

GOLF INTRODUCED IN THIS CITY ON COLLEGE CAMPUS

Eighteen Years Ago, Scotchman Becomes Interested In Sport When He Sees Two Men With Golf Sticks at Baseball Game at Union, and He Assists in Forming a Club—Membership Increased Rapidly and Nine Hole Course Was Soon Too Small and New Club Was Organized.

(By the Mohawk Golf Club Historian.)

The history of golf in Schenectady goes back to a Saturday afternoon in May, 1896, when a young Scotchman in the office of the General Electric Company attended a baseball game on the college campus.

Among the spectators the Scotchman noticed two men with sets of golf clubs. Having learned the game in the old country the Scotchman was naturally interested, and, introducing himself, inquired where they were going to play. It developed that the men had just returned from New York, where, at that time, there was considerable agitation in the press regarding the game of golf and the organization of several golf clubs in that vicinity. Being interested, he had each purchased a set of clubs. Upon learning that the Scotchman was familiar with the game, he was asked to assist in forming a club in Schenectady.

The following week there was a meeting of a number of interested persons connected with Union College and a subscription taken up to defray the expense of cutting the grass in the college pasture where, during the next few days, a nine-hole golf course was laid out and an informal club organized under the name of the College Hill Golf Club.

Dr. Edward Everett Hale, Jr., professor of English at Union College, who had become interested in the game during 1893 while abroad, Dr. C. F. Lihart and Professor William P. Reeves, instructors at the college, and Rudolph Romeling, of the General Electric Company formed the nucleus of the club. The early members taken in included Dr. Andrew V. Raymond, president of the college; Messrs. Bennett, Pepper, McKendle and a number of the students. Later a number of men with the General Electric Company were admitted, among them Messrs. Lovejoy, Bishop, Erben, Oudin, Conover, Remington, Seldon, Williams, etc.

The club membership increased quite rapidly and the nine-hole course in the college pasture was soon too small to accommodate those who desired to play. Therefore, several men connected with the General Electric Company got together and organized a second club under the name of the Schenectady Golf Club.

The new club leased the pasture of the old Paige farm situated between Kott street and what is now called Rosa road, near the present Ellis Hospital, and laid out a nine-hole golf course. There was considerable rivalry between the two clubs and a number of team matches were played.

Early in the season of 1898 the clubs joined hands, and afterwards played golf on the Paige farm links. Later in the same year a number of the leading members decided to incorporate, and this was formally done under date of October 31st, at which time the name of the organization was changed to the Mohawk Golf Club.

The first president of the reorganized club was E. Wilbur Rice, Jr., who held office from its incorporation, 1898, to 1901. Following Mr. Rice came Samuel M. Hamill, 1902 to 1905; J. R. Lovejoy, 1906 to 1909; Everett Smith, 1909; William L. R. Emmet, 1910 to 1912, and the present incumbent, Dana E. Sullen.

Shortly after the reorganization of the club a new lease was taken of the Paige farm for a term of two years, with the option of three yearly renewals, and plans for a club house were drawn and approved. The house, a small, one-story building, was erected the same fall. A new nine-hole course was laid out and tennis courts built.

From the day of its incorporation the Mohawk Golf Club has been very prosperous, the first year membership reaching a total of 158. In three years the club had outgrown its quarters and the nine-hole course was not large enough to accommodate the players.

In 1900 the members began to talk of a new building and a larger plot of ground. The majority of the members wanted an eighteen-hole course and a permanent home.

About this time the late Mrs. Jane Ann Smitley, offered to lease the Ellis farm to the club, with the privilege of buying. A lease was entered into on February 12th, 1902, and the property added to the club on January 30th, 1914. Located on the farm, near the Topy road, was the old Ellis house. The club had plans drawn to utilize this house in providing its new home. The building was moved back from its original site and remodeled.

The formal opening of the new club house occurred on May 21st, 1904. On the anniversary of this date in 1907 the club house was totally destroyed by fire. A committee was immediately appointed to arrange for the construction of a new club house. The present building was commenced on October 18th, 1907; completed and formally opened on May 13rd, 1908. It was the original intention to have the opening on May 21st, the anniversary of the opening of the first club house and also the date of the fire, but due to certain parts not being completed the opening was delayed until May 20th.

The original purchase of the Ellis farm consisted of 125 acres; 15 acres were also purchased from the Van Vost farm and a small piece from the Wilbeck estate. Additional ground has been secured, so that at present the club owns 159 acres.

The original eighteen-hole course was laid out under the direct supervision of Samuel M. Hamill, then president of the club. During the winter 1892 and 1893 a topographic map was prepared. This map was inspected by numerous golf experts, including Thomas Bendelow and Findlay Douglas, who made important suggestions. Much valuable assistance was also rendered by Devereux Emmet of Garden City and Arthur P. Knight, a member of the club and inventor of the renowned Schenectady putter.

