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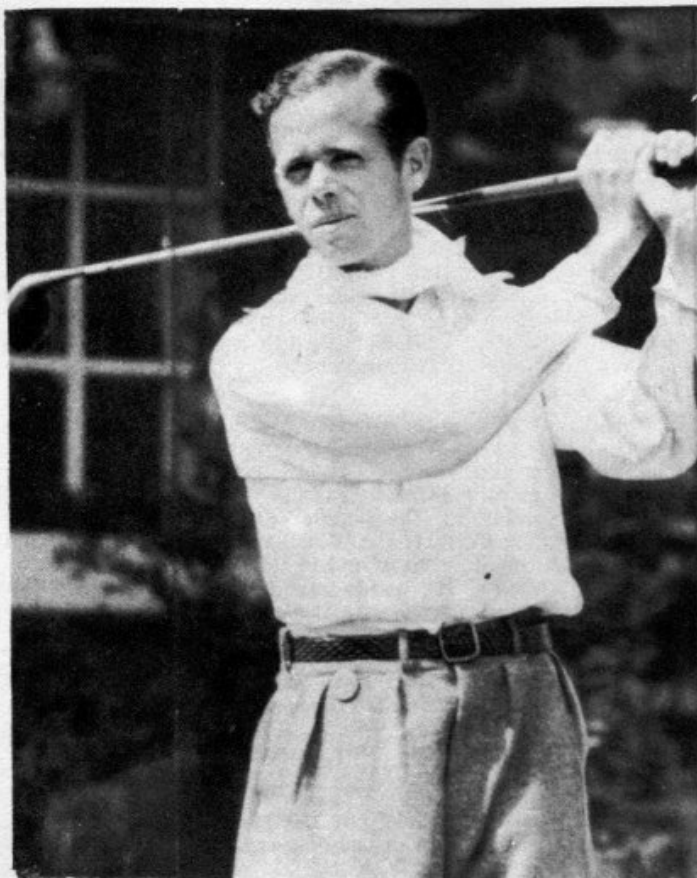
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With this welcome goes an invitation to join in the fellowship of Woodcrest, the hope the tournament will mark a happy occasion in your lives and that the Professional Golfers Association's Benevolent Fund, for which the tournament is conducted, will be richly rewarded.

J. WESLEY GOLDTHORPE,  
President, Woodcrest Country Club.



GEORGE SMITH



LEO DIEGEL

# The 2nd P. G. A. Invitation Open

*Success of Maiden Venture at Llanerch Last Year Gave Pros Incentive to Sponsor Another Tournament Along Same Lines; Woodcrest Steps to Front as Host of Local and National Linksmen*

By FRANK McCRACKEN

FROM a bank roll of \$25 the Philadelphia Section P. G. A. invitation tournament, like Topsy, has "just grown." It was Big Ed Dudley, president of the Philadelphia pros, who conceived the idea.

At first Ed didn't have a thought of making the event national in scope, but his fellow officials and members of the Philadelphia Section P. G. A. rallied to his aid in such an enthusiastic manner that by the time the tournament was staged it was even international.

A great deal of the credit for the success of the first annual Philadelphia P. G. A. invitation belongs to John Charles Redmond, a sportsman outside the association, but a great friend of pros.

After Prexy Dudley had broached to several fellow P. G. A. members the thought of staging an invitation tournament, mostly to interest pro non-members in the association, he and Leo Diegel were discussing the event one night at the Llanerch Country Club.

Mr. Redmond, then Llanerch president, was present. So was Marty Lyons, now head pro at the popular club in Manoa.

"I am with you boys in anything you want to do to boost the Philadelphia P. G. A.," said Mr. Redmond, "but why don't you try to put on a tournament that will have in it the national stars. If you do I'll go before the Llanerch Board of Directors and I feel sure the board will give you permission to stage the tournament on this course."

It wasn't until several weeks following the foregoing conversation that Prexy Dudley decided to take up Mr. Redmond's offer. In the interim Big Ed had given considerable thought to the proposed tourney. He had reached the conclusion that star out-of-town pros might support the event if it had a worthy object. With this in mind, he created the Philadelphia Section P. G. A. Benevolent Fund as the tourney's purpose.

Dudley, in the meantime, had traveled to the Southland, leaving his post temporarily at the Philadelphia Country Club to handle the pro business on the course that Bobby Jones built—the Augusta National.

Ed had kept in touch with Charley Schneider, efficient Concord tutor, then chairman of the Philadelphia Section P. G. A. tournament committee. "Guess we should go through with that idea of Mr. Redmond to stage a big invitation for pros," Dudley wrote Schneider.

