

# Princeton Golf Club

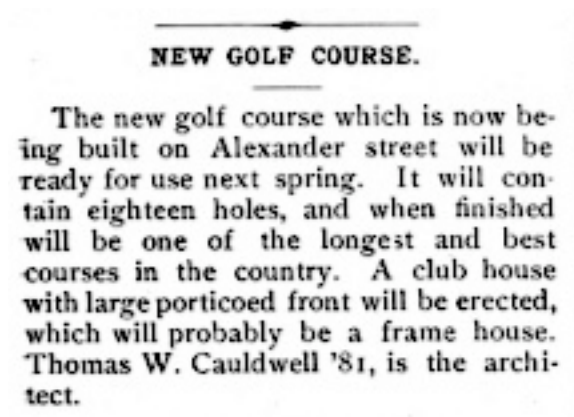
## Evolution Of the Club and Grounds

### Part Three

1901

In January of 1901 they hope to have the golf course open that Spring. A clubhouse with a large porticed front is planned and was designed by Thomas W. Cauldwell '81.

Daily Princetonian, January 10, 1901



The January 1902 issue of Golf Magazine contained a feature article on the new Princeton Golf Club written by "The Editor". This feature article describes the new golf course at Princeton in detail. It's defenses include multiple Cop bunkers as well as swampy areas which must have played in and around our creek. The description of the nine hole course includes 6 crossings of the creek.



## THE PRINCETON GOLF CLUB

By the Editor

THE Princeton students have a great advantage over the golfers of the other big universities, in that they enjoy the use of a full eighteen-hole course, standard in every particular, and within easy walking distance of the campus. At Harvard, the students play at several of the near-by courses, and while there is a project now on foot to establish a university links, it will be at least a year before the ground now under consideration can be laid out and brought into playing condition.

At Yale, the college golf club uses the links of the New Haven Golf Club. The latter has an eighteen-hole course, measuring 5352 yards in playing distance, and is rather tricky in its nature as well as short. Moreover, it is about two miles away from the Yale campus, a serious disadvantage in the short autumn days. At Columbia, the players have a special arrangement with the St. Andrews Club, but that course is also comparatively inaccessible for the students, and the same is true of the Philadelphia Cricket Club course, which is used by

the golf club of the University of Pennsylvania.

At Princeton, while the golf club is universally a town affair, it is really made up and controlled by officers and students of the university. The land over which the course runs is owned by an association, whose members are all closely affiliated with the university, and the club-house now in process of erection is the gift of the class of 1886. To all intents and purposes the Princeton Golf Club is a university organization.

The class was originally formed in 1896, and for several years maintained a nine-hole course on ground lying back of ex-President Cleveland's residence on Bayard Avenue. The course was a fairly good test of golf, but part of the ground was inclined to be wet, and the presence of grazing cattle was a serious handicap in the maintenance of the putting-greens, while hoof-marks in the marshy parts of the fairway were not conducive to good through-the-green play. Some eighteen months ago several

parcels of land lying south of the seminary grounds were purchased, the entire tract embracing over a hundred acres. A full course was laid out, drainage pipes put in, putting-greens seeded, and the ground otherwise prepared for the purposes of the sport. Nine holes were opened for play last autumn, and the full course will be ready in the spring. *It should then take rank with the best as a true test of golf.*

In its general characteristics, the land is slightly rolling, a brook, dry ditches, and long grass being the principal natural hazards. There are no trees nor unfair traps, and the fair green is of generous width, encouraging a free style off the tee and in brassey play. The soil is shaly in its nature, and the drainage is consequently excellent, while the turf is thick without being rank. The putting-greens, which, with one exception, have all been brought up from seed, are remarkable for their velvety smoothness. They are laid out upon the natural contour of the land, and are of the standard size, eighty feet square. Even now they are fully up to the standard for trueness, and should improve every year. The turf through the fair green is free from clover, and the ball sits up well for the brassey. The few cop-bunkers that it was found necessary to construct are built upon approved models, and the pits

are filled with soft sand that will not pack. But the pride of the course is its putting-greens, an excellent feature in links hardly a year old. Nearly all of the land had to be broken up with the plough to bring it into shape, and the uniform excellence of the turf is consequently the more remarkable.

The situation—on the edge of the hill on which the village of Princeton is built—is aesthetically pleasing. In the background the tower and spires of the seminary and university buildings may be seen, rising out of a green wilderness of Academic groves, while in the foreground the land slopes gradually away to the beautiful champaign country through which winds the silver ribbon of the Delaware and Raritan Canal. It reminds one of a bit of English landscape, and there is an enticing suggestion of freedom and openness in its smiling expanse. Here, if ever, one should be able to let himself out and smite the gutta (or rubber) for all that is in him. There is no bushwhacking through chestnut wood and stone pastures, no "rifle galleries" and unplayable pits, and even "out of bounds" is a negligible quantity. The "Colonel" of the Princeton links is a fair and honest opponent, but for all that one must play sound golf to beat him out.

The length of the nine holes in use is



THE CLASS OF '85 MEMORIAL CLUB HOUSE.



