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Golf, Tennis and Yachting Plans for Rochester Clubs

Team from Country Club of Rochester to Play at Buffalo---Races Off Summerville.

Provided a hard squall does not churn up Lake Ontario or rain doesn't put the golf greens and tennis courts out of playing condition, Rochester athletes will be busily engaged in these sport activities to-day, with Buffalo the mecca of the Rochester Tennis Club team and the country Club of Rochester golfers.

The first of the regular races of the Rochester Yacht Club is to be run off Summerville this afternoon, the starting gun to be fired at 2:30 o'clock. The sail will be over a six-mile triangular course, with probably the Seneca, the Iroquois and a number of other fleet craft entered. All classes are eligible.

Under the direction of Commodore Thomas Pritchard the club officials are planning a number of entertainments, chief among these, achowder "feed," to take place next Thursday, when Adolph Spiebler will present to the club members his most up-to-date creation in this line. The News-boys' Quartette will enliven the occasion with songs. Captain Henry Esford will be the guest of honor at this function. The annual cruise of the fleet is carded for

August 2d, with Cobourg as the first port of call.

Golfers of the Country Club of Rochester are to invade Buffalo for their first big match of 1909, meeting the team representing the Park Club of Buffalo. Later in this season a return match is to be played on the local links. No regular matches are scheduled to be played at either the Oak Hill or Genesee Golf Clubs to-day.

A team composed of members of the Rochester Tennis Club is to meet a representative team of the Buffalo Tennis Club on Buffalo courts this afternoon. Yesterday afternoon a former national champion, Benis Wright, appeared on the courts of the local club, playing in doubles with F. K. Ward, H. W. Hamlin and Herman Russell. The grounds were not in the best of shape, so the play was naturally hindered a bit. Only a fair-sized gallery watched the matches, which were merely of a friendly nature.

Wright won the championship in singles in 1905, but it is in the doubles that he shines. For three years in succession, 1904, 1905 and 1906, Wright and Hoicombe Ward were the invincible doubles champions of the country, finally letting the title go by default in 1907.

Golfers to Busy Themselves in City Championship Meet

Country Club, Oak Hill and Genesee Entrants in To-morrow's Qualifying Round.

Play for the golf championship of the city is to start to-morrow over the course of the Genesee Golf Club, which has received considerable attention from Superintendent Laney and is in excellent shape. The park course has been rolled, and some first-class scores are looked for, particularly after the remarkable showing made by the Country Club of Rochester golfers at Buffalo yesterday.

The meet will be, as usual, a triangular affair, with representatives from all three of the local golf organizations entered. As its mainstay the Country Club of Rochester will present Gurney T. Curtis, who won the title over the links of the Oak Hill Club, in 1908. J. M. Rhett, of the same club, has been doing some splendid work this season, and he is picked to make matters interesting for those he meets.

There will be three prizes, which include a solid gold medal for the winner, one for the runner-up and a trophy for the golfer turning in the lowest gross score. All the prizes are in the form of watch fobs, the one for the winner being particularly desirable.

The first sixteen in the qualifying round, which is to start to-morrow, will be eligible for the semi-finals. Every other day there will be match play, the final pair to play thirty-six holes. The United States

Golf Association rules are to govern, with the exception that all play is to start at either side of the teeing ground and not in front. Members of the Genesee Golf Club not participating in the tournament, will give way to those contending for the championship, who are to get away at any time between 1:30 and 4 P. M. The pairing:

Dr. Bogert, Oak Hill, vs. J. M. Rhett, Country Club.

W. W. Duke, Country Club, vs. E. L. Engel, Genesee.

J. B. Byron, Oak Hill, vs. William Ledy, Oak Hill.

G. T. Curtis, Country Club, vs. R. H. Mimmack, Genesee.

Andrew Landolph, Genesee, vs. A. E. Perkins, Genesee.

J. Kavanaugh, Oak Hill, vs. C. E. Bastwick, Oak Hill.

Dr. Comfort, Oak Hill, vs. Brewster Lee, Country Club.

Stewart Pierce, Genesee, vs. Fred Will, Jr., Country Club.