Charley communicated with the chronicler of this article, who was serving in an honorary capacity on the local P. G. A.'s tournament committee. In turn this writer communicated with Mr. Redmond.

"Well, what do you want to do to start this tournament?" asked the then Llanerch head. "First thing I should do is to send out letters to all Philadelphia pros telling them what it's all about," I replied. "Then another letter should go out calling a general meeting about the time Dudley and all the other pros now in the South will have returned."

"How much do you think it will cost to have the letters typed and posted?" asked Mr. Redmond. "Oh, about twenty bucks" was the reply.

That's how the Philadelphia Section P. G. A. invitation tournament, from a \$25 bankroll, "just grew!"

All Philadelphia pros were strong for the idea. The first general meeting served to get pros together who hadn't come into contact with each other outside of tournaments in a long time. Some of them had dropped out of the P. G. A., but they came back strong.

From the start Marty Lyons was an ardent worker in the move, bringing Llanerch members to the first meeting and to other sessions to keep them acquainted with how plans were progressing for the event. At first there was dif-



ficulty in arranging suitable dates, but eventually May 31 and June 1 were agreed upon.

The original idea was to invite only pros, but Leo Diegel changed that. He insisted upon amateurs being invited, said the simon pures would enjoy playing with the pros. Leo won his point. It proved a good one. Amateurs supported the first Philadelphia pro invitation in great style.

Of course, every new venture runs into difficulties. In the early stages of promoting the first Philadelphia pro invitation, it wasn't all plain sailing, but interest in the tournament grew by leaps and bounds.

Llanerch members deserve great credit for the way they helped. Members even volunteered to police the course, sell admission tickets. And Bob Pollock worked like a Trojan to have the layout in splendid shape for the 54-hole competition.

And it is to another amateur executive in golf, J. Wesley Goldthorp, president of the Woodcrest Country Club, that credit is due for the Philadelphia P. G. A. invitation having been given a great boost this year.

Accompanied by the popular and skilled young home club pro, Bruce Coltart, the Woodcrest president appeared at a P. G. A. meeting to offer his course for any of the organization's events. It was his offer to contribute toward the prize fund, underwrite the sale of a goodly number of tickets that encouraged the pros to concentrate on making this tourney even bigger than the inaugural competition.

Philadelphia pros had faith in Mr. Goldthorp. Several times in the past he promoted successful amateur-pro events at Woodcrest.

So the pros got behind this tournament, just as they did last year.

They are hoping to keep the event growing until it will bring credit to the Philadelphia District as one of the most progressive pro sections in the country.



# Hole-by-Hole Description of Woodcrest

**Hole 1. 386 Yards—Par Four—Straightaway**, with a sloping fairway to be covered by the drive. Deep rough to the right and left severely penalizes a hooked or sliced drive. The green is slightly elevated and trapped on both sides but permits a run-up from a correctly placed drive.

**Hole 2. 479 Yards—Par Five.** A tough three-shotter. Another straightaway with woods on either side of the fairway to claim a badly hit drive. The tee is built high up so that the first shot must carry across low, marshy ground to a raised fairway. The green is within reach of a long second but a ditch running across the fairway just preceding the carpet prevents any running up. The hole is a comparatively easy five if the first two shots are straight and long.

**Hole 3. 423 Yards—Par Four.** One of the most difficult holes on the course. A long drive puts the player in good position to go for the green which bears to the right of the fairway. The second shot must be hit over a ditch and low ground which fronts the green.

**Hole 4—180 Yards—Par Three.** A full carry to an elevated green flanked by a deep trap in front to claim the under-hit shot. Trouble all the way for dubbed shots.

**Hole 5—400 Yards—Par Four—Straightaway** over a deep gully. The fairway runs along a deep ravine to the left which makes a hooked tee shot almost unplayable. Second easy if the drive is long.

**Hole 6—311 Yards—Par Four.** A chance to pick up a birdie if the drive is accurately placed. The green is invisible from the tee because of a high trap on the left and is constructed in such a fashion that the second shot must be hit from the far right of the fairway.

**Hole 7—350 Yards—Par Four—A dog-leg** to the right with the tee again elevated high above the fairway. Long hitters can go directly for the green but take the chance of landing in a deep trap to the left of the fairway 240 yards out. The second shot can be run up or pitched to an undulating green.

**Hole 8—165 Yards—Par Three.** The tee is somewhat lower than the level of the green which can be reached with a well-directed iron. A small ravine is built around the back of the green to help a lengthy ball.