THE SEVENTH TEE. MR. PERCY D. PYNE 2D DRIVING.

THE SECOND TEE.  
THE PRINCETON GOLF CLUB.





THE SECOND GREEN. MR. L. B. GARRETSON PUTTING.



THE SIXTH GREEN.  
THE PRINCETON GOLF CLUB.

something under 3000 yards, but one or two of the holes will be slightly altered when the second round of nine holes is brought in. The Bogey, as at present arranged, is 41. The play in detail:

No. 1 (270 yards).—The tee is directly in front of the club-house, and the ground slopes gradually to the green. There is a cop-bunker 125 yards from the tee, and a blind ditch 100 yards further on. Long grass guards the course on both sides. A good drive and full mashie-shot should reach the green. Bogey, 4.

No. 2 (320 yards).—There is nothing to punish the drive unless it is sliced or pulled, when long grass catches it. Guarding the green is a cop-bunker about sixty yards from the hole, which must be carried by a full iron-shot to get the green. Bogey, 4.

No. 3 (250 yards).—No trouble for a drive unless it is off the line, when long grass again catches it. A cop at about forty yards guards the green, which should be carried by a mashie-shot. A dry ditch punishes an over-approach. Bogey, 4.

No. 4 (566 yards).—The course stretches away slightly down hill in a lane about seventy-five yards wide which is bordered on either side by long grass. A cop-bunker is found ninety yards from the green, which can be carried in three long shots. Four on the green is good, which makes Bogey 6.

No. 5 (420 yards).—This hole may be played in two ways. There is swampy ground, with a stream running through it, which crosses the course at an angle, and 115 yards away. A good drive will carry this, and then a player can keep on up the course to the right, or can stay to the left, not crossing the swamp until his third, an iron-shot. In either case, he should be on the green in three, which makes Bogey, 5.

No. 6 (410 yards).—The drive is at an

angle across the same swamp crossed in going to No. 5, onto rolling ground, guarded on the right by long grass. A blind ditch catches a topped brassey-shot, and another will catch a fozzled mashie approach. The ground rises gradually to the green. Bogey, 5.

No. 7 (310 yards).—One hundred and twenty-five yards from the tee is a blind ditch, and the way to the hole is guarded on either side by long grass. Guarding the green is a cop-bunker, thirty yards from hole, which should be carried by a full iron-shot. Bogey, 4.

No. 8 (350 yards).—In front of the tee for seventy-five yards is long grass. A good drive should carry onto the top of the hill, but a slice is punished by rolling down the side of the hill into a swamp, and a pull by long grass. From the top of the hill a good iron-shot over swampy ground should put you on the green. Bogey, 4.

No. 9 (230 yards).—The drive is up hill over the swamp crossed in going to No. 8. A good drive and a mashie pitch will reach the green. There is a big sand-pit on the very edge of the green to catch a ball not played up. Bogey, 4.

The Bogey of 41 may be termed a very stiff one, owing to the number of long shots which have to be played to reach the green after the drive. The present record of 41 is held by Mr. Percy R. Pyne 2d., his card reading as follows: 4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 4—41.

The Class of 1886 Memorial Club House is in process of erection, and will be opened in June. The dimensions are about 110 feet by 40 feet; it is built of white stucco, and will cost about \$13,500. The building will face the seminary grounds, and the sketch shows view from the rear, opening upon the "86 Memorial Hall," which will be forty-two feet long and twenty-one feet wide, with a fireplace at each end. At one end of



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the building, kitchen, butler's pantry, etc.; the other wing is to be devoted to an undergraduate locker-room and toilet-room. At the front of the building is a central entrance hall, with a ladies' room on one side and a graduates' locker-room on the other, with all the necessary accessories. The attic is to be left unfinished, but cots can be placed there for temporary accommodation if found desirable.

The present officers are: president, M. Taylor Pyne; vice-president, Professor Allan Marquand; secretary and treasurer, P. A. Vandoren.

The Board of Governors: M. Taylor Pyne, George A. Armour, C. F. W. McClure, C. H. Dodge, A. F. West, A. D. Russell, Allan Marquand, J. S. Morgan, H. D. Thompson, W. A. Wyckoff, Laurence Hutton, and C. C. Cuyler.

Professionals, James McPherson and James Glass.

The captain of the university team is Mr. Hugh V. Wilson, '02, and the college champion is Mr. F. O. Reinhardt, '05. The Sophomore Class hold the team championship of the university, and the present enrolled membership of the club is 150.



BUNKER ON FOURTH HOLE.

## THE WINTERING OF PUTTING-GREENS

By F. G. Beach

**D**OES it really pay to cover putting-greens for the winter?

That is a question that each Green Committee must decide from local conditions. There are probably many instances in which a winter covering might be of benefit, but it seems very doubtful whether any such distinct and decisive benefits accrue as warrant the expense. For it is an expense indeed if

the greens are to be treated in such manner that they are really protected by the covering, and unless the covering really protects, the Green Committee has wasted some of the club's cash very uselessly.

