



## THROUGH THE GREEN

### **Moil**

A bunch of the girls were whooping it up with a game of scrabble after their elimination from the Women's Amateur Championship, and Mrs. John G. Capers, Jr., of Bryn Mawr, Pa., encountered what was to her and to most of us a previously undiscovered word: moil.

After a quick huddle with the dictionary, she decided that it aptly described the game of golf and passed it along to us in case we had need for a synonym. For the dictionary says, in clear black type:

**Moil** (moll'). 1. v. 1. To work hard, sometimes in the mire or wet; to work with painful effort; to labor, toil, drudge. 2. To distress oneself. To be fidgety, restless, or confused; to worry. 3. n. Disorder; confusion; turmoil; trouble; vexation.

### **British Cup Team**

The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland, under a new policy, selected last month the Team which will represent Great Britain in the Walker Cup Match at St. Andrews next May. Previous Teams have not been named until winter or early spring. Presumably the British want to give their players more time to get both their personal affairs and their games in shape.

Six of the players are veterans: Joseph B. Carr, of Ireland; Ian Caldwell, of England; Cecil Ewing, of Ireland; Gerald Micklem, of England; John L. Morgan, of Wales; and Ronald J. White, of England.

The other four are Major David Blair and Robin Cater, of Scotland; and Ernest

Millward and Philip Scrutton, of England. Millward was a member of the squad which came to the Winged Foot Golf Club, Mamaroneck, N.Y., in 1949, but he did not participate in that Match.

The Royal and Ancient Golf Club has selected G. Alec Hill, of England, as the non-playing Captain.

Mr. Hill was a member of the 1936 Team which played at the Pine Valley Golf Club, Clementon, N.J., and is remembered for the wonderful comeback he and Cecil Ewing made against George Voigt and Harry Givan in the foursomes there. They were 7 down with eleven holes to play and yet squared the match on the thirty-fifth green and gained a half.

It is expected that the composition of the United States Team will be announced in January.

### **The Complete Golfer**

It has been done at least twice in Britain by Peter Lawless and by Cassell & Company, but never more effectively than here by Herbert Warren Wind. In his new volume, out in time for the Christmas market, Mr. Wind has compiled the most complete cross-section of golf literature which has come to our attention.

The Complete Golfer, edited by Mr. Wind and published by Simon and Schuster, starts chronologically with Tobias Smollett and runs through Herb Graffis. Along the way, it provides rich samples of the best of Wodehouse, Lardner, Gallico, Ade,

Dunne, Darwin, Leacock, Longhurst, Rice and Keeler in addition to Park, Travis, Jones, Armour, Nelson and Hogan, to mention only a few.

It's a book to dabble in happily for years to come, whether you seek recollection of great golfing events, the relaxation of plain good writing or an insight into the mechanics of the swing.

### **New Courses**

Golf-course construction activity in 1954 set a record for the post-war period for the third consecutive year, according to the year-end progress report presented at the annual meeting of the National Golf Foundation.

Eighty new golf courses and twelve additions to existing golf courses were opened for play during the first nine months of 1954, compared with forty-three new golf courses and nine additions in the previous year.

The number of courses in the United

States has been increasing, but slowly, since World War II. The pace should increase now since the National Golf Foundation has taken on the task of advising groups of individuals and civic bodies on how they can effectively organize clubs or create new courses.

The latest survey by *Golfdom* magazine, recently released, shows there were 5,056 courses as of November 1, 1953, against 5,026 as of November 1, 1952. Of these 2,970 belonged to private clubs, 1,321 were semi-private courses and only 765 were municipally owned. Also, 2,977 had nine holes and 2,079 had eighteen or more. New York State leads with 390 courses of all kinds, and Illinois is second with 308.

The 80 courses opened for play this year were distributed among 31 states, but all 48 states were represented in planning and construction of golf courses in 1954. The report showed 198 courses under construction in 45 states, Hawaii and Puerto Rico. California led the construction activity with 13 new courses opened for play and 27 under construction. New York was next with 6 new courses opened and 17 under construction.

### **California Champion**



*Julian P. Graham Photo*  
Dr. F. M. (Bud) Taylor, of Pomona, Cal., won the 1954 California Amateur Championship over a tremendous field at Del Monte. He was runner-up to Gene Littler a year ago.

### **Miss Stephens' 30**

Did you notice that, in winning the final of the recent English Championship from Miss Elizabeth Price, Miss Frances Stephens played the first nine holes in 30, including a hole-in-one? She finished the round in 71 and stood 6 up at lunch. Miss Price then squared it on the thirty-third green and Miss Stephens had to sink an eight-yard putt on the 37th green to win. The course was 6,822 yards long. Both winner and runner-up were members of the 1954 British Curtis Cup Team.

### **Clubs of Champions**

Our collection of Club of Champions has grown impressively since we last wrote of them in the July, 1954, issue.

Ed Furgol has kindly given us the driver with which he won the Open Championship last June.

Miss Frances C. Griscom's putting cleek, which was instrumental in winning the 1900 Women's Amateur Championship,

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now adorns our rack. In presenting this, Miss Griscom said that in the early 1900s Miss Margaret Curtis had a mate to it, a fact which added to the friendly rivalry between the two. A good deal of lead has been added to the back of the clubhead to compensate for weight lost in shining and buffing it. Short of shaft and having considerably more loft than most putting cleeks, it had been used by Miss Griscom until it was retired to the USGA Museum this fall.