**Hole 9—535 Yards—Par Five.** The toughest hole on the course. It is almost a double dog-leg to the left with water and deep traps preceding the green. The tee is elevated above the fairway and the drive must clear a sand trap built in the left. The second must be long and straight to put the player in position to reach the green. The first two shots tell the story.

**Hole 10—378 Yards—Par Four.** Another dog-leg to the left. The fairway rises sharply 100 yards out. Deep rough on the left and an orchard on the right call for a long, accurate drive. The green slopes from the back to front putting a premium on the uphill putt.

**Hole 11—500 Yards—Par Five.** Straightaway. Possible to get on in two if they both are long and straight. Simple for the player who goes for his five.

**Hole 12—130 Yards—Par Three.** Not long but must be judged just right. Water surrounds three sides of the green as does a narrow sand trap. Many have fallen here after getting by the other holes.

**Hole 13—523 Yards—Par Five.** A dog-leg to the right. Plenty of trouble on any of the through the green shots. If the first is short, a ditch crossing the fairway hampers the second. The green rises from the fairway and is guarded by trees on both sides.

**Hole 14—133 Yards. Par Three.** The tee shot must be accurately placed to a green covered in front by a deep trap. The fairway is all downhill to the right and a short shot finds trouble undescrivable.

**Hole 15—351 Yards. Par Four.** The first of three rebuilt holes which was formerly 318 yards. The tee has been moved back into the woods and makes the hole a slight dog-leg. Before the alterations it was possible to reach the green with a



WALTER BRICKLEY

Secretary-Treasurer Phila. Section, P. G. A.

long drive but now calls for two well-placed shots.

**Hole 16—172 yards. Par Three.** Another rebuilt hole. Was formerly 125 yards. The green is closed in the front by a yawning trap and the shot must be to the pin all the way.

**Hole 17—440 Yards. Par Four.** The third renovated hole. The tee has been moved to the left so that the drive must be placed out over high grass to make way for the second to the green. Was formerly straightaway with nothing to interfere but two long ones to make the carpet.

**Hole 18—417 Yards. Par Four.** The fairway here is built to the left of the tee with boundaries on the right. The drive is a blind shot, all uphill. Straight out open up the green which is small but well open in front.

# The Story of Woodcrest

By WILLIAM A. GAFFNEY

WOODCREST COUNTRY CLUB, once a barren cow pasture, was founded in 1926 by a group of prominent South Jersey men headed by J. Wesley Goldthorp.

Their most cherished plan was to construct a golf course which would not only be picturesque but difficult, and, in time, develop itself into a championship course.

In the past few years it has been progressing rapidly towards the goal which its owners hoped for. Its popularity has been rising and both professional and amateur players have expressed opinions that it will soon find its proper place in the sun.

It was designed by William S. Flynn, of Ardmore, a golf architect of more than 20 years. The last five holes are not part of the original layout but are being used until the completion of five others in the woods surrounding the course. The holes now under construction will change par figures from 71 to 72 and will increase the yardage to 6600.

The Woodcrest Club is a member of the Golf Association of Philadelphia and has two teams entered in the Philadelphia Suburban League. Its first team advanced last year from Division J to I while the second team is new this year.

Its officers are: Mr. Goldthorp, president; Willard S. Davenport, vice president; Robert S. Lafferty, secretary and treasurer. The various committees are headed by the following: Earl H. Wert, greens; Herbert Matsinger, golf, and Ellis Welch, house.

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Clarence Clark, Forest Hills	214	250.00	
Leo Diegel, Philmont	216	150.00	
Henry Picard, Hershey	216	150.00	
Felix Serafin, Scranton	218	100.00	
Charles Lacey, Lakeville	219	75.00	
Ray Mangrum, Los Angeles	219	75.00	
Al Keeping, Merion	220	25.00	
Wiffy Cox, Bethesda	221	25.00	
Ted Turner, Pine Valley	221	25.00	
Bob Barnett, Chevy Chase	221	25.00	
Clarence Ehresman, Eaglesmere	222	12.50	
George Fazio, Jeffersonville	222	12.50	
AMATEURS		Score	
Willard Goeckler, Whitemarsh	222		
Norman Herman, Llanerch	225		
Richard Allman, Philmont	227		
Thomas R. Hulme, Merion	232		