To begin with, it is impracticable to have a covering so thick that, within the parallels of latitude including the best courses in this country, the ground will be kept entirely free from frost. The





MR. HUGH I. WILSON. MR. DOUGLAS BONNER. MR. GEO. J. COOKE. MR. L. B. GARRETTSON.  
MR. PERCY PYNE, 2D. MR. CHESTER GRISWOLD, JR. MR. ABRAM POOLE, JR.

THE PRINCETON TEAM, 1901.

Here is a Photo of the 1901 Princeton golf team which includes Percy Pyne and Hugh Wilson.

1902

Source unknown, February, 1902

## GOLF.

### A 'VARSITY LINKS FOR PRINCETON— NINE HOLES TO BE READY THIS SPRING.

If present plans materialize Princeton will soon have one of the best college golf courses in the country. Enough money has been assured to make possible an eighteen hole links, and the comple-



PERCY R. PYNE, 2D.  
Record holder of the new Princeton links.

tion of the work is looked for at an early date. Already a plot of more than one hundred acres has been obtained, and nine of the holes will be ready for play this spring. The work has been going on for some little time, and, while the greens have not yet been perfected, they give promise of being in excellent shape for the semi-annual 'varsity tournaments in May. Money for a clubhouse to cost \$15,000 has been raised from prominent graduates, and the building will be ready for occupancy in June. It is to be an elaborate affair, 110 feet long and 40 feet wide, with broad verandas and ample locker rooms, both for graduates and undergraduates. The 'varsity team will have special quarters and will use the course in training for the intercollegiate golf championships. A new impetus is expected to result from these facilities for practice, particularly as Princeton will have the distinction of being the only college in the association possessing its own links.

From the character of the first nine holes, it is possible to gauge the completed course, and, although these have not been fully completed, some play has taken place on them and a record of 41 has been established by Percy Pyne, 2d, who held the intercollegiate championship a year ago. The various distances, with the bogie score for each, are:

Holes	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Yards	270	320	250	566	420	410	310	350	250
Bogie	4	4	4	6	5	5	4	4	4

There are several excellent water hazards to be met with on the trip, and as the character of the ground is undulating, the course will contain plenty of opportunity for skilful play. The 'varsity team will do its practising there for the intercollegiate championship, which will take place in the week beginning May 5, and some of the candidates are expected out within a few weeks. The captain of the team is Hugh V. Wilson, who has shown his capabilities in several metropolitan tournaments. He will have as a nucleus for his team F. O. Reinhardt, the college champion; Abram Poole, winner of the junior cup at Chicago last season, and Percy Pyne, 2d, the record holder.

The officers of the club are: President, M. Taylor Pyne; vice-president, Professor Allan Marquand; secretary and treasurer, P. A. Vandoren; governors, George A. Armour, C. F. W. McClure, C. H. Dodge, A. F. West, A. D. Russell, J. S. Morgan, H. D. Thompson, W. A. Wyckoff, Laurence Hutten and C. C. Cuyler.

In March of 1902, Hugh Wilson is captain of the Princeton Golf team.

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#### **GOLF COURSE CLOSED.**

The University golf course will be closed for the next week, at least, and probably for a longer period. This is necessitated on account of the poor condition of the turf and putting greens. By stopping play over the course for the next week or so the greenskeeper thinks that the links will be in first class condition for play in the spring. Captain H. I. Wilson 1902, of the University golf team, announces that the schedule of the matches to be played by the golf team this spring is in course of preparation.

March 13th, 1902

By late March of 1902 the course is cautiously and partially open.

Daily Princetonian, March 25th, 1902

#### **GOLF COURSE TO OPEN TO-DAY.**

The University golf course will be opened for play this afternoon. The new greens, however, will not be used until after Easter, as considerable attention will still be required to put them in first class order. The links have been closed for the past two weeks, during which time the condition of the turf and fair green have considerably improved.

1903

In March of 1903 the course is open while work is still progressing on the "Lamar" clubhouse which is on schedule to open on June 1st.

Daily Princetonian, March 7th, 1903

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**GOLF COURSE OPENED FOR  
SPRING PLAY.**

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The links of the Princeton Golf Club are now in condition for spring play. The fair green is soft in places, but is as good as could be expected at this time of the year. The permanent greens are closed and will not be opened until about April 1. Temporary greens are now being used. Players are requested to replace the turf wherever cut.

The work on the new Lamar club house is progressing rapidly and will probably be finished on contract time, June 1.

Daily Princetonian, March 23rd, 1903

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**GOLF COURSE TO BE READY FOR USE  
ON WEDNESDAY.**

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The greens-keeper of the University golf course announces that the links will be opened for regular play on Wednesday. The fair green has been thoroughly rolled during the past week and is now ready for play, but the putting greens are still rough and should not be used until the middle of the week. Work on the Lamar Club House is progressing favorably. The exterior is practically completed and the building will be ready by June 1, the time previously announced.

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Financial shortfalls are an issue in 1906. As things stand the Princeton Golf club has only opened nine of the eighteen holes originally planned by Willie Dunn, Jr. and the Greens committee back in 1900. Financial constraints have to be why work was never completed on the eighteen holes.