R. Stewart, Genesee, vs. W. H. Williamson, Oak Hill.

J. S. Robeson, Oak Hill, vs. Walter Will, Country Club.

W. H. Ford, Genesee, vs. Harry Strong, Country Club.

J. B. Shanly, Oak Hill, vs. N. P. McVicar, Genesee.

E. J. Reilly, Oak Hill, vs. Joseph Curtis, Country Club.

E. Brocker, Genesee, vs. Tom Pierce, Genesee.

Dr. Blair, Genesee, vs. Butler Crittenden, Oak Hill.

gold watch fob

To-Day's Sport Happenings

Baseball

At Baseball Park—Eastern League—Double header between Rochester and Montreal, first game to start at 10:30 A. M., the second at 4 P. M.

At Livonia—Lindens, of Rochester vs. Livonia.

At Canandaigua—All-Kodaks, of Rochester vs. All-Canandaigua.

At Pittsford—Burke, Fitz Simons, Hone & Company vs. Pittsford.

At Victor—Rochester Locals vs. Victor.

At Webster—East Ends, of Rochester vs. Webster.

At Newark—Hudsons, of Rochester vs. Newark.

At Churchville—All-Rochesters vs. Churchville.

Golf

At Country Club of Rochester—Handicap tournament, qualifying round.

At Oak Hill Country Club—Spring tournament, qualifying round.

At Genesee Golf Club—Eighteen-hole handicap tourney, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

Tennis

At Rochester Tennis Club—Informal matches.

Yachting

At Sodus Bay—Cruising race of Rochester Yacht Club, starts at 9 A. M. Course, Sodus to Summerville.

Shooting

At Riverside Gun Club—Blue rock clay pigeon shoot, to begin at 1 P. M.

STRONG BREEZE HAMPERS BOTH MEN --- RHETT'S 265-YARD DRIVE

The City Golf Championship.

G. T. Curtis.....	Curtis	1-3			
J. B. Bryan.....	Bryan	1-3			
Dr. A. V. G. Comfort.....	Comfort	1-3			
J. Curtis.....	Curtis	1-3			
Dr. W. W. Dake.....	Dake	By default			
Stewart Price.....	Price	By default			
Dr. J. M. Bier.....	Bier	4-2			
H. Minnack.....	Minnack	4-2			
J. M. Rhett.....	Rhett	2-2			
W. Will.....	Will	2-2			
A. F. Perkins.....	Perkins	1 up			
E. L. Engel.....	Engel	1 up			
J. H. Robinson.....	Robinson	2-2			
E. J. Kelly.....	Kelly	2-2			
Fred Will Jr.....	Will	1 up			
B. P. Crittenden.....	Crittenden	1 up			

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Curtis Wins
City Championship
Again

Playing excellent golf and covering the first eighteen holes in one less than twenty minutes, yesterday successfully defended his title of city golf champion by defeating J. M. Rhett over the course of the Geneva Club, the match terminating at the twenty-ninth hole, where Curtis had his clubmate 5 up and 7 to go. His victory was gained by superior play and the large gallery that followed the contestants both morning and afternoon, was well repaid, although it was Rhett's hard luck that Curtis's win was an overwhelming one.

This year's tournament, the second of its kind, succeeded largely through the efforts of the committee in charge, consisting of R. L. Beard, of Geneva; Wendell Curtis, County Club; and C. T. Hotwick, of Oak Hill, all three of whom put in some precious work on the details of the event. The tournament next year will be held over the grounds of the Country Club of Rochester.

Missing an early lead in the morning, Curtis outplayed his opponent the whole forenoon, but in the afternoon Rhett started better firm, although at no time did he press Curtis hard. The championship played steadily throughout and descended to nine. The first round of eighteen holes was started at 10:30, both getting off good drives and both men using sticks. Curtis drove both short, while Rhett's ball rolled into the long grass, and he was driven to a fair second putt for a landing the hole in 2.

Drives of more than 200 yards were made by the golfers in their first in the second hole, both reaching the green in 2. Rhett being dead. It was Rhett's hole, 1 up, but the score was even when Curtis won the next hole. For the fourth hole started with that rare drive over the road, Curtis took a stick on green, Rhett being a bit better and falling short. Curtis missed a long putt, and Rhett a two-foot one, but both made the hole in 4.

For the sixth hole gave Curtis the lead, although he drove into the long grass at the start. Rhett lifted his ball into a row of bushes, but calculated himself by playing exceptional golf. Curtis laid his approach within a foot of the hole, and Rhett's put was nearly as close to the cup. Curtis had Rhett steady now, even, winning the hole in 4.