# Golf Schedule for Coming Season

## PRO SCHEDULE

- May 21—Final Philadelphia sectional qualifying test at Lu Lu for women's national handicap championship under auspices of P. G. A.
- May 21-23—Metropolitan open championship, Quaker Ridge, Port Chester, N. Y.
- May 24-25—Philadelphia P. G. A. invitation tourney, Woodcrest (N. J.) Country Club. Fifty-four holes.
- June 4-6—United States open championship, Baltusrol G. C., Short Hills, N. J.
- June 7-9—Shawnee open championship, Shawnee Country Club, Shawnee-on-the-Delaware.
- June 25-26—Pennsylvania State Open championship, Sewickley Country Club, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- July 6—Philadelphia pro-pro championship, Philadelphia Cricket Club (Flourtown Course).
- July 13-14—Philadelphia lady-pro championship, Bala Country Club.
- July 20-21—Philadelphia open championship, Manufacturers Country Club.
- August 3—Falls of Schuylkill open championship, Philadelphia Country Club (Bala Course).
- August 10—Central Pennsylvania open championship, Reading (Pa.) C. C.
- August 17—Amateur-pro tourney, Berkshire Country Club, Reading, Pa.
- August 31-Sept. 2—Philadelphia four-ball open championship, North Hills.
- September 21-23—Philadelphia pro-medal play and match-play championship at Llanerch.
- September 28—Philadelphia Real Estate Board invitation tournament for amateurs and pros, Philmont.
- October 5—Philadelphia sectional qualifying test at Merion for national P. G. A. championship, 36-holes.
- November—National P. G. A. championship, Pinehurst, N. C.

## INVITATION TOURNAMENTS

- May 22-24—Concord Country Club, seventh annual invitation tournament.
- May 24—Pitman (N. J.) Country Club, seventh annual invitation tournament. Four ball, better ball of partners.
- June 6—Philadelphia Country Club, Spring Mill Course, second annual invitation for Basil S. Walsh Cup, mixed foursomes.
- June 11-13—Plymouth Country Club, annual invitation for Ralph Beaver Strassburger Cup.
- June 13—Merion Cricket Club eleventh annual family foursomes for Frances Biddle Griscom Cup.
- June 17—Rolling Green Golf Club, annual better ball of partners invitation.
- June 18-20—Coatesville Country Club, fourth annual invitation.
- June 20—Philmont Country Club, twenty-first annual mixed foursomes for Fridolyn Cup and Fridolyn Handicap.
- June 25-28—Huntingdon Valley, thirty-fourth annual invitation for Lynnewood Hall Cup.
- June 26-27—Pennsylvania Open Championship at Oakmont Country Club.
- June 26-28—Wilmington Country Club, annual invitation.
- June 27—Langhorne Country Club, third annual Langhorne Cup junior invitation.
- July 9-11—Berkshire Country Club, invitation.
- July 12—Champ of Champs, second annual invitation at Llanerch Country Club.
- September 9—Tredyffrin Country Club, men's invitation.
- September 12-13—Wildwood (N. J.) Golf Club, third invitation for Bright Memorial Cup.
- September 17—LuLu Temple Country Club, national Shriners championship.
- September 23—Pennsylvania Golf Club (Frazer, Pa.) invitation.

- September 24-26—Springhaven Club, thirteenth annual invitation for the Springhaven Cup.
- October 3—Thirtieth competition for Robert W. Leslie Cup in New York.
- October 12—St. Davids Golf Club, Allen C. Hale Memorial Cup invitation.
- November 27-29—Wildwood Golf Club, fourteenth annual Thanksgiving tournament.

## MEN'S SCHEDULE

- May 28—Joseph Henry Patterson Memorial Cup 36-hole tournament and qualification round for Philadelphia interclub team championship, Merion Cricket Club's east and west courses.
- June 3-4-5-6—Philadelphia amateur championship, Philmont Country Club.
- June 4-5-6—United States open championship, Baltusrol Country Club, Short Hills, N. J.
- June 9—Match-play rounds, Philadelphia interclub team championship on neutral course to be selected following qualifying round.
- June 18—Philadelphia senior championship, LuLu Temple Country Club.
- June 22—Philadelphia district qualification round (36 holes) for United States amateur championship.
- June 22-23-24—Philadelphia junior championship, Philadelphia Cricket Club (Flourtown Course).
- June 30—Philadelphia pater et filius championship Aronimink Golf Club.
- July 20-21—Philadelphia open championship, Manufacturers Country Club.
- August 10—Caddie tournament of Golf Association of Philadelphia, Cedarbrook Country Club.
- September 2-3—Walker Cup matches (Britain vs. United States) Pine Valley, Clementon, N. J.
- September 14-19—United States amateur championship, Garden City Golf Club, Garden City, New York.

