



The Country Club of Rochester

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GOLF INCREASES IN POPULARITY YEARLY

Hundreds of Clubs Organized Within
the Past Decade—The Game Is
Now Played in All Parts of
America.

Ten years ago there were only two golf clubs in the United States, the St. Andrews and Shinnecock Hills Golf clubs, and now there are 993 well-organized clubs.

One hundred and sixty-three golf clubs are now scattered throughout New York State, each maintaining its own links, of either nine or eighteen holes. Massachusetts comes second with 158 clubs, Pennsylvania has 75, New Jersey 63, Connecticut 58, Illinois 56, and California 43. In fact, there is not a state in the Union which does not boast of one or more clubs.

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The field is so large that it is quite out of the question for the United States Golf Association to govern the game in other than a general way. The association is composed of twenty-six associate members and 164 allied members. They can do little more than make the general laws and manage the national championship.

While the parent body is respected, it became necessary to form many minor organizations throughout the country, and each holding its own championship, while each club forming such bodies holds its own individual club membership, which creates almost an army of champions during the season, writes an Eastern authority.

Prominent among those who gained minor championship honors during the course of the past season were the following: Amateur championship of Southern California, played at Los Angeles Country Club, February 21-23, won by Walter Fairbanks, Overland Park Golf Club; all Florida championship, played at St. Augustine Country Club, March 28-30, won by Dr. L. L. Harbon, Columbia Golf Club, Washington, D. C.

Interscholastic championship, played at the Oakland Golf Club course, Bay Side, April 10-12, won by Pierre A. Proal, Blake School. Metropolitan Golf Association championship, played at the Apawamis Club links at Rye, May 21-23, won by Findlay S. Douglas. Open championship of the United States, played at Myopia Hunt Club links, Hamilton, Mass., June 14-15, won by Willie Anderson, after playing off a tie with Alexander Smith.

New Jersey State championship, played at the Englewood Golf links, June 27-29, won by Allan Kennaday. Central New York Golf League championship, played at the Elmira Country Club links, July 3-6, won by J. G. Aserell. Connecticut State League championship, played at the New Haven Country Club links, July 10-13, won by Charles H. Sealey. Championship of Wisconsin, played at the Sunnyside Golf Club links, Janesville, won by Hamilton Vose, Milwaukee Country Club.

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Colorado championship, played at the Cheyenne Mountain Country Club, Broadmoor, August 1-3, won by Frank L. Woodward, Overland Park Golf Club; Maine State championship, played at Portland Golf Club links, August 22-24, won by Harris B. Fenn, Poland Spring Golf Club; Iowa State championship, played at the Golf and Country, Des Moines, September 16-18, won by Robert H. Finkbine, Des Moines Golf Club; championship of Lower Lakes Golf League, played on the links of the Country Club of Rochester, September 25-28, won by Walter Powers, Country Club of Rochester; Canada championship, played on the Toronto Golf Club links, September 25-28, won by W. F. H. Kerr, Toronto Golf Club; Trans-Mississippi Golf Association championship, played at the Kansas City Country Club links, September 26-28, won by John Stuart, Des Moines Golf Club.

Championship of Princeton University, played October 8th, won by F. O. Reinhart; championship of East Jersey Golf League, played at the Montclair Golf links, October 23-24, won by Howard Giffey, East Orange Golf Club; championship of Yale University, played October 28th, won by Charles Hitchcock, Jr.; championship of Staten Island, played at the Fox Hills Golf links and won by Louis Livingston, Fox Hills Golf Club, who also won his club championship.

A few of the local champions are as follows: Dyker Meadow Golf Club, Daniel Cauncey; Baltusrol Golf Club, Roy de Roisenes; St. Andrews Golf Club, W. C. Carnegie; Richmond Hill Golf Club, Arthur Hinds; Montclair Golf Club, Howard A. Colby; Essex County Country Club, Howard A. Colby; Newark Athletic Club, P. C. Pulver; Wee Burn Golf Club, A. S. Pitt; Westchester Golf Club, W. L. Savage; Nassau Country Club, Howard F. Whitney; Garden City Golf Club, Walter J. Travis; Crescent Athletic Club, H. S. Bowns; Harbor Hill Golf Club, J. E. Bullen; Morris County Golf Club, W. D. Vanderpool; Colonia Country Club, James Riordan; North Jersey Country Club, Archibald Graham; Glen Didge Golf Club, J. N. Holtin; Yountakah Country Club, F. A. Marcellus; Hillside Tennis and Golf Club, W. L. Glenny; Englewood Golf Club, Mr. Cole; Morristown Field Club, Max Behr.