Daily Princetonian, March 22nd, 1906

#### THE GOLF COURSE.

NOW that the golf season is near at hand and play will commence as soon as the weather conditions become more favorable, we wish to inform the undergraduates of the adverse circumstances under which this game is compelled to labor in Princeton. The University Golf Course is considered to be far above the average college course, and in order to keep it in good condition a large expenditure of money is required every year. During the past few years the Golf Club has been continually falling behind financially and the burden of this deficit is shouldered by a few men, who compose the Board of Governors of the association. It is through the liberality of these men that a golf course has been made a possibility in Princeton, and it does not seem fair that they should be compelled to shoulder all of the responsibility of making it a success. We believe that, if all the men interested in this game would give the Golf Association the proper support, the financial success of this organization would be assured. This applies especially to members of the Freshman class, who seem to have the idea that the golf course is not meant for them. The fact that reduced rates will be charged for tickets during the Spring should be a great incentive to a number of men to take advantage of this exceptional opportunity, to get the finest kind of outdoor exercise during the few remaining months of the college year, and at the same time, to support one of Princeton's most neglected organizations.

1907

In May of 1907 the Princeton Golf Club held an invitational Amateur Tournament. Among the players were some of the finest Amateur players in the country including Walter Travis out of the Garden City Golf Club, Jerome Travers out of Montclair and George Brokaw out of Deal Beach.

Daily Princetonian, May 7th, 1907

**INVITATION TOURNAMENT TO BE GIVEN  
BY THE PRINCETON GOLF CLUB.**

The management of the Princeton Golf Club has made arrangements for an amateur invitation tournament to be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week.

This will be the first invitation tournament ever undertaken by the club, and some of the leading amateurs of the country will compete, amongst whom are W. J. Travis, of Garden City, J. D. Travers, of Montclair, and George Brokaw 1902, of Deal Beach.

The order of play will consist of an eighteen-hole qualifying round, Thursday morning, followed by match rounds in the afternoon. These will be continued all day Friday, and Saturday will be devoted to the finals, which will be over a course of thirty-six holes. On this day an eighteen-hole medal play handicap tournament, open to guests and club members, will also be played. The prizes will consist of the President's cup, to be awarded the winner in the first sixteen; the Princeton cup, to the winner in the second sixteen, and the Nassau cup, to the best man in the third sixteen. A cup will also be presented to the runner-up in each sixteen, as well as a cup to the winner of Saturday's handicap event and a gold medal for the best gross score on that day. Besides these, a medal will be awarded to the man making the lowest score in the qualifying rounds.

The University team will play a team match with the Philadelphia Country Club on Wednesday afternoon at the Princeton Golf Club.

## GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Starts This Afternoon on the University Golf Course. Qualifying Round To-day.**

The first special amateur invitation tournament of the Princeton Golf Club will be held to-day, to-morrow and Saturday on the University golf course. According to the rules of the tournament, the games will not be open for play in the morning.

The entry list includes the names of many prominent golfers, although business has prevented several from accepting, and it has accordingly been decided that the contestants will qualify for three eights instead of three sixteens, as originally intended, but no reduction will be made in the number of prizes to be awarded. Jerome D. Travers, the present Metropolitan champion and one of the best players in the country, is a likely winner of the tournament. Several other visiting players are likely to hand in entries on their arrival in Princeton to the committee, which, owing to the illness of P. V. Van Doren, secretary of the club, will be composed of President Percy Pyne II, H. W. Gee 1907, W. T. West 1908 and R. Peters, Jr., 1908.

The qualifying round of the tournament will start at 1.30 p. m. to-day and the paring of the players and the time of starting is given below:

1.30—J. D. Travers, Montclair, and W. T. West. 1.35—J. B. C. Baker, Arsdale, and W. L. Thomas. 1.40—G. W. Bunn, Lawrenceville, and D. H. Barrows. 1.45—J. Woodward, Arsdale, and T. Atkinson, Jr. 1.50—H. Legg, Lawrenceville, and R. Peters, Jr. 1.55—Harold Sands, Aitken, and C. W. Tainter, Richmond County Country Club. 2.00—G. T. Brokaw, Garden City, and P. R. Pyne II. 2.05—W. A. Furman, Lawrenceville, and C. Ballin. 2.10—A. D. Jamieson, Lawrenceville, and A. L. Norris. 2.15—H. McClenahan and D. Roberts. 2.20—McL. Thompson, Altoona, and G. E. Morse, Lawrenceville. 2.25—H. C. Jordan, Lawrenceville, and B. W. Corkran. 2.30—H. Tubbs, Lawrenceville, and H. J. van Dyke.

## QUALIFYING ROUND

Of Invitation Golf Tournament Held Yesterday. Drawings for To-day's Play.

The first special invitation tournament of the Princeton Golf Club began yesterday afternoon on the University golf course. There were thirty-two men entered and only the qualifying round was played. The matches were well played, and, in view of the wet condition of the course, some very good scores were made. The total scores of the first sixteen players were as follows: Travers, 85; Peters, 86; van Dyke, 88; Legg, 88; Roberts, 90; Pyne, 91; Tubbs, 91; Barrows, 92; West, 93; Corkran, 93; Vanderhoef, 94; McAdoo, 94; Jordan, 95; Baker, 98; Ballin, 98; Baker, 98. Thomas and Furman also scored 98, but Furman will be unable to play to-day and was placed in the second eight to lose by default in to-day's match, while Thomas lost in the play-off.