## WOMEN'S SCHEDULE

- Sat., May 23—Invitation Mixed Foursome Tournament for the Powell Cup at Llanerch Country Club.
- Mon., May 25—Eighth Annual Tournament for the Ellen Gowen Hood Shield at Philadelphia Cricket Club, Flourtown Course. Class A and B.
- Tues., May 26—Medal Play Tournament in memory of Florence Conden Vanderbeck at Philadelphia Country Club, Spring Mill Course. Class A.
- Wed., May 27—Sixteenth Annual Invitation Tournament of the Wilmington Country Club. Class A and B.
- Fri., May 29—Play-off of ties for the Margaret Crozer Fox Memorial Cup on neutral courses.
- June 1-4—Twelfth Annual Invitation Tournament for the Whitemarsh Cup at the Whitemarsh Valley Country Club.
- Fri., June 5—First Annual Tournament for the Nona Barlow Cup at the Merion Cricket Club.
- June 11-13—Intercity Team Matches for the Griscom Cup at the Charles River Country Club, Boston.
- Fri., June 12—Second Class C Medal Play Tournament at Gulph Mills Golf Club.
- June 15-18—Ninth Annual Philadelphia Two Ball Mixed Foursome Championships for the Boyle Cup at Philadelphia Country Club, Spring Mill course.
- Fri., June 19—Thirteenth Annual Invitation Tournament of the Tredyffrin Country Club. For Class A and B.
- Sat., June 20—Twenty-first Annual Invitation Mixed Foursome Tournament for the Fridolyn Cup, at Philmont Country Club.
- June 22-27—Fourth Annual Women's Individual Pennsylvania State Championship at the Merion Cricket Club. Class A and Class B.
- June 22 to 26—Junior Girls' Championship at Old York

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# Pros Will Combine Match and Medal Tourney

Llanerch to Be Scene of Philadelphia District P. G. A. Championships Starting September 21; Medal Rounds For Title, Will Serve as Qualifying Round for Match Play Affair; Thirty-three Prizes Up

By CHUCK VOORHIS

WHILE the Philadelphia Section of the P. G. A. will continue to crown two champions this year, the process will actually involve but one tournament instead of the two that have been played in previous years.

The medal play championship for the Evening Ledger Cup will go hand in hand with the match-play event, scheduled to get underway Monday, September 21st, at Llanerch.

The medal play championship probably will consist of 36 holes. At the same time it will serve as the qualifying round for the match-play championship which will follow the next two days.

As yet, the number of qualifiers has not been definitely set. If the qualifying round is limited to 18 holes, 32 will qualify for the match play rounds which will begin the same day. If 36 holes are played for the qualifying round and medal play championship, only 16 will qualify in order to get the tournament over in three days.

The tournament will probably precede by a few days, the new Fitzgerald Memorial trophy tournament, an 18-hole affair of better ball of partners. It will be in honor of the late Thomas S. Fitzgerald, former president of Llanerch.

Clarence Ehresman, the slender pro from the Eaglesmere Country Club, will defend the title he won in the medal play championship last year. Ehresman is a fine shot maker as he has frequently demonstrated. He likes the Llanerch layout and plays there frequently.

In the P. G. A. invitation held there last year, the same tournament that is being held at Woodcrest this year, Clarence electrified the gallery with a sub par 67 in his first round. Then he tried to do better or at least as well with the result he began pressing and wound up with a lot of telephone numbers for his final round which put him out of the picture. Sid Brews, the South African, won the event.

Ehresman is playing excellent golf this year and will have something of an edge on the other pros because of his familiarity with the course.

The home club pros, Marty Lyons and his brother Jimmy, will have something to say about this medal play affair. Marty is hitting the ball better than ever but his putting continues to be the weak point of his game. Jimmy, who joined the club as assistant this spring, has two or three sub par rounds under his belt. As soon as the teaching business eases off during the summer months, he'll have an opportunity to polish up his game.

Buzzie Campbell, of Old York Road, will be the defender in the match play championship. He is a consistent golfer and a good match player.

Marty Lyons, chairman of the section's tournament

committee, has an extensive plan for the distribution of prize money, one that now embraces at least 33 cash prizes. That in itself will be an inducement to the pros to turn out for their own championship. Prospects for a record field are excellent.

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# Turner Will Be Back To Defend Title

*Pine Valley Pro Plans Speedy Return From British Open to Compete Again in Classic Philadelphia Open Scheduled for Manufacturers Club in July; Won Last Year by Five Strokes*

By HARRY ROBERT

**P**HILADELPHIA'S open golf championship will be decided this season over the course of the Manufacturers' Country Club at Oreland. The dates for the tournament are July 20 and 21.

