STATE GOLF MEET OPENS WEDNESDAY

More Than 150 Entries Expected in Tourney.

TUALATIN CLUB IS HOST

Course in Wonderful Condition and Fast With Greens in Perfect Shape.

More than 150 entries are expected in the Oregon state golf championships, to be decided over the Tualatin Country club course July 12-15. There were 60 visiting golfers yesterday on the Tualatin course, which has been opened to all players planning to enter the tournament.

Dr. O. F. Willing, present Oregon state champion, was out getting the lay of the links. While the champion did not break any course records, his game was steady. Clark Nelson and Jack Straight, Waverley club stars, played over the Tualatin course Thursday in a foursome with Bill Hanley, professional at Waverley, and Richard Longstaff, Tualatin club professional.

Good Scores Expected.

Exceptionally good scores are expected in the qualifying round of the championship tournament due to the wonderful condition of the course, which right at present is very fast with the greens in perfect shape. Water has been put around the edges of the greens so that the players will have little trouble making their pitch shots stick.

The class of the field entered in the tournament indicates that many of the qualifying scores will be close to par. Par for the Tualatin course is 71, while the amateur course record, set recently by Edwin Neustadter, is 72. With the course in its present condition it is thought it will take a score of 165 or under to qualify.

Many Women Expected.

The women's qualifying round, which also starts Wednesday, is expected to include the largest field ever entered in a state tournament. Forty women players will be entered from the Portland Golf club, alone, according to Mrs. Pat Allen, team captain.

All matches will be run off on a time schedule. The first pair in the qualifying round for the men will tee off promptly at 8 o'clock Wednesday morning. Any players desiring to start before 8 o'clock will be accommodated any time after 7 o'clock. All players must be at the starting tent within 10 minutes of their scheduled time. Post entries will be allowed in all events.

Players visiting the Tualatin club this week have been having some difficulty reaching the club, as the branch road from the main highway is being repaired. This repair work is expected to be finished by next Wednesday. In the meantime players motoring to the course should take the west side Pacific highway to one mile this side of Tigard, where there is a detour marked Tualatin loop. This detour should be followed, turning to the left past Pilkington's place and then on into the town of Tualatin.

UNIVERSAL GOLF IS AIM

PUBLIC LINKS PLAYERS TO HOLD NATIONAL TOURNEY.

Unique Contest to Take Place at Toledo, Ohio, August 28 to 31 Is Planned.

Golf for everyone from artisan to aristocrat is the aim of the United States Golf association. Recently it was announced that there would be a national championship tournament for caddies, and now comes the news that preliminary plans have been completed for the staging of a tourney which will determine the best player in the country who indulges in the royal and ancient game over the public links of the U. S. A. In all probability the first tourney will be held at Toledo from August 28 to 31. There will be a 36-hole qualifying round the first day and match play at 18 holes. The final will be at 36 holes. James D. Standish Jr. of the executive committee has offered a permanent trophy for the competition and the association will give medals for the winner and runner-up in the qualifying round and for the champion.

Provision is made for six registration committees, sectionally divided into the Pacific coast, west, middle west, central east and New England divisions. The Pacific coast takes in Los Angeles, Seattle and San Francisco, with headquarters at the last-named city; the west includes Des Moines, Denver, Minneapolis and St. Louis, with headquarters at St. Louis; the middle west section takes in Chicago, Detroit, Toledo, Indianapolis and Milwaukee, with headquarters in Chicago; the central section includes Cleveland, Buffalo and Pittsburg, with headquarters in Cleveland, and the east takes in Washington, Philadelphia, New York and Baltimore, with headquarters in New York, while the New England committee will have headquarters in Boston.

Chicago leads the list with nine public courses, the others being Toledo, 4; Indianapolis, Buffalo, Milwaukee, Cincinnati and New York with 3; Des Moines, Cleveland, Minneapolis, Washington, St. Louis, Boston and Seattle with 2, and Philadelphia, Denver, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Pittsburg and Detroit each have one public links.

The plan is to have players become eligible for the public links championship through registration, and only duly registered golfers will be allowed to compete. Expenses of the different players may be paid by the district from which they are entered or by the section staging the championship.

Giant Golfer Discovered.

