
 * • • **Lake Forest.** • • *

GOLF IN LAKE FOREST.

An unusually active golf and polo season is promised for Lake Forest this year. A writer in the Evening Post has this to say on the prospects of the popular North Shore diversion:

Figures presented to-day seem to indicate that the Onwentsia Club is the most popular of the many golf-playing organizations which have been started in recent years and which have laid out links in the suburbs of Chicago. Twenty applicants for membership are on the waiting list now and there will be more, no doubt, before the summer opens. The membership is limited by the charter to 30, and this number is now enrolled. Until there come vacancies there is no chance for any of the twenty waiting ones to be taken in. Such a condition of things has not been reported by any other Chicago suburban golf club. This popularity is due, in part, it is said, to the fact that golf is not the only sport fostered.

Space in the clubhouse and cottages all has been rented for the season and more accommodations will be required soon.

"Everything points to a prosperous season," said an Onwentsia officer to-day. "The new polo grounds, which cost us \$18,000 to prepare, the car load of ponies, steeplechasing and women's polo matches, together with all the golf attractions and a crowded clubhouse, will make this a gay season at Lake Forest. If the weather becomes warm early we will open the club season early, and that may not be many weeks from now."

Walker and Marshall, the Onwentsia professional golfers and clubmakers, are the busiest men at Lake Forest. In fact, they are about the only ones around the club premises this month except the men working on the polo grounds. They are making clubs for the players who before many weeks will come to the suburb, and are enthusiastic over the general outlook.

Stories to the effect that hare and hounds was to be an Onwentsia sport are denied by the managers.

As for polo, the most extensive preparations are being made. Work has been going on nearly two years and is about finished on the polo field. Ferry field, the ground in the extreme north end of Lake Forest, about a mile from the clubhouse, has been used the last two seasons since polo has been played by Onwentsia. Hereafter the ponies will follow the ball on land owned by the club, near its headquarters and immediately adjoining the golf course. Altogether \$15,000 has been spent on this polo field. It has been leveled and sodded over its entire area of ten acres and prepared so as to be up to all requirements and equal to the fields in the east. Eventually the great tournament, which Onwentsia expects ere long to win, is to be held at Lake Forest, if the expectations of the club's officers are to be realized.

But the grounds are not to be the only equipment for good polo playing. W. F. Walters, superintendent of the old field and barns, has gone west to

buy ponies. He is traveling through Indian Territory and Oklahoma, getting the best horseflesh he can, so that the mounts of the players will be above criticism when the sport is taken up again.

WINNETKA COUNCIL.

Winnetka Council met March 7th, 1899. Present: R. B. McConnel, C. Prouty, F. E. Herdman, C. S. Thorne, J. H. Dingwell, S. W. Osgood.

Minutes.—Following letter received. Referred to committee of whole.

The following letter was received from Bluff City Electric R. R. and referred to committee on whole. Committee took a recess and acted on railroad letter, presented it and it was passed: The council of the village of Winnetka do ordain that the ordinance heretofore granted to the Bluff City Electric Street Railway Company, on the 7th day of May, 1898, be and is hereby amended to give to said company, its successors and assigns the right and authority to construct a superstructure or trestle on the west twenty feet of the right-of-way heretofore granted between the west line of Maple street and the south line of Willow street, and on Wilson avenue from the south line of Willow street to such point as will make the grade on said trestle-work about one per cent; said right and authority are given upon the expressed condition that said Bluff City Electric Railroad Company, its successors or assigns, shall cause to be dedicated to the village of Winnetka for street purposes the east thirty-six (36) feet of Wilson avenue, extending to the south corporate limits of said village. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Passed.

F. A. Winds was appointed engineer to prepare the specifications for the necessary street improvements, as required by ordinance granted to the Bluff City Street Electric Railway. The company has arranged to pay the engineer, so there will be no additional burden placed upon the taxpayers.

The February bills against the village were allowed by the council and ordered approved and paid by the financial committee.

A transfer from the general fund to

During the cold weather citizens allowed water to run to keep it from freezing. This, naturally, would make the water bills exceedingly large, and to prevent this Mr. Herdman moved that the council be authorized to adjust overcharges and give water rebates. Motion was referred to water committee, with power to adjust claims wherever deemed reasonable and just.

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