The Philadelphia open is one of the most gruelling tests of golf played anywhere because it calls for a 72-hole grind in two days, 36 holes under pressure each day.

Ted Turner, of Pine Valley, who left the rest of the field five strokes behind with his total of 292 last season at Aronimink, has announced his intentions of competing for the British open championship this season, but has also promised to return in time to defend his title here. Turner, a light, slender young man, is one of the finest golfers in the Middle Atlantic States, a real shotmaker. He not only led the qualification test here for the U. S. open a year ago, but finished in the money in that national championship.

Turner played four excellent rounds at Aronimink last July to win the district title, but the highlight was his second round of the first day, when he returned a 69. He is the only man who has ever broken 70 on that long, par 72 layout.

Turner was also in the money in the 1934 Philadelphia open, when the play was perhaps the most sensational in the long history of the event.

In that championship, played over Philmont's north course, the pros who were staying over after the national open at Merion the week before, crowded in thrill after thrill for the galleries. The leading performer in this line was the ultimate winner, Herman Barron. Barron was then playing unattached to any club.

The New Yorker fired in three successive rounds of 69. The first time he did so, he tied the course record. Along came Jimmy Thomson, noted for his long hitting, and smashed the mark with 68. On that round he covered the first nine in 31.

But that mark, also flopped the same day when Ed Dudley, of the Philadelphia Country Club, went out in 34, came back in 33 and hung up a 67.

However, the pace set by Barron was too sharp for the others, and even though he had to play his final round in a thunderstorm and took 77, he finished with 284, which remains the record for the Philadelphia open.

The field in that tournament, also, was probably the best the event ever attracted. It was a good field that competed at Aronimink last year, but not as attractive as the 1934 assemblage. It is to be hoped this year's competition will see a gathering more in keeping with the history of the tourney.

Many are the famous stars who have put their names upon the record as winners. Some of them are Tommy Armour, Joe Kirkwood, Johnny Farrell, Emmett French, Ed Dudley, Willie MacFarlane and Clarence Hackney. And new stars will arise to add their names to the list.

## 1935 PHILA. OPEN WINNERS

Ted Turner, Pine Valley	292	\$350
Herman Barron, Fennimore, N. Y.	297	\$200
Ed Dudley, Phila. Country Club	298	\$100
Harold J. Calloway, Skytop	302	\$ 50
Felix Serafin, Scranton	304	\$ 25

## Special Awards for Phila. Pros

Ralph Hutchison, Phila. Country Club	300	\$ 75
Charles Schneider, Concord	302	\$ 50
Joe Brennan, Langhorne	303	\$ 25

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Ned Phillips, Aronimink	310
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By JIMMY D'ANGELO,  
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I recall watching a certain pro in the qualifying round for the open last year. He had a chance to play regulation golf and go around a dog leg to put his third on the green. But he decided he could hit over a young forest and get there in two. He used up exactly seven strokes in the woods, banging the trees to pieces, sacrificed two months of practice and his big chance in an effort to save one stroke.

And these great single strokes you read about the Sarasens and Joneses and Hagens making to win tournaments here and there over the world, are only strokes of last resort, and backed by round after round of sober and matured judgment.

So always remember, there are two ways to every green, the longer and surer way, and the shorter but nigh impossible way. Even the best of pros never attempt the hazardous shots your average dub plays every other hole. And you can find a lot to philosophize over in this difference of attitudes.

You have to understand golf well, as well as play it well, before you can hope to shoot a balanced game and come back to the locker room with a smile instead of a frown.

It's better to boast of an entire good round than one good shot.

It is a thing of wonder and an everlasting puzzle why so many golfers take chances when the odds are 100 to 1 against them. Not long ago, I took a certain sports writer out and cut down his score by 10 strokes by tempering his judgment. I didn't take a club in hand to show him one bit of technique wherein he was lacking or wrong. I just walked around with him and talked and suggested, and when we were all finished, he admitted that on two holes he would have had 10's instead of 5's, had he gone ahead and tried to dare fate and nature and the law of gravity and a few other pretty tough opponents.

One hole I remember in particular. As usual, he aimed wrong, off line. His drive was straight, but his judgment hasty. He teed the ball up and hit it without delay, without surveying the layout and terrain ahead. The hole is slightly dog leg to the right and the drive went down behind a giant tree that screened the green.

"Give me that niblick," chortled the scribe, apparently pleased to be confronted by a shot that would awe a Hagen and worry a Jones.