Who is the biggest golfer in America? The question can be answered without danger of refutation or fear of offending any claimants. He is J. Munro Hunter, new professional of the Milwaukee Country club. Hunter is 6 feet 5½ inches tall and weighs 225 pounds. Big Ted Ray, the British professional, looks like a pigmy beside the brawny Hunter, who was the champion in Canadian golfdom before coming to the United States recently.

OREGON CHAMPION TO DEFEND TITLE.

Dr. O. F. Willing, Waverley Country club team captain and present Oregon state champion, who will defend his title at Tualatin Country club course in Oregon state play, which starts Wednesday.

UNIQUE RACE SCHEDULED

YACHTS TO COMPETE ARE OF IDENTICAL MAKEUP.

Most of Skippers Who Will Sail Boats Never Were on Craft They Will Operate.

YALAHA, Fla., July 8.—A yacht race, unique in that every craft was identical and that most of the skippers never had been aboard them before, was an event for today on Lake Harris under the auspices of the Yalaha Yacht club, which recently received from Sir Thomas Lipton a perpetual cup to be competed for annually.

Lake Harris is in the central part of Florida and it was impossible for visiting skippers to bring their own craft, unless by rail. The Yalaha club thereupon hit upon the idea of issuing an invitation to the yachtmen of Florida to come here, man the club craft and try their hand at fresh-water sailing.

Members of the club own 15 or 20 speedy 16-foot racing machines, cat-rigged and identical in all measurements, including sail area, and the entire fleet was at the disposal of the visiting skippers, who were assigned vessels by lot. Each boat carries a crew of two men and the visitors who did not bring a sailing mate were permitted to select a "crew" from among the Yalaha yachtmen.

The outcome of the races was expected to depend solely upon the sailing ability of the skippers, because no craft had an advantage over another. Great rivalry resulted between the salt and fresh-water men and the controversy over the sailing practice of the two was the outstanding feature before the start.

The contest for the Lipton trophy will be held next winter.

Tommy Blake Off for East.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 8.—Tommy Blake, Pacific coast one-mile swimming champion and holder of several middle distance records, left here yesterday for the east, where he will represent the Los Angeles Athletic club in several national events. His first appearance will be at Philadelphia, where he will take part in a ten-mile race. While Blake is not regarded as a long-distance swimmer, he is expected to do well in the long race.

Aberdeen Golfers Enter Tourney.

ABERDEEN, Wash., July 8.—(Special.)—The Grays Harbor Country club will be represented at the northwest lumbermen's golf tournament to be held Wednesday, July 12, at the Inglewood Country club, Seattle, by W. J. Patterson and A. L. Paine of Hoquiam and a number of other harbor lumbermen. At last year's tourney a harbor team consisting of Patterson, Paine, Heinrich Schmidt and Kenneth Hayes won the team championship. The same team may compete next week.

A Tonic for Golfers

By Jock Hutchison

ONLY AMERICAN WINNER OF BRITISH OPEN

WE ARE on the eve of another American open championship. The stage is all set for the biggest show yet at Skokie, near Chicago, a course that will be a fine test for the game, and that offers a wide variety of shots.

Like the British championship recently played, the American open will have an international flavor, with four of the leading stars from abroad taking part. Duncan and Taylor, who gave the Americans their greatest competition at Sandwich, probably will make us hustle again at Skokie.

Mitchell may come on to his game by the time the championship opens. Duncan has rounded to and Taylor has not played so well in recent years.

I do not fancy the latter will win here, if I am free to make predictions. His game will have to be stretched out a little bit before it can successfully cope with some of our long hitters.

Duncan, mark my word, should do well, but even George is uncertain at times. This may be his good season, however, and he may fool us. His game needs a little mending to make it work to perfection.

Abe Mitchell has had one year of American golf.

Players on the other side are fond of telling us that we are not dependable over there on account of weather conditions. The same thing goes here for the English and Scotch invaders. They do not relish our heat any more than we are supposed to relish their wind.

I have come to the conclusion that the British seaside winds are a myth so far as being solved by Americans. No one gave a better exhibition of playing into the wind, against it, with it or while it was blowing crosswise than Hagen. Barnes, too, was not severely handicapped. In fact, when the wind blew it was the British stars that fell by the wayside, not the Americans.