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WOODWORTH GETS THE LAW'S LIMIT

HEAVY FINE IMPOSED BY
BRIGHTON JUSTICE.

HE INSISTS ON AN ARREST

*Automobilist Charged With Fast
Riding Pays Fine of \$50 Only After
Being Placed Under Arrest—Will
Appeal to County Court.*

"Well, young man, what are you going to do with that paper?" asked Attorney Horace McGuire.

For answer the Brighton constable glared searchingly at a legal instrument calling for the arrest of one Harry S. Woodworth until a fine of \$50 imposed upon him for fast automobiling should be paid. Then he folded it carefully and put it in his pocket.

"Are you going to place this man under arrest?" continued the attorney, sharply.

"That's all right; that don't make any difference," replied the representative of law and order, shifting uneasily from one foot to the other.

"Come on, Mr. Woodworth, let's go home," resumed Mr. McGuire, speaking to his client, but the constable took a step forward and drew the warrant from his pocket.

"Do you arrest him?" said the lawyer.

"Yes, sir," he replied.

"Well, then, Mr. Woodworth, I advise you to pay the fine imposed, having been placed under arrest," said Mr. McGuire, and accordingly the wealthy manufacturer of perfumes stepped to the frail bar of scantlings and counted out \$50 in bills from a large roll. Then he left the room, in company with his attorney.

First Hearing Under New Law.

For several hours yesterday afternoon the hearing, the first under the law, was in progress in the village of Brighton, in a dingy little court room over a wagon shed, furnished only with a few disjointed chairs and a couple of rickety benches. It was the second and final session of the trial of Mr. Woodworth on a charge of operating his \$15,000 Panhard-Levassor automobile at a speed exceeding the legally prescribed limit of twenty miles per hour. Mr. Woodworth was represented by Attorney Horace McGuire, and Attorney John P. Bowman was there to take care of the interests of the Country Club of Rochester, which practically conducted the prosecution, although W. M. Parsons, a Brighton mail carrier, was the complainant.

Much of the testimony taken was of a dreary, dry and technical nature, enlivened only occasionally by flashes of sarcastic sparring between the attorneys. All of the proceedings after the evidence was concluded were of a highly amusing stamp. There were no spectators save the witnesses, the attorneys and the other interested persons.

Mr. McGuire essayed to prove through his witnesses that the automobile on the day in question could not possibly have been going at a speed to exceed nineteen miles an hour, but it was evident from the dispatch with which judgment was rendered by Justice Downes that little credence was granted this portion of the testimony. Mr. McGuire told a reporter after the hearing that within the next sixty days he would appeal to the County Court, and that in case of a reversal the Justice and the Constable alike would be liable for false arrest.

How Speed is Regulated.

Mr. Woodworth was the first witness. Mr. Bowman questioned him in regard to the operation of his machine. On examination by Mr. McGuire it was brought out that on May 1st, the date of the alleged violation of the law, the weather was almost the same as on May 12th, when tests of the machine's speed were made. He also said that on the day in question he made twelve miles in about an hour, without stopping. It was explained that the automobile is regulated by a lever, which plays over a sector with six notches. Two of these notches indicate two speeds backward and the four others indicate four speeds ahead. The throwing of the lever puts a larger driving wheel into operation, but has nothing to do with the amount of power applied.

Thomas E. Ryan, at one time city surveyor of Rochester, was next called. He told of making a survey May 12th, on the Ridge Road, when he measured one-tenth of a mile, laying tapes at each end. He said that the automobile, which contained beside himself and his assistant, Mr. Woodworth and his assistant, was taken back about a thousand feet and run at the first speed-ahead notch across both tapes. The time elapsing between them was 36.25 seconds, which he calculated to be 9.86 miles per hour. The same process was repeated at the second speed-ahead notch, when the time was 19 seconds, a speed of 18.95 miles per hour. At the third notch, he attempted to take the time, but lost trace of it, and at the fourth notch he took no time. He used a 100-foot steel tape, and did not see that the lever was changed during any test. Mr. Ryan's assistant corroborated his testimony in every particular.