Curtis put off a long drive for No. 7 and then laid to left of hole trying for a 2. Rhett topped badly on his drive and missed his putt, while Curtis made good in 4. The advantage was only momentary, however, Rhett taking the eighth hole in 4. Done Fortune frowned again upon Rhett in his 4 play for the ninth hole. As a starter he topped his drive, while Curtis's effort was made for about 250 yards, Rhett pulled his ball into a bunker, and coming out lay short of the green, Curtis making his approach good and taking the

hole in 4, Rhett requiring 7. At the turn the wind veered Curtis 20, Rhett 21.

Both drove off the green. Rhett's approach for the tenth hole was off the green and Curtis failed to lay the ball. Rhett missed the cup, Curtis also missed, but he took the hole in 4. The champion was 4 up at the twelfth hole, increasing his lead by winning the thirteenth. In play for the thirteenth cup Curtis's drive was long, while Rhett drove his ball against a tree. Using a brassie, he made 250 yards on his next attempt. Rhett made a good approach, but Curtis's ball rolled onto the green and he took the hole.

The fourteenth was holed, but Curtis made another error by going into the sixteenth hole in 6, Rhett leaving hard luck in his approach and the wind caused the man considerable trouble. Rhett's drive for the sixteenth hole, hitting a tree, fell short, while Curtis took his into the green. Rhett missed the cup, Curtis taking the hole. This made Curtis 7 up. He also won the next hole, but Curtis's lead was closed to 7 when Rhett made the eighteenth hole in 6. Both made the green with some to spare, Rhett making his putt for 2. Curtis fell seven and the hole went to Rhett's credit. This would not pay for the morning with Curtis 7 up.

Driving off in the afternoon, Rhett's ball rolled into the long grass, and using a stick, Rhett came out into the fair way, Curtis was off the green in his approach, which by making a pretty shot out of the grass to the green Rhett succeeded in halving the hole with his opponent.

Both drove good balls for the next hole, Rhett topped with his brassie, while Curtis approached over the green, Rhett laying over on some shot. It was Curtis's hole, but the third cup went to Rhett, Curtis's drive falling short, while Rhett went on the green. The wind began to strengthen, causing the contestants much bother in their approaches. The fourth, fifth and sixth holes were halved, while the seventh went to Curtis, Rhett getting into the long grass, also landing in a bunker.

Against the wind both players got off nice drives for the ninth hole, and Rhett played an excellent shot into the green, Curtis falling short. The latter, however, holed in 4, giving him the cup. The breeze carried Rhett's drive for the ninth hole about 200 yards, Curtis getting the deep grass. Curtis then missed his first shot of the day with a maul and lost the hole. They turned the hole with Curtis far ahead, 9 up and 9 to go.

Rhett laid a good approach for the tenth hole, Curtis's ball bounding over. The hole was halved, and Curtis had Rhett down 1. Again headed into the wind the gallery squared away for the eleventh hole. Both used brassies, getting well up to the basket. They were both over the obstacle and on the green in three strokes, Curtis laying Rhett a stroke, ending the match.

The winners were W. W. Dake and J. H. Robinson.

ROCHESTER GOLFERS TO INVADE TORONTO

Three Local Men Will Try for Canadian Title.

Rochester is to have representation in the Canadian golf championship competitions, which were begun Saturday over the links of the Lambton Club, in Toronto. From this city will go to-morrow night E. J. Christy, of the Country Club, of Rochester; Alfred Campbell, of the Oak Hill Country Club, and Carl Richards, of the Genesee Golf Club. All three of the Rochester men expect to have their fling in the open events on the Lambton course.

Christy and Campbell are professionals attached to clubs. Richards has entered as an amateur. Their scores over their home links give promise of good showings over the Canadian course, which is described in Toronto papers as being in the best of trim. High winds have bothered the earlier contestants in the tournament, but this sort of zephyr is by no means strange to tollers over Rochester links and the local men's chances are thought to be as good as those of any who have already had their fling.

The Lambton Club has won most of its individual and team matches so far in the tournament. No very surprising scores have been sprung and until yesterday low score honors were about equally divided between the Lambtons and the golfers from the Toronto club.

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in Canadian
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PLANS FOR LEAGUE OF LOWER LAKES TOURNEY

Country Club of Rochester Announces Programme.

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Rochester golfers hope to figure in the distribution of honors in the League of the Lower Lakes tournament, figuring that they have a slight advantage in that the meet is to be staged on a familiar links, those of the Country Club of Rochester, the time being July 15th, 16th and 17th. Last year Toronto was the scene of play, the Canadians making a clean sweep and winning both team and individual championships.

