

GOLF GOSSIP

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Walter Hagen, new British Open champion, has a great year ahead of him. Previous to leaving for England Hagen and Joe Kirkwood, the Australian champion, made arrangements for a tour of the world which is to end in time for the British event of next year.

In addition to being champion of his country Kirkwood is one of the cleverest players of this time. Along with his exhibitions of straight golf he gives the spectators a little amusement with his trick shots. He is a master of fancy shooting and can manipulate a golf ball with the best.

Hagen, the second American to win the British Open, will be a big attraction on the tour by virtue of his recent success. The two have scheduled fifty exhibitions in this country, where they will start the tour. Chicago will have a chance to study the pair when they play an exhibition match at the Idlewild Country club on July 4 with Jock Hutchison, whom Hagen succeeded as British champion, and Laurie Ayton, professional from the Evanston Golf club. Ayton has not been very active so far this year, but when he and Hutchison were paired against Vardon and Ray at Glen View last year the local pair won by a comfortable margin.

These men will be seen in action again in the National Open at Skokie later in July.

Frank Blossom stepped to the front last week by winning the Invitation tournament at Indian Hill, his home club. He turned in some excellent cards during this event. To make sure of his prestige he followed this victory by winning the finals of the Hoyt cup at Indian Hill last Saturday, defeating M. E. Schoenthaler 2 up in the last round. His card of 71, which he turned in for the Hoyt trophy, was even better than he was able to do in the Invitation tourney.

Finals of the Four Towns tournament will be held at Skokie this week. In the semifinals H. C. Mershon eliminated S. L. Williams 2 and 1 in the Glencoe division, while in the same class G. L. Sibley won from G. Murch, Jr., by a similar count. These two winners will be pitted against each other in the final round.

Evanston's entrants narrowed the race in their class at the same time. F. E. Blunden defeated B. T. Buck 2 and 1. The second match of the round between H. R. Kimbark and L. T. McCurdy was postponed, but will be played before Saturday.

Dr. J. A. Burrill won his way into the finals in the Winnetka division by winning from J. S. Pole in a close match, 2 up. Also in this class M. B. Orde eliminated E. R. Haskins, 2 and 1, and won the right to face Dr. Burrill in the final round.

W. A. Kittermaster reached the finals in the Wilmette division by setting back W. J. Champion, 6 and 4, in easy fashion and will be pitted against F. M. DeBeers or H. H. Curtis, who did not play their semifinal round on the scheduled day.

H. C. Mershon had low gross for Saturday with a card of 79, but he was not among the winners of the ball sweepstakes, for P. J. Buckley took this event with a net of 66, his handicap being 17; L. G. Barnett came in second with a net 78 and C. H. Bowes figured the same score with a card of 91-23-68.

The finals in the June class tournament were played at the Winnetka playfield course Saturday and the qualifying round of the July class tournament will be staged this week. Four flights of sixteen players will tee off to start the event.

Many of the players who finished high up in the Chicago District Golf tournament at Oak Park recently went to Kansas City for the Western Amateur. Ira Couch, who won fame by taking the Chicago tournament, was conceded a chance to finish high up in this tournament, but the size and class of the field made the winner hard to pick in advance.

Ruddy Knepper, last year's winner, did not enter on account of his participation in the eastern intercollegiate. H. R. Johnston, champion of Minnesota, and S. D. Herron, former national amateur champion, were also among the favorites.

O. C. Owens led the field in the qualifying round of the Directors' cup at the North Shore club last week with 86-18-68. J. E. Caldwell, 94-25-69, and E. L. Workman, 90-19-71, were close behind the leader. The first round of this event over eighteen holes will be played Saturday and half of the thirty-two qualifiers will drop out.

The qualifying round for those who are to play in the special July 4 contest must be finished by Sunday night.

Begin Renovation Work On Woman's Club Building

Work is to begin about July 5 on the renovation of the Winnetka Woman's club building at Oak street and Maple avenue.

Two thousand dollars has been set aside as a fund to provide for general redecoration and essential repairs on the building, and the place, which has long been one of Winnetka's most popular social centers, will present an attractive appearance when activities resume in the early autumn months.

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