Better Field in America.

I think the English were greatly surprised in this, and I want to say right here that it bears out a statement I made a year ago over there: I predicted that we would have little trouble in the 1922 tournament and also went on record as saying that American golfers were superior to those of England or Scotland.

The American open championship will be a harder thing to win than the British was, as the field is better by far. Few good ones have been left behind. Ray and Havers might cut some figure here, but I doubt if any of the others would. Havers is not so good as a year ago. Ray is fading, too, if the last two championships count for a sample.

Hurd may flash here and there, but I do not look for a winning game from any of the invaders, except Duncan and possibly Mitchell, if he settles down to a recent spell of putting.

The American entry list is strong. I realize full well that Barnes, Hagen and myself will have to step if we are to stop some of the youngsters from our own side of the water.

Our boys, such as Diegel, Sarazen, George Kerrigan and his brother Tommy, not so young as George; French, Walker, Macdonald, McLean, Loos, Hoffer and others, will set a fast pace for the rest of us, and it would not be surprising to see one of them furnish us something akin to a real surprise.

Outsiders Seldom Win.

Why is it that favorites always win? It has been a very long time since we had any great shock in the open championship. Hagen's bid for fame in 1914 was the last, but Ouimet's success the year before was more unexpected, and it was this championship that really brought out Hagen and Barnes.

Since that time few outsiders have flashed to the front to make a serious bid for the title. Two years ago at Toledo Leo Diegel tied with Vardon, Burke and myself for second place in what was one of the closest championship fights ever witnessed. Years ago Alex Smith tied with his brother Macdonald and Johnnie McDermott for the championship, and Alex won in the play-off. This was in 1910, three years before Vardon, Ray and Ouimet tied at Brookline.

Diegel was not so much of a surprise at Inverness, as he had made a showing in the western that entitled him to great respect in the big event. Jack Burke was a surprise in a way, but Jack has not done much for his country since.

In casting about for winners at Chicago, young Gene Sarazen must not be overlooked. The memory of his victory over me in the professional tournament at Inwood last year is still fresh in my mind. He won the southern open at New Orleans last winter and has been among the leaders repeatedly in other important tournaments.

Barnes at Top Form.

Emmet French may make a good showing, as he always does, but was incapacitated for so long by illness that he may not be at his best for some time.

Cyril Walker has been playing well and may do something this year, as he is improving very fast.

Long Jim Barnes and yours truly are going to try hard. Jim played well abroad and is in better shape than I have seen him in for years. Jim will take a lot of beating this year, and few can be given an equal chance with him.

Big Bob Macdonald must not be taken too lightly. Bob, as everyone knows, is a fine golfer, and sooner or later must win something big. He is the present holder of the Metropolitan championship.

Among the amateur contenders Bobby Jones and Chick Evans always are to be considered, as they rank with the pros in every way. Both have made wonderful showings in the open the last two years.

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SKOKIE GOLF LINKS OF CHICAGO SPORTY

Course Is to Be Scene of Open Championship.

DATES ARE JULY 10-15

Difficult Par of 34-36-70 Never Has Been Broken From Back Tees in Competition.

CHICAGO, July 8.—The golf links of the Skokie Country club, over which the national open golf championship will be held July 10-15, is one of the best in the Chicago field, with a difficult par of 34-36-70 that has never been broken in competition from the back tees.

The length of the course is 6548 yards, 3233 out and 3315 in. A description of the holes follows:

Hole No. 1—430 yards. Par 4. The drive should be rather to the left to open up the hole for the next shot and avoid a sand trap on the right beyond the cross bunker. Plenty of landing space between the cross bunker and the green. A deep sand pit along the right of the green, a grass hollow along the left, but only rough beyond.

Sand Traps Inclose Green.

Hole No. 2—198 yards. Par 3. Carry 170 yards. The tee shot is a stiff midiron which must not run, or against the prevailing wind, maybe a spoon. The green is surrounded with sand traps.

Hole No. 3—440 yards. Par 4. Played with the prevailing wind. The tee shot can be played straight for the pin, but must carry 210 yards to avoid the end of a long, diagonal pit and bunker. A shot to the right of center will have to negotiate a pit that runs in from the right-hand corner of the green. The green has a good forward slope.