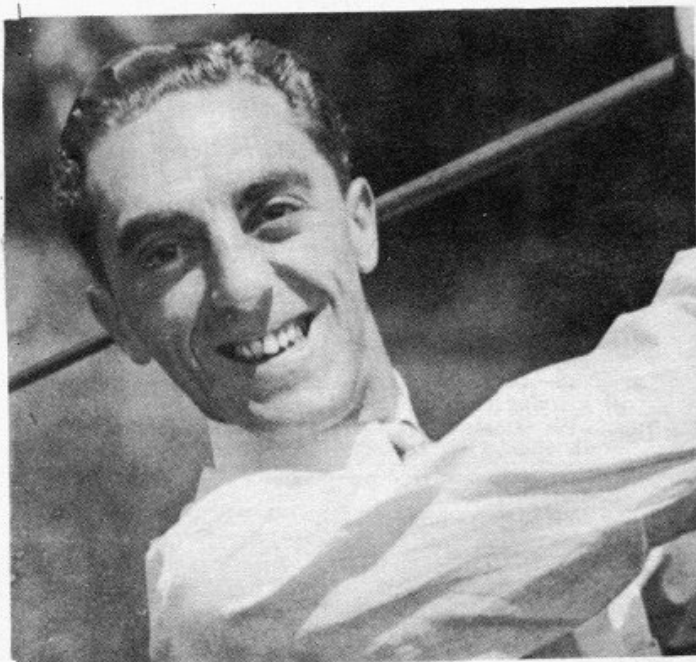
"Were you ever here before?" I asked.

"Sure," he grinned.

"Did you ever put that niblick shot on the green?" I asked.

"Nope—but I will this time," he answered.

"Well, if you want to save yourself from fifteen minutes in that creek, and behind that bunker," I informed him, "you'll take a four or five iron and tap the ball out sideways into the fairway for an easy shot—even for you, instead of trying this shot, which is a hard one, even for Hagen. He did just that, was on in three, and down in two for a five. A few holes later the same sort of situation cropped up. This time the scribe didn't hesitate. He played safe, and saved himself four or five more strokes.



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Mon., June 29—Third Annual Mater et Filia Tournament at the Philadelphia Country Club, Spring Mill course.

Tues., September 15—First Annual Invitation Tournament of the Philadelphia Country Club for the Florence Condon Vanderbeck Cup at the Spring Mill course. Class A and Class B.

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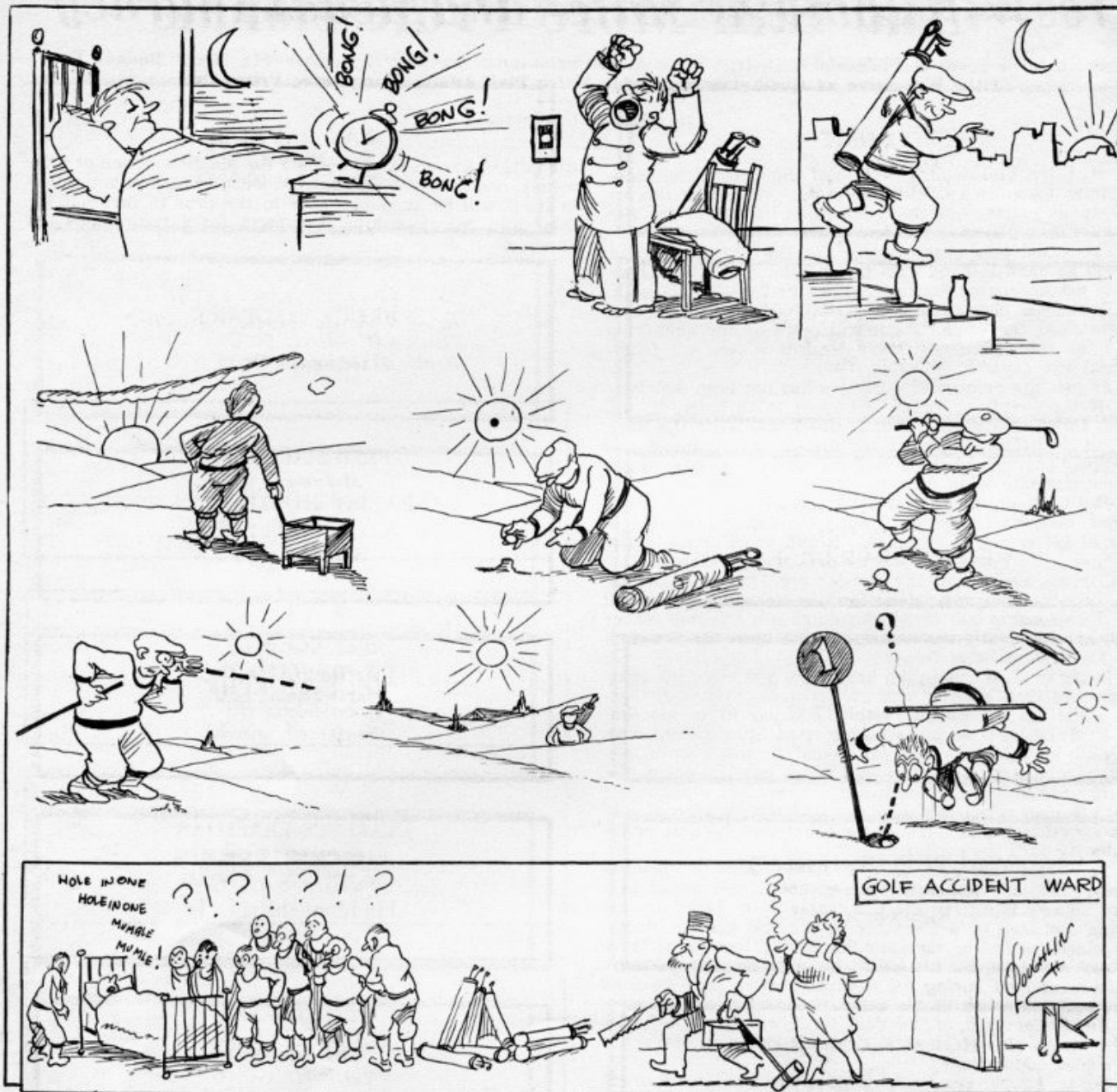
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# Distance Hitters in Bala Exhibition