Why It Cannot Go Faster.

Charles R. Smith, an "automobile machinist," in the employ of Mr. Woodworth, was called to the stand, and gave a detailed description of the governor of a Panhard automobile, telling why it is impossible for the machine to go faster than the notch indicates. He said that the governor is set so that when the speed of the axle exceeds a certain limit the exhaust valves are opened so that the machine slows. In this way, the progress of an automobile at a given notch under favorable conditions is a progression of attainments of the speed-limit and consequent slowings. He said very positively that it is impossible for Mr. Woodworth's machine to run faster than nineteen miles an hour, when set in the second speed-ahead notch, and that on May 1st, between the starting point and the Allen's creek hill, the lever was not at any time, either going or coming, ahead of that notch.

"If it had been," said Mr. Smith, "I could have told it from the operation of my motor."

Mr. McGuire began a question in regard to the care ordinarily exercised by Mr. Woodworth in operating his automobile. An objection was entered by Mr. Bowman.

"I propose to show," said Mr. McGuire, "that Mr. Woodworth is always very careful, in view of the terrible stuff that has been in the papers, about his terrifying horses and causing runaways and scattering the United States mail along the highways."

The objection was withdrawn, and Mr. Smith testified that Mr. Woodworth was always very careful, endeavoring not to startle horses, and frequently stopping his carriage when he saw that such frights were unavoidable.

On cross-examination Mr. Bowman tried to show that Smith was in error in saying that it would be impossible to run the machine faster than nineteen miles an hour, at the second notch. He asked if, supposing the governor to be so fixed, that it would not operate, the machine would

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“Now, your Honor,” resumed Mr. Bowman, “this defendant went down to the Ridge Road on that day for the express purpose of manufacturing a defense for this hearing—”

“What's that? What's that?” interrupted Mr. McGuire, “I challenge that statement. They went down there to secure facts, not to manufacture anything.”

Mr. Bowman's further questions only served to bring out the fact that in the fourth notch the automobile will go from thirty to forty miles an hour, but this was again qualified by a positive statement that on the occasion in dispute the lever was not ahead of the second notch.

Parsons Might Have Been Drowned.

W. M. Parsons, the complaining witness, was called. He was not a willing witness, and considerable difficulty was experienced with him. Of one thing, however, he was absolutely sure, and that was that Mr. Woodworth's automobile was traveling at a terrific rate of speed. He said that he heard the automobile coming just as it was on top of him, that he pulled his horse aside, that if the “club wagon” had not been right ahead of him the horse would undoubtedly have run away, and that if there had been a ditch he would certainly have been badly hurt.

“Yes, and if there had been a lake there you would certainly have been drowned,” interposed Mr. McGuire grimly.

Mr. Parsons also said that he neither told a reporter nor authorized one to say that any mail was scattered along the roadside. Such could not have been the case, since he was carrying none. This was the close of the evidence.

Justice Downes announced that according to the statutes he would have to render judgment at once, since a justice's court is regarded as a court of Special Session, and if adjourned before judgment, such judgment would be void. Mr. McGuire demurred somewhat, asking whether counsel was not to be heard in the case, but Justice Downes remarked that he was satisfied that he had heard the evidence sufficiently to form an opinion. Mr. Bowman was solicitous that Mr. McGuire should have an opportunity to sum up, but the Court could not see the use of it, and after a considerable amount of conversation, the Justice pronounced Mr. Woodworth guilty and fined him \$50, the maximum amount.

"I desire to have entered on the minutes of this court that the Court, before pronouncing judgment, declared that he did not care to hear counsel, since he had his mind made up," said Mr. McGuire.

Mr. Bowman moved that Mr. McGuire be allowed to sum up his case at once, but the motion was denied by the Court, who said that judgment had already been entered. Mr. McGuire also said that summing up at that point of the proceedings would only be a useless waste of time and energy.

run faster than the limit, but Smith testified that if the governor did not operate, the motor would "race ~~itself~~ to death" inside of fifteen feet. At the second notch, a fifty-mile gale behind would have no more effect than a fifty-mile head wind; that is, none at all, and no grade, unless more than 20 per cent. is sufficient to overcome the operation of the motor.