Hogback Is Hazard.

Hole No. 4—350 yards. Par 4. A difficult drive and pitch. A trap and bunker come in from the right side almost to the center. Carry 223 yards. A hogback in the center of fairway about 175 yards out will accentuate a slice or a pull. The green is elevated with a decided pitch forward and guarded on three sides by grass ridges.

Hole No. 5—590 yards. Par 5. With a following wind and a dry course, the long hitters can amuse themselves trying to reach this green in two shots. The tee shot should be just inside the pit and bunker on the left. Carry 185 yards. A slice will find a trap at 220 yards. The approach is through a lane of trees with an out-of-bounds fence beyond. A birdie on this hole is rare; an eagle has never been shot.

Dog's Leg Is Sporty.

Hole No. 6—390 yards. Par 4. A dog's leg to the right. Out of bounds on the right to beyond huge trap and bunker at bend of the leg. This hole has two tees on opposite sides of the course. With the tee on the right, it is a great shot for the long hitter to carry over the inside end of the bunker—carry 210 yards. There is a deep pit beyond the green for too strong an approach.

Hole No. 7—215 yards. Par 3. One of the hardest pars on the course. The sporty shot is a high spoon or fade-away iron straight at the pin, and right over the bushes in the bend of the right-hand pits, and the pit just beyond them—carry 195 yards. The green has a good forward slope and will hold the shot nicely. Against a strong wind this shot can be up to a full brassie. The drive otherwise is up a long bottleneck with deep traps on both sides.

Pond Adds to Difficulty.

Hole No. 8—435 yards. Par 4. A pond in front requires a carry of 147 yards. The drive, unless long, will land on a rise that will shorten it 20 yards and make the next shot a long, difficult approach, uphill on the end to the finely guarded green.

Hole No. 9—185 yards. Par 3. The green is on the face of a rise and the shot will hold fine. Deep on both sides of the green.

Hole No. 10—440 yards. Par 4. There is a draw to the left that will carry a short or long ball, especially if hooked to two large bunkers. A large cross bunker, 370 yards from the tee, has to be carried on the second shot.

Hole No. 11—420 yards. Par 4. Trees line the fairway, and a cross bunker at 400 yards calls for a good drive. The green has a good forward slope, but falls away to the right, where large pits await. Out of bo bonds over green.

Hole No. 12 Innocent Looking.

Hole No. 12—345 yards. Par 4. An innocent looking affair, but the green is small, with narrow entrance, almost surrounded by deep pits and trees.

Hole No. 13—185 yards. Par 3. Looks easy, but the flat terrain is deceiving. The green, with traps and trees on both sides, has a good forward slope.

Hole No. 14—315 yards. Par 4. It looks hard, but if the second shot passes the narrow entrance to the green between pits with high bunkers, the green is ample and par easy.

Hole No. 15—350 yards. Par 4. A forbidding cross bunker under a huge oak on the left-hand comes in toward the middle with a wide trap in front of it. Carry 200 yards. A drive right over the inside end of the bunker will be straight on the pin. A long ball to the right will find a wide trap at 250 yards. The green is elevated and guarded on front and left sides by sand traps and on right and rear with rough.

Traps and Trees on All Sides.

Hole No. 16—365 yards. Par 4. A slight dog's leg to the right with trees and out-of-bounds fence on the left. A drive much to the right finds a huge mound, a barn, while a ditch beyond and high trees to the edge of the green on the right make the second shot a terror. Traps and trees are on all sides of the green, with a steep drop at the back.

Hole No. 17—430 yards. Par 4. A boomerang to the left. There is a cross bunker requiring a carry of 165 yards, and the drive should be to the right side to get proper position for the next shot to the green, which is guarded on three sides by traps and on the left by trees. The green is elevated, undulating and has a forward slope.

Hole No. 17—470 yards. Par 5. A fine, hard finishing hole. Out of bounds on left close to tee and almost up to the green. Trees on right half way up. The right side has bunkers all the way and a pond at 370 yards on the edge that gets many a second shot. The green is guarded on the left and right by deep pits and is high, with a steep rise at the end of the approach.