Lawson Little to Match Booming Drives Against Long Hitting Jimmy Thomson in Partnership Against Horton Smith, Ghost of Joplin, and Ed Dudley, Country Club Stylist

By FRANK McCracken

WHAT looms as one of the most colorful matches ever staged in the Philadelphia District is the exhibition booked for the Bala course May 31.

This contest will bring Lawson Little, "grandslam" amateur champion who turned pro, and Jimmy Thomson, longest hitting tutor in the game, against Horton Smith, the Joplin Ghost, and Ed Dudley, master stylist. Smith was a sensation on the winter circuit, winning the North and South open championship and the Masters' tournament, among other achievements.

The contest will be 36 holes, 18 in the morning and the final round in the afternoon.

Arrangements for the match by Carroll Baxter, Bala tournament chairman, brought to light an interesting angle. "How shall we bill you, Ed?" said Chairman Baxter to Dudley.

"Shall we call you former Western open champion, present Cleveland open champion, past Philadelphia open and pre champion or what?"

"Call me Shawnee open champion," drawled the Philadelphia Country Club pro. "Shawnee open champion?" came back Baxter. "Why that tournament hasn't been held for years!"

"I know it hasn't," said Dudley. "But the last time it was held I was winner. And now that Jimmy Thomson is going to Shawnee as pro it is going to be held this June 7, 8, 9. And I'm going to defend the title. Sure, I'm Shawnee open champ!"

Golfers throughout the Greater-Philadelphia area are interested in the coming match, because the Bala course was built to pay-off on skill, the correct placing of shots, the

hitting of strokes with the proper "stop-'em" on the ball to make it stick on small greens.

When Little, whose tremendously long wood shots carried him through to two British and two United States amateur championships in succession, heard that the Bala layout was on the short side, with a par of 68, he was pleased. This was a surprise because it had been thought the erstwhile amateur king would want plenty of room to show his stuff.

"I guess there will be room there for me to let out more than one drive, but I'll get a chance to give my short game a real workout. I'm going to get a kick out of trying to make my ball stick on the green of that 90-yard one shotter.

Thomson also will have to play for accuracy rather than distance, but the bomber from California, no doubt will have more than one opportunity to zoom a long iron or wood shot.

Jimmy was runner-up to Sam Parke for the U. S. open at Oakmont last year.

Hodge—"How come your wife doesn't object to your spending so much time on the links?"

Podge—"Because I always have dinner ready when she returns from the daily bridge party."

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Nurse: "It's a boy!"

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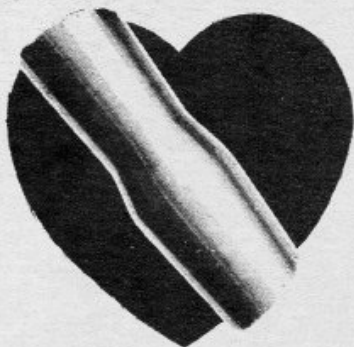
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