

Winner Takes Crown in Her First Attempt

Innis Arden Club Star's Long Drives Mark Final Over Apawamis Course

By Fred Hawthorne

RYE, N. Y., May 25.—Mrs. Jonathan Thorne, of the Innis Arden Club, of Old Greenwich, Conn., became the new women's metropolitan golf champion this afternoon, on the lucky thirteenth green of the Apawamis Club, when she defeated Miss Betty Pietsch, of Lawrence Farms Club, 6 and 5, in the thirty-six-hole final.

The new champion finished the morning round 4 up and stood 8 up at the turn in the afternoon session.

Mrs. Thorne was out in 41 in the morning, to Miss Pietsch's 42, and at that point the Innis Arden star was only 1 up. On the incoming nine Mrs. Thorne began to draw away as Miss Pietsch began to falter on the greens. The Lawrence Farms player was not in full control of her woods, either, and was often trapped on her tee shots. She did not win a hole coming home on the morning round and dropped the first, third and fourth.

Mrs. Thorne Increases Lead

Mrs. Thorne started with a rush after luncheon and increased her lead to 7 up by taking the first three holes in 4, 5, 4. Miss Pietsch picked up on the second and third holes after being trapped and in the rough.

Mrs. Thorne began to stray off the fairways after that, a 7 and two 6s showing on her card, and she reached the turn in a mediocre 46. But Miss Pietsch was rarely able to take advantage of the lapses in her opponent's play and was 8 down when they started for home.

It looked then as though the match would end on the eleventh hole, but Miss Pietsch, on the brink of defeat, made an inspired stand and won the tenth and eleventh. On the former, a 502-yard stretch, uphill most of the way, Mrs. Thorne, with a 220-yard drive and a brassie second to within fifty yards of the green, appeared to have the hole won. But Miss Pietsch, using a No. 5 iron, pitched the third well on the green. Mrs. Thorne was short on her approach, barely reaching the edge of the green, and proceeded to take four putts, for a 7. Miss Pietsch, playing safe, was down in 6, leaving her 7 down.

Drives Out of Bounds

On the eleventh hole, 321 yards, Miss Pietsch drove out of bounds. The local rule imposes only loss of distance there, so the Lawrence Farms star placed her second drive straight down the center, almost on a line with Mrs. Thorne's tee shot.

On her next shot Miss Pietsch played a magnificent spoon to the green, carrying the deep-water ditch in front and coming to rest about fifteen feet from the pin. Mrs. Thorne's second landed in a trap to the right of the green and she needed two more shots to get out. Miss Pietsch cut her opponent's lead to 6 up by getting down in 5 to Mrs. Thorne's 6.

They halved the twelfth and thirteenth holes in 4 and 5, leaving Mrs. Thorne the winner, 6 up and 5 to go, and the new champion.

In both the morning and afternoon session, Mrs. Thorne was conspicuous for the great length of her tee shots. She was usually getting around 225 yards with her driver and outdistancing her rival by from fifteen to forty yards. Until the last three or four holes of the match, the new champion was impressive on her approach shots. Her putting was deadly during the morning round, in striking contrast to Miss Pietsch's work on the greens, many of which she three-putted. The runner-up, who had the low qualifying score of 84 on Monday, evidently was not up to the strain of the thirty-six-hole test and faltered in the afternoon play.

Wins in First Attempt

Mrs. Thorne is the first player in the history of the metropolitan championship to win the title in a first attempt. Her name will be engraved on the massive silver challenge trophy that has been in competition since 1907 and bears the names of some of the nation's greatest feminine golfers.

Mr. Andrus, Mrs. Thorne's father, as proud as though he had won the title himself, presented the champion and the runner-up with orchid and gardenia corsages, and Miss Rosalie Knap, of the women's national golf club, president of the association, presented the prizes.

Mrs. Thorne has been married only a few weeks. Her husband is a nephew of the late Brink Thorne, famous in Yale football history in the 90's. The cards and summaries follow:

Morning Round

Women's par. out..	5 5 4 4 3 4 5 4 5	—39
Mrs. Thorne, out..	5 5 5 4 3 3 5 6	—41
Miss Pietsch, out..	4 5 5 5 3 x 5 5 6	—
Mrs. Thorne, 1 up.		
Women's par. in...	5 4 4 4 5 5 4 5 4	—40—79
Mrs. Thorne, in...	5 6 3 4 6 5 5 6 4	—44—85
Miss Pietsch, in..	7 6 4 x 6 5 5 6 4	—
Mrs. Thorne, 4 up.		

Afternoon Round

Mrs. Thorne, out..	4 5 4 7 5 5 6 4 6	—48
Miss Pietsch, out..	5 7 5 6 5 7 6 4 7	—52
Mrs. Thorne, 8 up.		
Mrs. Thorne, in...	7 6 4 5	
Mrs. Thorne, in...	6 5 4 5	
Mrs. Thorne won, 6 and 5.		

The summaries:

Championship devices—Mrs. Jonathan Thorne, Innis Arden, defeated Miss Betty Pietsch, Laurence Farms, 6 and 3.

Beaten sixteenth (championship division)—Mrs. J. J. Lawlor, Gedney Farm, defeated Mrs. L. Beard Jr., Pomonock, 4 and 3.

Second night—Mrs. D. Salzberger, Century, defeated Mrs. C. P. Collins, Apawamis, 1 up.

Beaten eight (second night)—Miss A. Rutherford, Baltusrol, defeated Mrs. D. Willard, Grassy Sprain, 3 and 2.

Third night—Mrs. J. A. Sexauer, Winged Foot, defeated Mrs. Jos Quirk, Apawamis, 2 up.

Beaten eight (third night)—Mrs. M. D. Patterson, Greenwich, defeated Mrs. S. Scott, Innis Arden, 1 up.

Fourth night—Mrs. J. Foreman, Quaker Ridge, defeated Mrs. Robert Crawford, Lakeville, 4 and 2.