



North Shore Golf Clubs



Wilmette G. C. Boasts "a Golf Club for Golfers"

Players O. K. Sport Under a 'Landlord'

Course Built and Operated by Syndicate—Champion Holes Out in One in Title Match

This is the eighth article of a series describing the great golf courses of the north shore. It tells of the novel arrangement under which the game is played at the Wilmette Golf club, that fine club on Lake avenue. It is the story too, of the development of fine players.

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THE exhilaration of golf, the competitive spirit which makes all the world love a winner, overshadows all else at Wilmette Golf club. It is a GOLF club in all that that name implies. It is not written in the by-laws of Wilmette G. C., but this line belongs there:

"This Is a Golf Club for Golfers"

Far be it from this writer to say that other ramifications of club life at Wilmette are neglected. Out there on Lake avenue they dinner dance, the women folks battle for bridge honors and everybody mingles in a clubby atmosphere, which promotes the best of feeling, but all this comes after golf. Golf always is the first consideration.

If anyone wants to find out anything about Wilmette G. C. the fellow to see is William H. Hansmann. Mr. Hansmann is president of the club and fortunately we ran into him when seeking information for this story. He thinks, talks and dreams in golf terms and after talking with him five minutes there is the urge to call him "Bill." Golf does that. It's all right with him, too.

First off he wants to know if you play and you get a suspicion that he's seeking the "low-down" on your game. But quickly he shifts and begins to tell you about the club championship match last year, when Sidney E. Scholes captured the title by defeating Ed Youngquist in the finals. We'll let him tell about it.

Knockout for Old Man Par

"That was a shooting match" says the president. "Those fellows played golf that day. But let me tell you about the shooting at the fourteenth hole. The fourteenth is a par four, although the actual distance is only 260 yards. Well, Scholes steps up to the tee, takes a squint at the 'shot' and swings. The ball sped directly for the



THE PICTURES: The clubhouse at Wilmette Golf club (top)—Tony Rengel, assistant professional and a champion driver (insert) — Sidney E. Scholes, club champion (lower left)—Mrs. John H. Arends, club champion (lower right).

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hole and plops right in. A hole in one in a championship match! Ever hear of such a thing?"

We admitted that we hadn't.

"But listen to this," continued the president. "Youngquist takes his squint and swings. Wow, but that was a pretty shot. He lays his ball only a few feet from the cup. It was a perfect drive and on his second shot he holes out. Think of that, one player licking Old Man Par three strokes and the other trimming him to the ex-

tent of two. And in a championship match, too."

One of the big features at Wilmette G. C., is that every member is a player. And it should be mentioned here, that the women folks as golfers aren't in a minority either.

Club Has Many Good Players

The course carries a 71 par. When it was designed the plans called for a course which would not be too difficult, nor too easy to negotiate. The result

is a happy medium and the par figures are right. The yardage of the course is 6,515.

Wilmette boasts of many good players. Among these may be mentioned Sidney E. Scholes, Walter Wylie, Dr. R. L. Lasater, Andy Rogers and W. F. Lockridge.

Mrs. John H. Arends is the women's champion, and ranks as one of the good players of the Chicago District. She does not do all her playing at the

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