The matches scheduled for this morning for the first sixteen will begin at 9.30, for the second eight at 10.30, and for the third eight at 11 o'clock. For these matches the players are paired off as follows:

First sixteen—H. Legg vs. G. W. Bunn, D. Roberts vs. C. F. Tubbs, P. R. Pyne II vs. B. W. Corkran, C. Ballin vs. G. Vanderhoef, R. Peters vs. H. C. Jordan, W. T. West vs. F. H. McAdoo, H. J. van Dyke III vs. J. B. C. Baker.

Second eight—G. E. Morse vs. T. Atkinson, W. L. Thomas vs. A. A. Moore, McL. Thompson vs. R. Weir, C. W. Hunt vs. W. A. Furman.

Third eight—C. M. Norris vs. H. McClenahan, J. Woodward vs. A. R. Chalmers, R. Catlin vs. S. B. Brooks, A. D. Jamieson vs. J. H. Dulles.



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## TR AVERS LED WITH 85.

### Golfers at Princeton Had Course Half Under Water.

NEW YORK, May 9—Golfers com-  
peted under trying conditions today in  
the qualifying round of the first invita-  
tion tournament ever given by the  
Princeton golf club. Despite the fact  
that the course was half under water  
from the overnight rain, Jerome D  
Travers, the metropolitan champion  
succeeded in scoring 85, leading the field

This was good going, considering that  
the ball frequently became imbedded in  
the mud after the carry. The course, a  
nine-hole affair, is also unusually long  
covering a playing length of 3255 yards  
or 6510 yards for the 18 holes. Players  
qualified in a first 16 and third and  
fourth eights. Those with scores of 9  
tied for the last three places in the first  
division. The summary:

Jerome D Travers, Montclair.....	43	42	85
Ralph Peters Jr, Princeton.....	42	44	86
H G Legg, Lawrenceville.....	45	43	88
H Van Dyke, Princeton.....	42	46	88
D Roberts, Princeton.....	44	46	90
C F Tubbs, Lawrenceville.....	48	43	91
Percy R Pyne 2d, Princeton.....	48	43	91
D H Barrows, Princeton.....	44	48	92
W T West, Princeton.....	47	46	93
W B Cochran, Princeton.....	49	44	93
F H McAdoo, Princeton.....	47	47	94
G Vanderhoef, Princeton.....	47	47	94
H C Jordan, Lawrenceville.....	47	48	95
G W Bunn, Lawrenceville.....	47	51	98
J B C Baker, Arsdale.....	50	48	98
W L Thomas, Princeton.....	48	50	98
C Ballin, Princeton.....	51	47	98
W A Furman, Lawrenceville.....	52	46	98

#### GOLF TOURNAMENTS.

The first amateur invitation golf tournament of the Princeton Golf Club was finished Saturday afternoon. The President's cup, presented to the winner of the first sixteen, was won by Jerome D. Travers, of Montclair, New Jersey, the present metropolitan champion. In the final round, held yesterday afternoon, he defeated F. H. McAdoo 1910 6 up and 5 to play. McAdoo won the silver cup presented to the runner-up in the first sixteen. In the final round of the third eight, McLeod Thomson 1907 defeated G. E. Morse, of Lawrenceville, 2 up and 1 to play, thus winning the Nassau cup. Morse won the cup for the runner-up in the third eight. The Princeton cup for the winner of the fourth eight was won by Professor A. D. Jamieson, of Lawrenceville, who defeated J. S. Woodward, of Arsdale, 2 up.

The heavy rain of Friday night made the course soggy and wet, and the ball often sank into the ground on a long drive. Under the circumstances, J. D. Travers' score of 43 strokes for nine holes was very creditable. Mr. Travers has played consistent golf throughout the tournament, and has been prevented from making lower scores only by the soft condition of the course.

The eighteen-hole handicap medal play tournament, held Saturday morning and afternoon, was won by C. W. Hunt, Jr., 1909, with a card of 93-10-83. W. T. West 1908, H. J. van Dyke III 1908 and H. G. Zegg, of Lawrenceville, tied for the best gross score at 90 strokes. H. J. van Dyke won the medal on the play-off.

The summary follows:

First sixteen: Semi-final round—J. D. Travers, Montclair, defeated B. W. Corkran 1907 3 up and 2 to play; F. H. McAdoo 1910 defeated C. Ballin 1910 2 up.

Final round—J. D. Travers defeated F. H. McAdoo 1910 6 up and 5 to play.

Third eight: Final round—McLeod Thomson 1907 defeated G. E. Morse, Lawrenceville, 2 up and 1 to play.

Fourth eight: Final round—A. D. Jamieson, Lawrenceville, defeated J. S. Woodward, Arsdale, 2 up.

