

In the final he beat Mr. Paul Moore by 3 and 1.

The beaten eight division of the first sixteen was won by young Philip V. G. Carter (Nassau), who beat Mr. Stephen P. Nash (Baltusrol) in the final, by 2 and 1.

The handicap event was won by Mr. G. H. Flinn (Allegheny), with 97-18-79, the best gross score prize going to Mr. L. W. Callan, of the home club, with an 86.

KILLING THE BALL

ON FRIDAY, July 23rd, at the Shenecossett Country Club, there was a professional tournament, and in the afternoon there was a driving contest. Those who missed seeing it missed one of the most instructive lessons on how not to do it ever given.

The drive was from the 18th tee, slightly up-hill all the way, toward a green 314 yards off. The conditions were to count only the longest of three driven balls that went between two flags, about 30 yards apart and 225 yards from the tee.

During the matches in the morning, the writer saw twelve pairs of professionals drive off this tee, and every ball would have been straight enough to count in the afternoon driving contest, but when that contest came off, some forty odd professionals, driving three balls apiece, could not get more than a dozen between the flags, and most of the balls hit the caddy house, about 100 yards off the line to the left. The winning drive was 249 yards. The longest was about 310, but it landed on the veranda of the club house. The accompanying photo shows the line of play; and the letter "A" indicates the resting place of the majority of the balls driven.

When a spectator remarked to Tom

Boyd of Fox Hills, that these pros. were driving like amateurs, the prompt reply was, "You mean that amateurs drive just like professionals when they are both trying to kill the ball, but the amateur tries to kill it all the time. We are only trying to kill it once in an afternoon, when we are having a little fun, like this."

In spite of their apparent disregard of everything but a mighty swipe, one could not help remarking that they all hit the ball, no matter where it went to. And in hitting it they all did three things, which were an object lesson that it would be difficult to forget.

1st. They all kept the left elbow as straight as it was when they addressed the ball for the up-swing.

2nd. Every one of them put his hips into the upward swing.

3rd. Every one of them put his shoulders into the follow through.

The next day the writer saw some amateurs driving as they never did before in their lives. They were repeating to themselves the magic words: "Hips! Shoulders!" and suiting the action to the words. Nothing more. They made no attempt to get distance, but how those balls did travel!

Between the amateur national golf championship and the professional, or "open," the great distinction has been that the former is determined by match play, the latter by medal. Professional golf players have always insisted that the supreme test is going around 72 holes in the fewest strokes. But the amateur spirit has delighted in the chances of match play, the daring or luck which wins holes, irrespective of the medal score. It is to be noted, however, that this year's arrangements at Detroit cause the amateur contest to approach the standards of the professional. All matches are at 36 holes, instead of 18, as used to be the rule down to the finals. This is supposed to rule out "fluke" victories, as when a

player seems inspired, or unbeatable, for a few holes, only to fade away in succeeding matches. Such a fate, it will be remembered, overtook Evans in England two years ago. He went out in 37 only to be five down to an opponent who simply could not miss anything. But the latter was beaten later. It was said that Evans might have beaten him in 36 holes. To avoid accidents of this kind was the avowed aim of the Golf Association in making all the contestants this year play 36 holes. But in the act, it is evident, there is a pretty close approximation to the professional rule. In

voice in the matter. It was fixed by amateurs...and always has been. 36 holes was the original test, at medal play, solely for the convenience of the professionals, it being recognized that the pros. were not in a position to stand the expense of any long-drawn-out affair on a match-play basis, necessarily extending over several days.

That, and that only, is the reason



Professional driving match in connection with the Connecticut Open championship. The black line shows the line of play. "A" is the caddie-house, toward which and to which most of the drives went.

other words, the winning amateur will be the man able to go on steadily with no strokes wasted. It is not probable that there will be a complete giving up of hole-play; but it is undeniable that what the amateurs are keeping is more the form than the substance of it.—N. Y. *Evening Post*.

Ordinarily, we have great respect for the opinions of the *Post*...even in matters pertaining to golf. But in the above there are one or two lamentable lapses from grace. So far as the "open" championship is concerned, the professionals never had a

why professional championships have always been at medal play.

Again, if we may be permitted, we should like to say that the *Post* is incorrectly informed in stating that "all matches in the amateur championship were at 18 holes, down to the finals." All matches, excepting the first round, have been at 36 holes, including the final—if the "*Post*" will allow the employment of the singular.

THE SHINNECOCK HILLS Golf Club tournament was won by Mr. Nelson Whitney, of New Orleans, who beat