AMERICAN WINS BRITISH OPEN GOLF TITLE AGAIN.

—Photo by Underwood & Underwood.

WALTER HAGEN.

Hagen won the British open golf championship at Sandwich, England. For the second time in succession America has ridden rough shod over Great Britain in this championship. Jim Barnes and George Duncan tied for second, a shot behind the leader. Hagen, after a rather shaky finish to his third round, which left him with 79 and removed him from the lead, came through in the last 18 holes like a real champion, playing with rare skill, great power and a world of determination until he had won his first British championship with a score of 300 strokes.

HALF-MILE RACE TOUGH

RUNNERS SAID TO PREFER QUARTER NOWADAYS.

Time Declared to Have Been Cut Down Until Whole Distance Practically Is Sprint.

NEW YORK, July 8.—(Special.)—What is the hardest running event on our track schedule? Ask this question of followers of the sport and you will find that the great majority pick the quarter mile. Ask the same number of half-milers and they will tell you either the half or the mile, certainly not the quarter, says Ted Meredith.

The quarter mile used to be the toughest event not so many years ago. Men that ran both the quarter and the half found it to be, but that is not the case nowadays. The reason is simply this, the quarter-mile times made 20 years ago were just as fast as those being registered today, while the half-mile times were seconds slower.

Since the half-mile record has been hammered down to its present figures the race when run in and around record time means two fast quarters, one on top of the other. To run 1:53, the first quarter of the half should be done in close to 54 seconds. A man who can do 50 seconds for a quarter mile is a find for any coach, even in these days of so many stars.

A half-miler called upon to run the quarter feels that he has an easy task compared with his usual event. This is not true of a sprinter. The dash men find it the hardest kind of work and shiver and shake at the thought of it. It is too far for them, they have not the endurance, through training, to stand the added distance.

It really works itself down to this fact, the farther a runner goes the harder it gets for him. If the records of the old-timers are traced it would be found that in their last few years of competition they cut their distance down.

Joey Ray was originally a five-mile runner. He made his first hit in the national championships in winning the five-mile race. Then he came down to the mile and even as far down as the half-mile. Ray probably would rather run the 1000 yards than any race. Yet many of the experts feel his best distance is from 2 to 5 miles.

The longer the distance the more tedious the training. Marathon runners have to spend hours plugging along the roads besides walking as many more miles. A sprinter can go on the tracks and do his work without rushing things in an hour; this allows resting between stunts also.

The quarter-mile time has been down so low for this long period due to relay racing. The Penn relays have been held for 28 years, and the mile relay is the most run distance on its programme. Every high, prep and college team in the east has been sending teams to this meet during this period and many of the middle west colleges have also been present.

CALL FITZ CROWN GRABBER

Lanky Bob Once Held 3 Titles in Fistic World.

Benny Leonard's effort to acquire two ring titles via a verdict over Jack Britton recalls the fact that Curly Bob Fitzsimmons was the original crown grabber. He held no less than three championships at one time—the heavyweight, light heavyweight and middleweight. When Fitz beat Corbett, Gentleman Jim outweighed his opponent by 25 pounds. Fitzsimmons weighed 160, Corbett weighed 185.

Joe Wolcott gave the interesting statistic boys dope for the book when he scored victories against heavyweights while under the welterweight limit himself. One of the heavies to lose to the little lad was the clever Joe Choynsky.

BRITAIN LOSES GOLF TITLE

Walter Hagen First American to Win Coveted Championship.

Walter Hagen, winner of the British open golf championship, is the first American-born golfer to capture the chief honors of the links in Britain. He was born in Rochester about 31 years ago and began his career as a caddie at the Rochester Country club. In 1912 he was assistant to A. J. Christie, the club professional there.

His first big tournament experience came in 1913 when he took fourth place in the American open championship. In 1914 he won the open title. Since then he has been much in the public eye as one of the top-notch golfers of the country and has won many important championships. He had tried twice before this year for the British open. Last year he tied for fifth place. At present he is the holder of the western open and Professional Golfers' association championships.

Hagen has a particularly fine golf temperament and is a remarkably consistent player. He is amazingly accurate on the greens and is most deadly on long putts.

