

Golfer Himself Goes Into Water Hazard

Swanoy Crack Loses Bet and Imitates Annette Kellermann.

BIG CROWD WATCHES THE AQUATIC FEAT

Frank H. Hoyt Demonstrates That Golf Is No Game for Reckless Bets.

Many a ball has been driven into the pond of the Swanoy Country Club... back strong, landing his fourth shot on the green and following down a long putt for 5, inclusive of the penalty stroke.

It cannot justly be charged against "Stealthy Steve" Hoyt that he does not pay his bets. Escorted by the non-lamenting gallery, the ex-Bostonian headed for the pond. He removed only the jacket of his new pongee silk suit, turned over his watch and a few trinkets to an acquaintance, though he did not make his will, removed his shoes so that the hobnailed might not scratch the sharks and other fish, climbed on the stone wall, poised, and then dove with all the grace of a dancing master into the pond.

From this might spring the erroneous deduction that Mr. Hoyt is dissatisfied with the Swanoy Country Club showers, or that he desired to be first to utilize the club's facilities for open air bathing. Facts are that "Stealthy Steve," as he is labeled in Boston, had no such experiences, so rare to us, of losing a wager, and part of the payment with emphasis on "part" was that he should immerse himself in Swanoy's pond.

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What normally would have been the end of the match proved this time merely the beginning, with all the excitement and double the sport of a championship match attendant upon their play-off Saturday. It means that Hoyt was seated proximately to a nineteenth hole after the match, and he is labeled in Boston, had no such experiences, so rare to us, of losing a wager, and part of the payment with emphasis on "part" was that he should immerse himself in Swanoy's pond.

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HORSES BATTLE TRACK TO-DAY

Short Grass, The Finn, Stromboli and Others in Handicap.

Saratoga, N. Y., July 30.—Judging by the advance guard which is encamped in town to-night, this will be the banner year for racing here.

The light from Diamond Jim Brady's jewelry to-night shone upon a bigger array of brave men and fair women and all that sort of thing than has been seen at the Spa since the palmy days when Canfield's was in full blast and the elusive dollar bill was elusive both night and day.

The fact that many who used to spend the season abroad have been forced to patronize home waters and some air lends brilliancy to the social side. The list of prominent persons present in readiness for the call of boots and saddles is long, from here to the other end of the state.

The weather man declares that he is sincerely sorry for the way he treated the season abroad, and has vowed to fight the green Adirondack foothills. The local tradesmen are ordering their new automobiles in advance on the certainty of a rush season, for this is Saratoga's annual racing month.

The talent arrived by various ways of transportation. Some of them motored, a great many came part way by boat, while others arrived with the numerous express trains. The Saratoga race track has had every reservation taken.

The Saratoga Handicap, the feature of the first day, will bring out a classy field. Short Grass, the most wonderful horse of the city thoroughbreds, will test his mettle in company with The Finn, Regret, Stromboli, Trial by Jury, Ed Crump, Chicklet and Grumpy.

Walter Jennings has a likely looking stable at the Spa this season. He was one of the city arrivals, too, and expects to annex a few of the big purses. The Belmont and the Butler entries are particularly strong.

Bayonne, N. J., will share regatta honors with other cities of the country this summer. What is called the Bayonne people's regatta, will take place on the afternoon of Saturday, August 19, the idea of the project being to introduce the oarsmen of the United States to the Newark Bay course.

The headquarters for the regatta will be the Newark Bay Clubhouse, which overlooks the entire course, a mile strait away. There will be a stand on the lawn of the clubhouse, while another will play in the county park, which is nearby.

Entries are being received daily from the clubs all over the State. They will close on August 12. A letter was received yesterday from Thomas J. Rooney, of the Ravenswood Boat Club, Long Island City, one of the leading scullers of the country, in which he declared he would be pleased to meet his old-time rival, Jack Kelly, champion oarsman of the United States, in a single sculling match.

Following is the list of events: Junior single oar, junior double oar, junior four-oared gig, junior eight-oared shell, junior eight-oared shell, intermediate double gig, intermediate quadruple shell, association single shell, senior single shell, senior double shell, senior four-oared barge and senior eight-oared shell.

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In All Fairness

By W. O. M'GEEHAN

The Yellow Peril is casting its shadows over the American tennis courts. Ichihya Kumagae has humiliated a lot of the crack California tennis players, and is going to be somewhere 'way up in the national championships. There may be more like Ichihya at home, too. The Japanese, with their speed and stamina, ought to make wonderful tennis players as a race. But there are no geographical reasons for champions in any branch of athletics. The athlete just seems to grow, with no particular regard for genetics, race, color or place of birth.

There are a lot of popular delusions about the breeding of athletes. It used to be held that the best baseball players were graduates of the back lots. But right now the alert managers are keeping their eyes peeled for graduates of colleges. The best oarsmen do not grow up close to the water. The captain of the Stanford University crew, which startled the Eastern crews on the Poughkeepsie course last year, was born and reared on the Arizona desert. He had never seen a body of water big enough to bathe in until he went to college. One editor advanced the theory that the Irish could not produce a strong man because of the potato and buttermilk diet. Yet the two greatest weight throwers in the world are Irishmen.

It is a popular superstition that the healthy, husky farm-bred boy makes the best soldier. Any old army officer will tell you that the unamic-looking city-bred youngster will grin under hardships that would kill the regular living country boy. In a burst of enthusiasm one editor declared that the only place where real athletes were bred was between the Sierras and the sea. That section of the world which we love has produced its share of athletes, but no more than this share.

The old miners, scoffing at geology, say, "Gold is where you find it." An athletic champion just comes from where he happens to come from.

The Awakening of Welsh.

Freddie Welsh, the champion lightweight boxer, is beginning to learn that the man who depends upon popular favor for his living must respect his public, whether he be actor, writer or boxer. For two years he had been doing as he pleased with his public. Then he finally became aware that the multitude had turned against him. Nobody seemed to care whether he defended the sacred lightweight title or not. For a while he fretted and fumed over what he considered lack of appreciation. Finally he decided to get down to brass tacks and "show them." A brilliant victory over Benny Leonard, who had made him look foolish in a previous bout, was the result.

Welsh's sulkiness for the last two years has been due to the fact of what he considered an eternal injustice. When he won the championship from Ritchie he did not even get car fare for his work. Ritchie got \$25,000 for being defeated. This rankled in Welsh's breast, and he made up his mind to get all the money he could with the least possible effort.

In the language of the back rooms, he "got away with murder" for two years. He never took a sporting chance. Whenever he fought he had himself safeguarded, picking a referee who would suddenly be stricken dumb if the occasion should arise for making a count over Welsh. He even had it written into all contracts that he was not to lose his title on a foul—as though the championship gave him the right to revise boxing rules. In fact, for two years Welsh