The winner of the first Princeton Amateur Invitational was Jerome Travers of Montclair, NJ. Later that year he went on to win the USGA Amateur Championship. He went on to become one of the greatest amateur players in US History.

From Wikipedia

**Jerome Dunstan "Jerry" Travers** (May 19, 1887 – March 29, 1951) was one of the leading amateur [golfers](#) of the early 20th century. He won the [U.S. Amateur](#) in 1907, 1908, 1912 and 1913, the New Jersey Amateur three times, and the [Metropolitan Amateur](#) (New York) five times. He was regarded as one of the finest [match play](#) golfers of his time and had a famous rivalry with [Walter Travis](#).

In 1915 Travers won the [U.S. Open](#) at [Baltusrol Golf Club](#), making him the second of the five amateurs to win the event. It was his only top ten finish in four appearances at the U.S. Open - he never entered the tournament again once he had won it.

Although all of Travers' notable victories came as an amateur, he later became a teaching professional and gave exhibitions. He was inducted into the [World Golf Hall of Fame](#) in 1976.<sup>[1]</sup>



1911

By 1911 work has commenced on the construction of the Graduate School and some holes on the nine hole Willie Dunn course are going to be compromised. The clubhouse is going to have to be moved as it is too close to the planned Cleveland tower.

Daily Princetonian, September 22, 19

### **PRINCETON GOLF COURSE READY FOR COMING SEASON**

The Princeton Golf course has been put in good condition preparatory to the opening of the college year. The excavations for the Graduate School have necessitated only one slight change for the present, the seventh tee having been moved forward a short distance. Later the completion of the Graduate College buildings will require some changes in adjacent holes, and the clubhouse will also be moved in order to give an unobstructed view of the Cleveland Memorial Tower, from the southeast.

All members of the University and Seminary are eligible for membership in the Golf Club and new students and members of the Faculty are especially invited to join the club. For the protection of its members, the club strictly enforces the rule that only those who pay their dues in advance may use the course. The annual dues are fifteen dollars for golf and tennis; five dollars for tennis only. Tickets may be had from the Treasurer, P. A. V. van Doren, First National Bank Building, or from the greenskeeper, John L. Stout, at the clubhouse.



## MANY ALTERATIONS ON UNIVERSITY GOLF COURSE

### Graduate School Buildings Necessitate Change in First Hole—Tournament This Fall

Many changes and improvements have been made in the University Golf links lately which have tended to put the course in much better condition than heretofore. The location of the Graduate School where it is, will necessitate the abandonment in the near future of the old first green and the consequent re-arrangement of the first three holes. With this fact in mind a committee composed of M. Taylor Pyne '77, P. A. Van Doren, and A. Seckel 1912, have made a careful survey of the links, added a new green and changed several of the old holes.

The new course is now in condition to be used, but as the former way around does not have to be permanently abandoned until spring, those who desire to do so, may still play on it.

According to the new arrangement the first tee will be to the right of the former one as you look down the links from the Clubhouse porch. The course to the hole will slightly be curved, since the old second green will be used as the new first.

The second hole will be a mid-iron shot over the brook, the tee being placed fifteen yards back of the former third tee, and the new green being located on the sloping ground near the willow grove. The third hole will then be played from a new tee just opposite the second green to the old third green.

The rest of the course remains the same, except that more traps and various general improvements have been installed all over the links. Some of the tees have also been moved slightly.

Golf is a sport that is being played much more generally at Princeton than ever before. Almost every day the links are crowded. It is now planned to hold the college championship tournament the week of October 16, with thirty-two men to qualify, provided enough interest is shown. Last year the tournament had

Public Finance.—Seniors assigned to Professor Adriance will meet him hereafter in M. 53.

Economics 305.—Lecture in M. 10 Thursday at 11.30. Following report in 1913 room of Murray-Dodge at 12.30 next Friday: Adams, Applegate, Baillie, Baker, Bickham, Bissell, Bonnell, Christie, Green, Harris, Holton, Larom, Lingle, Montgomery, Morris, Mulford, Norman, Ober, O'Connor, Perkins, Pierce, Reed, Rose, Salzer, Shively, Taensch, Tilton, Vashbinder, Watrous, White.

Professor McCabe's 10.30 division will be discontinued. Its members will be distributed as follows: Meyers, Michael, Miller, Mitchell, Moffatt, Morell, Mulford, Murdoch, Nebeker, Paine, Piel, Randolph and Richards will report in 1912 room of Murray-Dodge at 10.30.

Following also report in 1915 room of Murray-Dodge at 10.30: C. B. Riker, R. J. Riker, Rowley, Scribner, A. D. Smith, W. R. Smith will report in the 1914 room at 10.30

Constitutional Government. — Assignments for Mr. Hall's preceptorial divisions: Low's "Governance of England," Chapters I-IV.

Bric-a-Brac.—The following men report at 9 West Brown this evening at 8: Bass, Bruce, Colt, McPherson, Mott.

Mackenzie Club.—Meeting in 112 L. at 8 to-night.

Shadyside Academy Club.—Meeting in Dodge Hall at 6.45.

Exeter Club.—Meeting in 31 H. at 8 to-night.