Golf Facts Worth Knowing.

Q. How is the correct handicap allowance determined in a best-ball match play contest?

A. Take the difference between the gross aggregates of the handicaps of the two sides and allow three-eighths of this difference.

Q. What is the present status of steel-shafted club so far as the leading golf associations have gone in the matter of recognizing or forbidding play with them in tournament play?

A. At present they are under the ban according to U. S. G. A. rules, though it is understood that this organization is reconsidering the matter. The W. G. A. has placed no limitations on them, nor has the Canadian or Royal and Ancient St. Andrews.

Q. Can a player be made to play his tee shot over in a medal play round, where he plays first, though his competitor has the honor on the hole under play?

A. No, the stroke is not recalled for his playing out of turn.

Q. Please give the ruling in the following case. As ball strikes on, but bounds over, the edge of a highly terraced green, it stops at the foot of the terrace. Near the top of the terrace is a rather large piece of timber left there presumably by the greenkeeper. It happens that the hole is rather close to the edge of the terrace at this point. A insists on moving the timber, because he claims that his ball being less than 20 yards from the cup, rules of the putting green apply. Is he right in his contention?

A. A is right. If his ball lies within 20 yards of the cup and not in a hazard, he has a right to lift any loose impediment that lay between his ball and the hole.

Q. Is there any rule to prevent a player from having his caddie lift the flag stick from the cup and hold it up, where the player is making an approach from under a steep hill on embankment, and can not see the flag in position?

A. There is no rule to prevent such an action.

Bush League Notes.

Bill Hall, ex-Des Moines catcher, with the Paul, Idaho, team last year, has signed with Aurora. Hall hit for an average of .325 last year. Bill Baker, brother of Del Baker, ex-Beaver catcher, is hurling for Aurora.

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The Y. M. C. A. team would like to arrange several games for Saturdays at 7 o'clock. John Bennett is coaching the team. For games call Mr. Bennett or Mr. Kiel at the Y. M. C. A.

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O.-W. R. & N. will play Moose Lodge of Portland at 3 o'clock today at Buckman field. The railway players have not lost a game to a Portland team this season. Heim will pitch for O.-W. R. & N. and Jones for the Moose.

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The Woodmen of the World team of the city league, which plays Montavilla at Montavilla today, played a couple of out-of-town games last week. The Woodmen defeated Molalla Monday, 12 to 4, but lost July 4 to the Salem Senators, 4 to 3.

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Mike Boytana, outfielder for Fenne's team, will be unable to play again this season because of a broken foot arch. Boytana was injured several weeks ago.

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Al Lodell of the Anaconda team of the Montana Miners league is looking for a good, dependable pitcher. Anaconda team has a good chance of winning the pennant and Al has been burning the wires for promising hurlers.

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Lefty Swarts will pitch for Echo today against Baker for the Inter-Mountain baseball championship. Last week Echo won the right to play Baker by defeating Umatilla, 8 to 2. Emery Webb was pitching for Umatilla.

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Speck Harkness has signed to pitch for Harrisburg. While playing against Albany, July 4, Speck made two home runs.

Prince of Wales to Head Golfers.

The prince of Wales will captain the Royal and Ancient Club of St. Andrews, Scotland, governing body of the golf game in the British isles, in 1923. Their heir to the English throne will play himself into office September 27, as it the custom.

KNEPPER CAPTURES IOWA GOLF TITLE

Arthur M. Bartlett Is Defeated, 8 Up, 5 to Play.

1922 FINALS ARE STAGED

New Feat in Golf History of State Is Accomplished by Sioux City Player.

DES MOINES, July 8.—(By the Associated Press.)—Rudolph Knepper of Sioux City won the Iowa golf championship for the third consecutive time here this afternoon when he defeated Arthur M. Bartlett of Otumwa, 6 up and 5 to play in the finals of the 1922 state tournament played over Hyperion course.

In winning today's match and title, Knepper accomplished a new feat in Iowa golf history, although Bartlett had won the championship four times but not in consecutive years. Knepper was never down during the entire match, although Bartlett squared the contest at the ninth green of the morning round after having been three down at the fifth tee.