Did Not Manufacture Defense.

Mr. Bowman commenced a series of questions in regard to the test at the Ridge Road, and brought out the admission that at the third notch the speed was between twenty-five and thirty miles an hour.

"I want to know," demanded Mr. McGuire, angrily, "if you are asking these questions in order to arrest this man somewhere else. I can't see any other object in asking them. The automobile was not run beyond the second notch on the day in question, and this testimony is irrelevant."

"It is just possible," returned Mr. Bowman, addressing Justice Downes, "that there is some relevancy that the counsel cannot see."

"Perhaps there is," returned Mr. McGuire, "but I am a man 60 years of age, and I have had my perceptive powers quickened by various experiences, and I think that I can see just as far into a stone wall as any man of my age."

"Well," said Mr. Bowman, "we only want to show that the other notches will produce a much higher rate of speed."

"Oh," said Mr. McGuire, "if that's all, we will concede that if the lever is in the third or fourth notches it will go faster than twenty miles an hour."

"I don't want you to concede anything," replied Mr. Bowman.

McGuire Critizes the Court.

"I consider," said Mr. McGuire, "that scant courtesy has been shown me throughout this hearing."

Justice Downes looked up inquiringly, and Mr. McGuire continued:

"I am a man considerably more than twice as old as you are, sir, and of a great deal more experience. I have been told that my summing up of this case, which involves a new statute, was not desired, since the Court had already made up its mind in the case, and in view of your Honor's sending for a constable, I repeat my assertion that I have been treated with scant courtesy."

When the constable appeared, a copy of the record of judgment was handed him, and then followed the scene in which Mr. McGuire insisted that his client be placed under arrest. The judgment provided that in case the fine was not paid, the defendant should be imprisoned in the Monroe County Penitentiary until it was paid, not to exceed fifty days.

The case will be appealed to the County Court. The evidence was taken in shorthand by William J. Burke, stenographer of the Municipal Court.

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ACTIVE PREPARATIONS FOR THESE SPORTS AT SEABRIGHT AND MONMOUTH BEACH.

Seabright, June 28 (Special).—Things are lively at Seabright and Monmouth Beach. All of the hotels are now open. The last hostelry to throw open its doors was the Normandie, General Earle's famous hostelry. The Peninsula opened this week, and already is catering to many guests.

There is every promise for a busy season. The outdoor games are more plentiful than ever, cricket and tennis being added to the list this season. The grounds of the Seabright Lawn Tennis and Cricket Club opened a few days ago and games for championship honors will begin early in July.

There was an interesting scene to-day in front of the Seabright Beach Club. It was an exhibition given by the United States Volunteer Life Saving Crew for the edification of the patrons of the Beach club.

The busy season at the Monmouth Beach Country Club will begin next Friday, when the annual election of officers will take place and the list of entertainments will be made known. Already the golf club has elected officers and cup events are plentiful for July. At the Seabright golf links the contest for the Independence Day Cups, donated by the president of the club, W. F. Havemeyer, is attracting attention. H. L. Thornell has also presented a silver trophy which will be played for on Friday.

Polo will be one of the most popular outdoor sports along the coast this season. The active season of the Rumson Club begins next Tuesday, when Squadron A Freebooters will line up against the Country Club of Rochester. The game will be called at four o'clock. The Freebooters' colors, blue and yellow, will be worn by E. Colby, R. G. D. Douglas, A. R. Whitney, Jr., and H. M. Earle. The colors of the Country Club, of Westchester, scarlet, white cap, will be worn by E. Reynal, H. C. Brokaw, J. I. Blair and R. L. Beekman. The Rumson team will play the winners on Thursday. The colors of the home club, scarlet and black sleeves, will be worn by W. Strother Jones, Seward Varey, H. S. Borden and P. F. Collier.

The Seashore Cups, special prizes under the existing handicaps, will be played on Wednesday, when the Lakewood team will line up against the Rockaway team of Long Island.