Lawrenceville Club.—Meeting in Murray-Dodge at 8.30 to-night.

Banjo Club.—Trials for accompanist at Murray-Dodge at 1.45.

to be held in the Spring on account of the poor condition of the course in the autumn, but the links are in such good shape that Captain Houston plans to have the tournament now.

In October of 1911 tournaments continue.

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## ON THE GOLF LINKS

### Tournament Yesterday Won by Donaldson—Several Metropolitan Golfers Will Be Here Thursday

The Golf Tournament, under the auspices of the Princeton Golf Club was played off for the best medal score over the University links yesterday. In spite of the fact that 44 men had signified their intention of competing, only 17 men handed in cards at the close of the afternoon's play. There were no remarkably low scores made, even by the players from whom much should reasonably be expected. The trophy presented by a member of the club for low net score went to Donaldson who handed in a card of 86, a handicap of 5 bringing his net score to 81. The lowest gross score was turned in by Mr. Percy Pyne, who secured an 82. Albert Seckel, Princeton and Western Champion turned in a score of 85.

The committee has issued a request that in any future tournaments every participant will hand in his score card. The compliance with this request will greatly facilitate rearrangement of handicaps.

The results of those who handed in cards is as follows:

Donaldson	.....43—43—	86- 5	81
Pyne	.....42—40—	82- 0	82
Conover	.....43—41—	84- 0	84
Bunn	.....46—48—	94-10	84
Rose	.....41—48—	89- 3	86
Seckel	.....42—43—	85+3	88
Smith, W. M.,	.....47—50—	97- 9	88
Washburn	.....47—46—	93- 5	88
Hopkins	.....51—47—	98-10	88
Barnhart	.....47—45—	92- 3	89
Lowry	.....54—48—	102-13	89
Vincent	.....54—52—	106-15	91
Boyd	.....57—50—	107-13	94
O'Connell	.....55—50—	105- 7	98
Dewar	.....62—61—	123-18	105
Stuart	.....61—62—	123-18	105
Compton	.....54—66—	120-	120

There will be another handicap tournament open to all members of the club next Friday, Oct. 20. As in the case of yesterday's competition the winner will receive a cup presented by one of the graduate members.

On Thursday Oct. 19, there will be an informal match between a number of prominent Metropolitan golfers and a few of the local players. Among the visitors will be Herreshoff, Ward, Reid, R. C. Watson, Jr., McKim Hollins, Henry Hollins and Gardiner White.

For the benefit of those who may care to watch the play the privileges of the club will be extended on the day of the match.

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## GOLF CLUB HOLDS SECOND HANDICAP TOURNAMENT

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Cup Offered for Best Score of Eighteen Holes—Course Cleared of Obstructions

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Another handicap golf tournament, the second of the season, will be held by the Princeton Golf Club to-day, weather permitting, for a cup presented by a member of the club. The scores made by Freshman competitors will also be counted towards a qualifying round in a tournament for the 1915 championship, which will be continued at the beginning of the week.

The conditions of play to-day will be similar to those of the first tournament held last Friday, the handicap cup to go to the best net score for the first eighteen holes made during the day.

All cards must be handed to the Greenkeeper, Mr. John L. Stout, at the club house by 6 p. m.

As the new pits flanking the seventh and eighth greens have been completed, there will be no special rules for these hazards which are no longer "ground under repair." The only ground rule for the tournament will therefore be that a ball driven into the ditch crossing the fair green of the eighth hole may be dropped back without penalty.

The Greens Committee, which has kept the course in excellent shape, hopes that a large number of members of the club will enter the tournament and thus add to its interest.

The Freshmen are especially urged to compete, because this is the first round of the only 1915 tournament that will be held this year. The cards handed in to-day will be considered as the preliminary medal play round, and the best sixteen gross scores will qualify for further play on Monday. Match play rounds will then be continued daily until a champion is decided.

The college championship tournament has been postponed until the spring, as it will be rather late to play it after the Freshman tournament is completed.

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In 1912 we hold another Amateur Invitational Tournament which attracts some very fine talent including Travis and Travers who have an ongoing rivalry.

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## Invitation Tournament in Golf

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An invitation golf tournament under the auspices of Mr. Percy R. Pyne II, president of the Princeton Golf Club, will be held over the club links on Thursday, October 10.

Eighteen holes of medal play for two cups will occupy the morning, and in the afternoon a team match with the undergraduates will be held.

Among the prominent golfers invited are Jerome B. Travers, Fred Herreshoff, Oswald Kirby, Walter J. Travis, and Robert D. Wrenn.



Some notes from the clubs Board of Governors annual meeting in December.

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### **New Officers of Golf Club**

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Owing to the recent death of Major P. A. V. van Doren '79 who had been Secretary and Treasurer of the Princeton Golf Club since its organization about twenty years ago, it became necessary to elect a successor to Major van Doren. At a meeting of the Board of Governors of the Club, Mr. John S. Cosgrave of the University Treasurer's Office was duly elected Secretary and Treasurer of the Club. Members who have not yet paid their dues for the current year may do so by calling upon Mr. Cosgrave at the University Treasurer's office, and any others who wish to join may obtain membership cards from him.