Knepper, however, won the tenth hole and was not headed after that. He increased his lead on the inside of the morning's play by winning the 12th, 15th and 17th holes and was 4 up at noon.

Knepper increased his advantage to 5 up early in the afternoon but Bartlett won the fifth and ninth holes and was only 3 down at the turn.

Knepper won the 10th and 12th and won the match and title by taking the 13th. The visitor outdrove Bartlett consistently throughout the day by from 10 to 35 yards.

DETROIT BOATING MECCA

CITY SUGGESTED AS CENTER OF MOTORCRAFT RACING.

International Conference Site Proposed to Promote More Interest in Sport.

DETROIT, July 8.—Detroit has been suggested as the site of the international conference of motorboat racing, proposed by Morton Smart of London, commodore of the British Motorboat club, and T. P. Wynn Weston of Southampton, secretary of the Royal Motor Yacht club, as a means of promoting interest in boat racing, it is announced by J. Lee Barrett, secretary of the newly organized yachtsmen's association of America.

Members of the association believe that by holding the meeting during the gold cup races, September 1-4, the visitors would be enabled to form an opinion as to the advisability of restricting the class of entries in the British international (Harmsworth) trophy race, as the gold cup race is restricted for the first time this year.

The only limitation previously prescribed for the gold cup contest was that the entries must not measure more than 40 feet. This year entrants are limited to a maximum engine size of 625 cubic inches; a minimum hull length of 25 feet, and a beam of five feet.

When the British yachtsmen first conceived the idea of the international conference, they wrote to various countries formerly represented in the Association Internationale du Yachting Automobile, which went out of existence during the war, and called attention to the falling off of interest in powerboat racing in Europe, stating this is the first year the British have not had an entry in the Monaco races, and also commenting on the fact that this year even Sir Mackay Edgar did not challenge "Gar" Wood of Detroit, holder of the Harmsworth.

Owing to the dearth of racing craft in the various countries, it was suggested that the Harmsworth be made a restricted class, instead of no limitation being placed on the size of the power plant, and the hull maximum length being left at 40 feet.

TRICK PITCHING PASSES

EMERY, MUD AND "SHINE" DELIVERIES DISCARDED.

Old-Time Slamsters Studied Batters and Used Science to Win Ball Games.

It is significant that nearly all the game's really great pitchers, Mathewson, Brown, Bender, Plank, Johnson and others of that school, used legitimate deliveries. In fact, they developed in an era when trick pitching was little known, and it is doubtful whether they would have resorted to it had they sounded its secret. They didn't need to.

Russell Ford's dry spitter, which was nothing less than the emery, was a secret known to himself alone for many years.

Eventually others learned the mystery of that baffling hop, and a period of trick pitching was introduced. Heavers for the most part seemed to depend on some such expedient as doctoring the ball, while ignoring the real science of the slab and the result was a general lowering of the pitching standard.

Pitchers for the most part seemed to cease studying the batters or devoting any great amount of mental effort to their profession.

One result of trick pitching was erratic performances. Few if any heavers could consistently control the emery, the mud ball or the shiner. On those days when the ball happened to be breaking just right for a pitcher he could perform wonders, as witness the case of Hod Eller against the White Sox. But if the ball was behaving badly a pitcher's support would have to pull him out of many a tight hole.

GOLF CLUBS NEVER PERFECT

Struggling Duffer Has Hard Time Finding Sticks That Suit.

Ransacking the professional's shop for the "perfect set of golf clubs" is like looking for riches at the foot of the elusive rainbow. For years the struggling duffer has been buying and testing many weapons with this end in view, with the usual result that a large percentage of the clubs find a resting place in lockers or in some cobwebbed corner of an attic, though it not infrequently happens that drivers and irons long since thrown aside in disgust are resurrected to such good purpose as to cause the owner to wonder what in the world he had been thinking about when he discarded them.

It is probable that this happy return of a club fallen from grace happens more with regard to putters than any others. No type is so often tried, discarded and tried again as the putter, which one day seems possessed of some magic power, and the next worse than useless and, while a great deal of this shifting about is, after all, mere fancy, yet it is equally true that no man ever works his way into the low handicap class without having first purchased and tried scores of clubs. His path to proficiency is literally strewn with their wreckage, and there is little doubt that much of this experimenting is due to ignorance of what is best for one's style of play.