W. W. Powers and Guerney T. Curtis, present champion of the city, have brought the honors here at different times, Mr. Powers taking the individual title in 1904, while Mr. Curtis was returned the winner in the tourney over the course of the Country Club of Buffalo in 1908. The programme for the meet follows:

THURSDAY, JULY 15th

9:30 A. M.—Team match, first round, 18 holes.

2 P. M.—Team match, finals, 18 holes. Players not playing in the team match but entered for the individual championship play 20 holes, 4 rounds.

FRIDAY, JULY 16th

9:30 A. M.—First round, individual championship, 18 holes, match play.

10 A. M.—First round, consolation, 18 holes, match play.

2 P. M.—Second round, individual championship, 18 holes, match play.

2:30 P. M.—Second round, consolation, 18 holes, match play.

SATURDAY, JULY 17th

9:30 A. M.—Semi-finals, individual championship, 18 holes, match play.

10 A. M.—Semi-finals, consolation, 18 holes, match play.

2 P. M.—Finals, individual championship, 18 holes, match play.

2:30 P. M.—Finals, consolation, 18 holes, match play.

CONDITIONS

Each club to enter a team of six men, who shall compete at hole play under match play rules.

The competing teams for the first round shall be drawn by lot. In the final round the two winning teams shall play together and the two losing teams shall play together. The sixteen best scores for the 36 holes shall qualify for the individual championship. The next sixteen scores shall qualify for the consolation.

A meeting of the captains will be held Wednesday evening, July 14, to make the drawings.

Each club may enter four men in addition to the team of six, to qualify for the individual championship and consolation. In all matches, except the team matches, match play rules shall prevail, with the exception that strokes shall be barred throughout the entire tournament, unless both players of a match prefer to play them.

A cordial invitation is extended to all visitors who may wish to use the course in advance of the dates set for the tournament.

On Saturday evening the visiting players will be the guests of the home club at dinner. Members of all the clubs are invited, whether players or not.

LOWER LAKES TOURNEY.

TORONTO GOLF CLUB DEFEATED BUFFALO COUNTRY CLUB IN FIRST ROUND.

Rochester, N. Y., July 15.—Play in the first round of the team match, the opening event of the golf tourney of the league of the lower lakes, was concluded this afternoon. The team of the Country Club of Rochester was defeated by the Detroit Country Club players, 4 up. The Toronto Golf Club defeated the Buffalo Country Club team, 30 up.

TORONTO CLUB BEAT BUFFALO

QUEEN CITY GOLFERS DO WELL AT ROCHESTER.

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TORONTO CLUB WILL RETAIN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AFTER ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

First Day of Contest Over Links of Country
Club of Rochester Brings Out Good
Scoring by Members of League.

TORONTO MAN LEADS ASPIRANTS FOR INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Toronto won in the main event, the team championship match, played on the links of the Rochester Country Club yesterday in the eleventh annual golf tournament of the League of the Lower Lakes, defeating Detroit 10 up, thus retaining the title. Rochester defeated Buffalo 4 up. In the first round Detroit won against Rochester, 4 up, and Toronto walked away from Buffalo, 30 up.

In the first sixteen men qualifying for the individual championship Buffalo's poor showing in the team match is made evident, getting only one representative to five for Detroit, six for Toronto and three for Rochester. Included in the first sixteen is Charles H. Stanley, of Cleveland, who has honorary membership in the league.

Gurney T. Curtis, the Rochester champion, made a record for the first nine holes, his score being 35, four under par. He had the misfortune to be affected by the heat at the thirteenth hole in the first round of the championship match, but later recovering completed the round, his score being 81. He defeated his opponent, Carhart, of Detroit, 7 up. He is in third place of the first sixteen qualifying for the individual championship, his score being 100. He was individual champion in 1906.

The scores generally were considered somewhat ordinary. It was hole play under medal play rules. At the top of the list of the first sixteen qualifying for the individual is George S. Lyon, Canadian champion and winner of the individual championship of the league in 1907. His score was 157 yesterday an excellent total for the two rounds. Standish, of Detroit, is tied with Lyon for first place. Following G. T. Curtis, who is in third place, is Stanley, the league's honorary member, who had a score of 162. W. Will, of Rochester, is in eleventh place, while B. Lee, of Rochester, is at the foot of the first list. Lyon and Standish had each a score of 78 in the first, and each made 79 in the second round, laying together. Standish defeated James Rhet, of Rochester, 7 up, in the first round, and in the first round Lyon, of Toronto, defeated Gardner, of Buffalo, 5 up. Rhet, of Rochester, is in second place in the second list of sixteen qualifying for the consolation match. His score was 176. Carhart, of Detroit, is first man, with a score of 170.