The work of construction was

started in the spring of 1893 and the grounds were opened for play in the fall. The course, as originally laid out, was 3,900 yards, but many changes have been made since that time. The present length is 6,372 yards. Par 73; Boxey 31.

The amateur record of the course since it was changed in 1913 is 72, made by Jerome D. Travers during the qualifying round of the annual invitation tournament. The professional record is also 72, made by David Stevens.

The natural hazards of the links are many and difficult. With the numerous artificial hazards which have been recently added, and others planned, the course is destined to be one of the finest in the country. The scenic attractions are unsurpassed. The natural contour of the land is undulating and the views obtained from the various eminences must be seen to be appreciated. From the

fourth and fifth holes, on a clear day, five ranges of mountains are in sight. To the north the Adirondacks; north-east the Green Mountains; east the Berkshires, and to the southwest the Catskills and Helderbergs. From the sixth green, which is the highest point of land between the Mohawk and Hudson valleys, a beautiful view is obtained of the surrounding mountains, the City of Schenectady, the Mohawk valley, and last, but not least, the club house and entire links.

In addition to the golf links, the club has eight tennis courts, two of them arranged with electric lights, permitting play at night. The club supports a curling rink, toboggan slide, skating rink, bowling alley, shooting traps and pool and billiard rooms. During the winter these sports and games are well patronized. The club is an active member of the United States Golf Association.

The United States Lawn Tennis Association and the Grand National Curling Club of America.

SHUT OUT ATHLETICS.
PHILADELPHIA, April 2.—Two young pitchers shut out the world's champion Athletics today at Shibe Park in the first of the series of spring games with the Philadelphia Nationals, 1 to 0. "Cy" Marshall allowed the American Leagueers only two hits in the first four innings and Oeschger, formerly of St. Mary's College, Oakland, Calif., let them down for one hit in the remaining five innings. The Phillies made their four runs on five hits off Penneck and a wild throw.

The score: Nationals... 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—1 7 1 Americans... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0 3 1

DODGERS DEFEAT "YANKS" IN FIRST GAME OF SEASON

"Robinson Day" at Ebbets Field Celebrated With Ten-Inning Victory.

NEW YORK, April 2.—Major league baseball had its season's opening in New York today with an exhibition game between the Brooklyn National and New York American league teams at Ebbets field, the Brooklyn winning, 4 to 3, in a ten inning struggle. First string pitchers started the game for each team, but after five

innings McHale gave way to Warhop, and Reulbach of Brooklyn to Wagner, Pich of the Highlanders and Aitchison of the Superbas finished the game. The New York recruit handing the game to Brooklyn in the tenth by passing a man with the bases full. Frank Chance's men looked like winners until the eighth, when, with Dalton on first, Wheat caught one of Warhop's lobs on the end of the bat and sent it over the right field fence for a home run, tying the score. The fielding was sharp on both sides despite the muddy field. Williams and Walsh did some timely hitting for the Highlanders, while Pockinbaugh starred on the defense. Wheat was Brooklyn's star man, both at the bat and in the field. The game provided a celebration of "Robinson day" for Brooklyn, in honor of Wilbert Robinson, the New York manager. Postmaster William E. Kelly threw out the first ball

and Robinson was presented with a floral horseshoe.
The score:
New York... 0 0 1 0 0 0 2 0 0—3 7 2 Brooklyn... 1 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0—4 6 3
McHale, Warhop, Pich and Seaver; Reulbach, Wagner, Aitchison and McCarty.
LOUISVILLE DEFEATS REDS.
LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 2.—Although Herzog shifted the Reds' batting order as well as the lineup, placing himself second on the list, the Louisville American Association team made it two straight from Cincinnati here today, 5 to 2. Yingling allowed two hits in six innings. McHale's hit in the sixth brought in four runs.
The score:
Cincinnati... 2 1 3 Louisville... 5 10 4
Yingling, Lear and Gonzalez; Toney, R. Clemens and V. Clemens.

CHANCE RELEASES SIX OF HIS YOUNG PLAYERS

NEW YORK, April 2.—Frank Chance, manager of the New York American League club, announced tonight that he has released six of his young players. First Baseman Owen Quinn was sent to the New London team of the Eastern Association, and Outfielder James Eichen to the Jersey City team of the International League. Catcher M. White, Pitcher W. Hutchison and Infielders John Sullivan and Frank Keady were released unconditionally.

WELLS KNOWS OUT LURIE.
LONDON, April 2.—Bombarrier Wells, the English pugilist, tonight knocked out Albert Lurie, a virtually unknown French heavyweight, in the seventh round.

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