-two competitors for the cup and the championship of 1896. Sixteen of these were dropped after the preliminaries had been played, leaving the other sixteen to qualify for the first round. In the preliminaries medal play was followed. That is to say, the total number of strokes made in covering the course of eighteen holes were counted and the sixteen men making the lowest number of strokes qualified.

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The play was then changed to what is called the match play. In this style of play the holes are counted, the contestant making the smallest number of strokes to each hole obtaining the hole to his credit. The contestants were paired off and the several pairs played on different days.

The following qualified for the match play: J. P. Bowman, Wendell J. Curtis, Gurney T. Curtis, W. D. Ellwanger, L. L. Allen, Josiah Anstice, H. B. Carpenter, George Wilder, C. B. Hudson, F. S. McComber, J. W. Oothout, C. H. Angel, E. L. Adams, J. C. Powers, Erickson Perkins and J. S. Watson. The eight winners played in the second round, which resulted in L. L. Allen, Gurney T. Curtis, J. P. Bowman and J. C. Powers qualifying for the semi-finals, which made the third round of play and which resulted as follows:

L. L. Allen beat J. P. Bowman six holes up with five holes to play. In other words, Mr. Allen had a lead of six holes when the thirteenth hole had been played, and a majority of all eighteen holes.

Gurney T. Curtis beat J. C. Powers two holes up with one hole to play, thus winning in seventeen holes.

This left Mr. Curtis and Mr. Allen to contest for the finals yesterday afternoon. The weather was extremely cold and from this fact, together with the ground being frozen, the play was very difficult and both gentlemen used more strokes in making the holes than is usually the case. It was a very close contest throughout, each alternating in reaching a hole in the fewest strikes. At the seventeenth hole Mr. Curtis led by one hole and, by winning the eighth, he won the championship for the season of 1896 and the possession of the Devine cup. Those who witnessed the contest yesterday were few and the cold weather made them uncomfortable.