Mr. Emerson Howe of Princeton

was elected Vice-President of the Club. Percy R. Pyne, 2nd, '03 continues as President.

Edwin M. Norris '95 resigned as Chairman of the Membership Committee, and that committee was re-organized as follows: Thornton Conover '96, Chairman; Professor A. M. Harmon, and the Captain of the undergraduate Golf Team of the University.

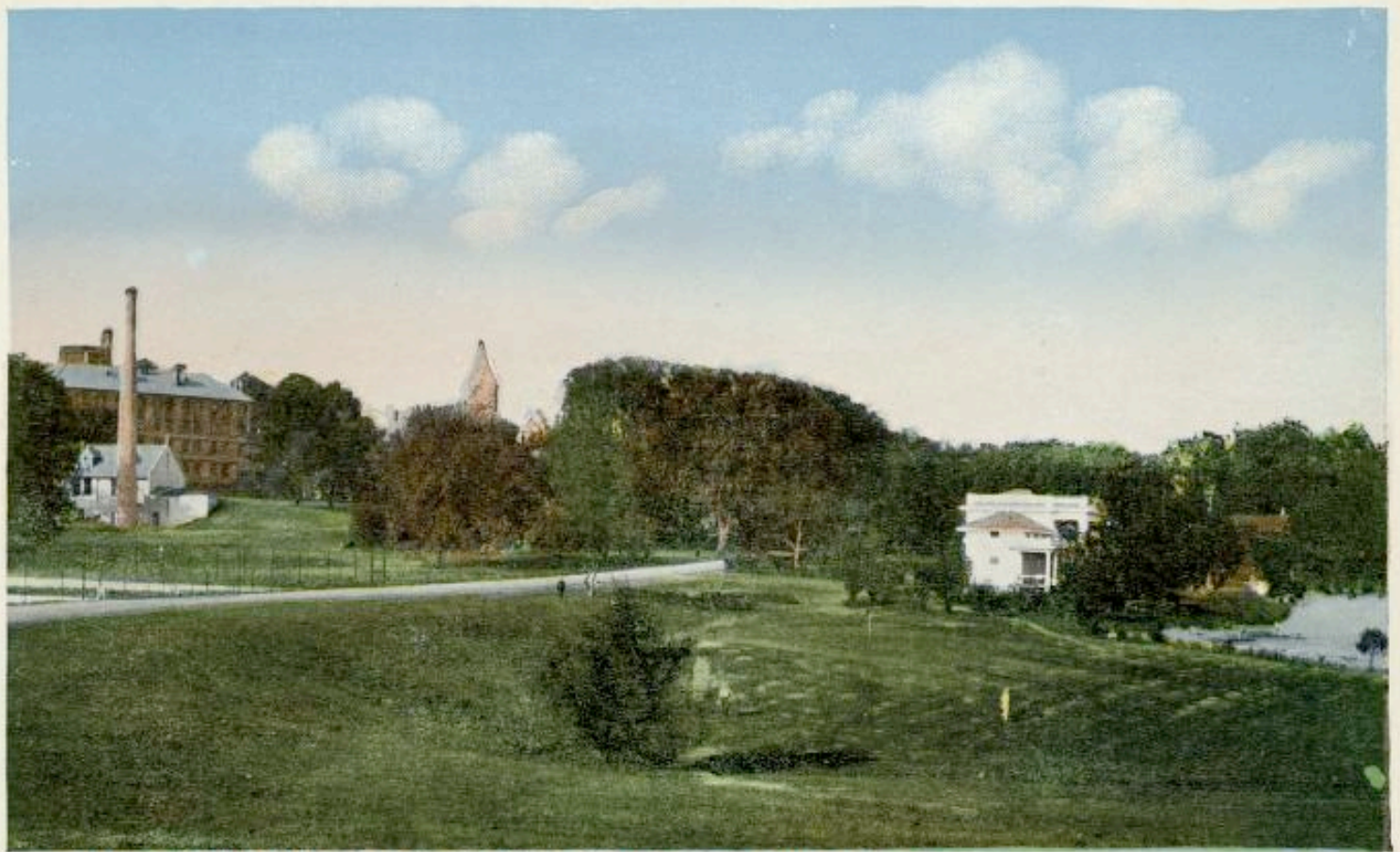
### **Triangle Club Tickets**

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Applications for seats for New York, Philadelphia Cincinnati, St. Louis and Baltimore performances should be made at the Triangle Club office between 2 and 3 o'clock any afternoon this week. It is important that applications be made early in order to obtain good seats.

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Before I progress into 1914 where the course is finally expanded to 18 holes, here is a postcard photo of the clubhouse which has been moved from near the new Cleveland Tower to College Road with the original eighth green and ninth tee box to the left and up by the road clearly visible. The eighth green is to the right of the club house porch between the club house and creek. The tee on the ninth is to the left of the eighth green close to the road and seminary. There are two figures standing there.



SCENE ON THE GOLF COURSE. SHOWING CLUB HOUSE. PRINCETON, N. J.