The scores of the teams in the first round of the championship match were:

TORONTO.		BUFFALO.	
Edward Legge	6	Spaulding	0
George Lyon	3	Gardner	0
W. G. Laird	4	Leastrum	0
R. C. H. Cassels	2	Hanson	0
F. A. Robinson	2	De Pew	0
F. R. Cochran	6	Howe	0
Totals	30	Totals	0
DETROIT.		ROCHESTER.	
Carhart	0	G. T. Curtis	7
Standish	7	James Rhet	0
Howell	1	Walter Will	0
Lee	6	John P. Bowman	0
Sweeney	0	Joseph Curtis	3
McMillan	6	W. W. Duke	0
Totals	14	Totals	10

In the final championship team match between Toronto and Detroit the scores were:

TORONTO.		DETROIT.	
Legge	0	Carhart	0
Lyon	0	Standish	0
Laird	0	Howell	2
Cassels	1	Lee	0
Robinson	5	Sweeney	0
Cochran	2	McMillan	0
Totals	12	Totals	2

The scores of the Rochester team in the consolation final, when defeating Buffalo, 4 up, were: G. T. Curtis, 70; Rhett, 85; Walter Will, 84; Bowman, 88; J. Curtis, 90; Duke, 82. G. T. Curtis was 2 up, Walter Will was 1 up, and Duke was 7 up.

The sixteen men qualifying for the individual championship had these scores:

	First round		Total
	First	Second	
Lyon, Toronto	78	79	157
Standish, Detroit	78	79	157
G. T. Curtis, Rochester	81	79	160
Stanley, Cleveland	83	79	162
Russell, Detroit	82	81	163
Legge, Toronto	81	82	163
Laird, Toronto	85	82	167
Robotham, Toronto	87	82	169
Cochran, Toronto	83	86	169
Cochran, Toronto	87	83	170
W. Will, Rochester	84	86	170
Ransom, Buffalo	85	84	171
Avery, Detroit	87	84	171
Cole, Detroit	85	86	171
H. B. Lee, Detroit	81	88	172
H. Lee, Rochester	85	88	173

The scores of the sixteen players who qualified in the second sixteen division.

	First round		Total
	First	Second	
Carhart, Detroit	91	84	175
Rhett, Rochester	91	83	174
Smyth, Toronto	94	79	173
McMillan, Detroit	87	91	178
McPhail, Rochester	85	93	178
Bowman, Rochester	92	86	178
Faust, Buffalo	91	87	178
Duke, Rochester	91	87	178
Headstrom, Buffalo	90	88	178
J. Curtis, Rochester	89	89	178
Austin, Buffalo	89	91	180
Sweeney, Detroit	91	89	180
Masten, Toronto	93	87	180
Macklin, Toronto	96	84	180
Angel, Detroit	90	90	180

The teams were captained as follows: Toronto, Cassels; Detroit, Carhart; Rochester, G. T. Curtis; Buffalo, Headstrom.

The sixteen men qualifying for the individual championship have drawn in this order: Cochran will play Standish, Robotham will play W. Will, Laird will play H. B. Lee, Cassels will play Lyon, G. T. Curtis will play Cole, Ransom will play Legge, Stanley will play W. B. Lee, Jr., Russell will play Avery.

As a result of the drawing for the second sixteen J. Curtis will play Rhett, Duke will play Austin, Faust will play Masten, Towle will play Carhart, Smyth will play Macklin, P. Will will play Bowman, McMillan will play Angel and McPhail will play Sweeney.

The gallery would probably have been larger yesterday but for the great heat.

There are handsome prizes, the team trophy being a silver loving cup, gold lined and about fourteen inches in height. There are cups also for the winner of the individual championship, for the individual runner up and for the winner of the consolation competition, and besides cups for the winners of the putting, driving and approaching contests, there are six small cups for the members of the winning team in the championship event.

Following the play the Dossentbach Orchester played on the veranda, and during dinner.

Singles Final for Niles.

New York, July 15.—Nathaniel W. Niles, intercollegiate champion, won the final of the singles at the Resbright, N. J., tennis tournament to-day. He defeated Karl H. Behr, the former international, 6-4, 6-3, 6-2. Niles now becomes the challenger of W. J. Clothier, holder of the cup. The final of the doubles will be decided to-morrow.