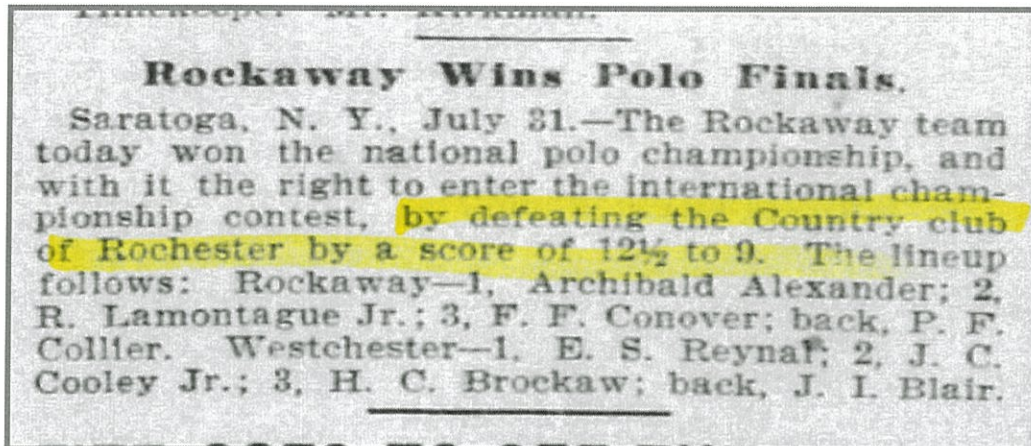
The colors of the Lakewood team, black and yellow, will be worn by George J. Gould, Jay Gould, Kingdon Gould and Benjamin Nicholl. Those who will play on the Rockaway team and wear the dark blue colors will be D. F. Savage, R. La Montagne, F. S. Conover and P. F. Collier. The grounds of the club have been put in excellent shape for play. They are hard and smooth, Superintendent Denise Lefferson, sparing neither time nor money to have everything in first-class shape. There will be matches every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. The opening game on Wednesday between the Freebooters and the Rumsons for the cup presented by Jacob H. Schiff was won by the Rumson team. Already the polo players are on the ground and the game from present indications will be even more popular than last season.

Polo at Country Club the 4th.

On Friday, Independence Day, the polo team of the Country Club, of Rochester, will play a team composed of followers of the game who reside in the towns up the Genesee Valley, Geneseo and Avon.

Won Polo Championship.
Saratoga, N. Y., July 31.—The Rockaway polo team won the national polo championship by defeating the Country Club of Rochester.





TO-DAY'S DOINGS.

Court House—Meeting of Logan Veteran Legion, 8 P. M.

Powers Building—Meeting of Republican General Committee, 11 A. M.

Genesee Valley Park—Concert by Minges's Military Band, 3 P. M.

Seneca Park East—Concert by Fifty-fourth Regiment Band, 3 P. M.

Baker Theater—"We Uns of Tennessee," 2:15 P. M. and 8:15 P. M.

Genesee Valley Park—Baseball, Immaculate Conception team vs. St. Boniface team, 4 P. M.

Country Club—Polo, Country Club of Rochester vs. Buffalo Country Club.

Genesee Valley Park—Golf match, Red Jacket Country Club, Buffalo vs. South Park Golf Club, 2:30 P. M.

Golf at Dansville.

Dansville, N. Y., Sept. 2.—A match game between the South Park Country Club of Rochester and a team from Brae Burn is the event next looked for at the links. It is hoped arrangements may be completed for this match so that it will take place to-morrow afternoon.

DANSVILLE.

DANSVILLE, Sept. 3.—(Special).—The wedding invitations are out for Mr. Benjamin Grant Readshaw and Miss Lizzie Maxwell Sweet, to take place at St. Peter's Church, Thursday September 11 at 7 o'clock, reception at 7:30. Miss Sweet is the daughter of George A. Sweet and Mr. Readshaw is the junior member of the firm of the Readshaw Mills on Ossian street.

Mr. and Mrs. James Faulkner of Crandull, Tenn., who have been visiting in town recently, have returned to their home, where Mr. Faulkner is postmaster. Mrs. Faulkner was formerly Miss Belle Bunnell of Dansville.

Negotiations are in progress for a match at the Brae Burn links between the South Park Country Club of Rochester and a team from the Brae Burn. It is expected the game will be played some day this week. B.

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