WINGED M GOLF NEAR

CLUB'S FIRST EVENT TO BE HELD TOMORROW.

Driving and Approaching Contest to Start Off Season—Each Entry Gets 3 Chances.

The first golf event for members of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club this season will be a driving and approaching contest on Multnomah field tomorrow. Eact entry will have three chances to put the ball over the fence on the Morrison street side of the field. There will be two prizes in each event.

The contestants will have from 6 to 8 o'clock for driving and approaching.

A team match for the club golfers will be played on the Eastmoreland municipal links Sunday, August 6. Players will be paired according to handicaps. Trophies will be awarded to each team and individual prizes will be given the low gross and the low net players.

LANE STREAMS TO GET FISH

600,000 Rainbow Trout Are to Be Planted in Few Weeks.

EUGENE, Or., July 8.—(Special.)—More than 600,000 rainbow trout will be distributed in the streams of western Lane county during the next few weeks, according to Matt L. Ryckman, superintendent of the state trout hatcheries, who was in Eugene yesterday and left today for Coos bay, where he will supervise the construction of a dam in the Coos river near Marshfield.

T. J. Craig, in charge of the distribution of the fish, will leave with the first 200,000 trout Tuesday and later in the week will distribute three more loads in the western part of Lane county.

Later in the summer the McKenzie and Willamette rivers and tributaries will be stocked from the ponds of the McKenzie-river hatchery, where there are now 7,000,000 trout ready to be released.

HARPER FIGHT IS OFF

MORRIE SCHLAIFER SAYS HE IS GOING EAST.

Any Chance for Bobby to Get Crack at Omaha K. O. King Is Knocked in Head.

The Bobby Harper-Morrie Schlaifer bout is off. A telegram yesterday from Schlaifer said he had already planned other bouts and was going to New York at once. This kills any chance for Harper to get a crack at the Omaha knockout king in the near future.

Calling off this bout leaves the Portland boxing commission's plans for the next show in the air. Unless Matchmaker Hansen can line up a main event within two days, the show will be off altogether.

EUGENE BOXER QUITS COLD

Main Eventer at Marshfield Ring Tourney Sees No Money.

MARSHFIELD, Or., July 8.—(Special.)—Boxing received a backset when a three-bout tournament was attempted here on the Fourth of July at the North Bend baseball park. Carl Miller of Eugene, on viewing the assembly of fight fans, refused to go on with Harry Fonville of Powers, fearing the gate would not pay for the main event.

Two six-round bouts between Norman Wilson of Marshfield and "Catty" Lewis of Powers and Hoglund of Marshfield and Merrifield of Marshfield were staged. The first was a draw, the second was won by Hoglund. The high prices of tickets, some costing $3.85, was accountable for the lack of attendance. There were no headliners in the programme and the fans stayed away.

Two Great Ones Called 'Urban.'

Strangely enough, the two greatest hurdlers in the American league, to the minds of most critics, bear the name of Urban, not a common moniker. The first is Shocker, of the Browns, who has won a dozen games to date, a larger number than any other hurler in the majors. The other is the favorite ruby-haired son of Cascade, Iowa, Faber, who is with the White Sox. Last season he won 25 games with a team that finished seventh. A matchless performance. This season, while he has won numerous victories, he has sustained many losses.

Schaefer Must Defend Medal.

Jake Schaefer, to gain permanent possession of the diamond medal emblematic of the 15.2 balkline billiard championship, must successfully defend it for two years. Next September he will play Roger Conti, champion of France, who finished fourth in the recent championship tournament in which Schaefer won the title by dethroning Hoppe.

Dynamite Murphy Defeated.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 8.—Ted Morgan of San Francisco administered a decisive beating to Dynamite Murphy, also of San Francisco, in a four-round boxing match here last night.

Miss Bauer Breaks Record.

NEW YORK, July 9.—Miss Sybil Bauer of the Illinois A. C., Chicago, broke the world's record for the 100-yard back-stroke swim for women in a 75-foot pool today by one-fifth second. She finished in 1:15 3-5.

No Hunting for Aliens.

Unnaturalized foreigners are barred from hunting game in New York state.