In 1947, after winning the British Championship, Mrs. George Zaharias donated a ball with which she played in the final at Gullane, Scotland. Mr. and Mrs. Zaharias more recently have donated the putter and the driver which helped to win not only the USGA Women's Amateur in 1946 and the British Women's in 1947 but eighteen consecutive tournaments including those events.

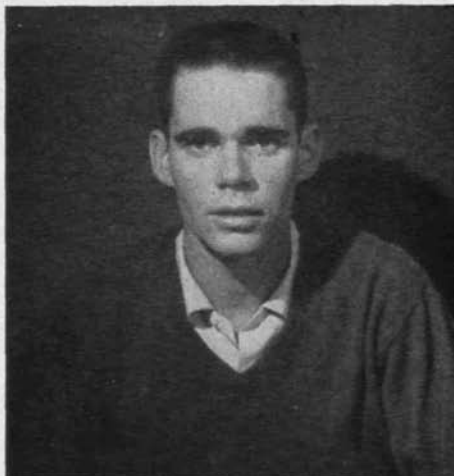
We also now have a mashie-niblick, used by Jerome D. Travers, winner of four Amateurs and one Open, which was given last summer by Charles Presbrey, of New York, N.Y.

Equally interesting to golf lovers is our acquisition of the ball which Lew Worsham holed on his second stroke to the seventy-second hole to win a \$25,000 first prize at the Tam O'Shanter Country Club, Niles, Ill., in 1953. Worsham himself was the donor. Needing a birdie 3 to tie Chandler Harper, Worsham hit a wedge shot which landed just short of the green and took the shortest line into the hole. The 135-yard shot, which was worth the difference between the \$25,000 first prize and the \$10,000 second prize, was seen by a large crowd present and thousands more on television.

### British Championships

The 1955 British Amateur Championship will be held at Royal Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club, in Lancashire, England, May 30 through June 4. A substantial American entry is assured, because the Walker Cup Match will be held May 20 and 21 at St. Andrews, Scotland.

The 1955 British Open also will be held at St. Andrews, July 4 through 9.



**TOMMY BECK**

Tommy Beck, 19 years old, traveled from Tulsa to the Country Club of Detroit for the Amateur Championship, sat impatiently through a bye in the first round and then teed off against Foster Bradley, Jr., in the second round. They played three holes before Tommy had occasion to look carefully into his bag. There he saw a monstrous, hideous fifteenth club staring him in the face.

As a veteran of a series of Junior Amateur Championships, Tommy knew exactly what to do. He disqualified himself under Rule 3 and walked disconsolately back to the clubhouse to pack for the return trip to Tulsa.

This incident so moved Edgar A. Guest, who is a lover of the game himself and a member of the Detroit Golf Club, that he immediately penned this poem entitled "Victory":

*Of him all golfers should be proud  
Who found when starting out to play  
He had more clubs than are allowed  
And in the match refused to stay.  
He told his rival with a grin:  
"Just three holes played, I lose; you win."  
Perhaps the Championship that cost.  
What might have been no one can know.  
The chance to try for it was lost  
And that the record books will show,  
But nothing on his trophy shelf  
Will show him winner over self.  
He walked away with head erect.  
He'd lost his chance but not his pride.  
He still possessed his self-respect  
The minute that he stepped aside.  
Perhaps, when all is said and done,  
His was the greatest victory won.*

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## "Golf House" Fund

The procession of tournaments during the summer months has delayed us in reporting on the status of "Golf House" Fund, but, we regret to say, there has been little change in the interval. The total in the Fund is about \$102,800, and we still need \$7,200. Those who have enrolled as Founders of "Golf House" since the June, 1954, issue are:

### INDIVIDUALS

Mrs. Charles C. Barnes	Thomas C. McGuffey
W. H. Booth	Ted Peterhans
Orville W. Chapin	E. B. Prindle
William C. Chapin	Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton
F. B. Dickinson	K. Pyles
William P. Ellison	James Sabo
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Alick S. Gerard	William Y. Stembler
Harry Gottlieb	Waldo D. Thorsen
Fred T. Hogan	Owen A. West

### ASSOCIATIONS

Oklahoma State Golf Association

### CLUBS

Branch Brook Golf Club, N. J.  
Country Club of Lincoln, Neb.

## The Game's Loss

The game cannot afford the losses which it incurred this month with the passing of Fielding Wallace, of Augusta, Ga., President of the USGA in 1948 and 1949; Richard S. Francis, of Haverford, Pa., authority on the Rules of Golf; Prof. Henry Keller, Jr., of Plainfield, N. J., a supporter of public links golf; and Bob Harlow, of Pinehurst, N. C., editor and publisher of GOLF WORLD.

Mr. Wallace served the USGA faithfully for eleven years and was Chairman of the Green Section. He was also, for many years, Secretary of the Augusta National Golf Club.

Mr. Francis was one of the authentic Rules experts of the world. He had been a member of the USGA Rules of Golf Committee from 1935 through 1952. He made a great contribution to the game in compiling a book entitled "Golf: Its Rules and Decisions," published in 1937 and revised in 1939. It was a compendium of basic decisions by the USGA and the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland.

Prof. Keller had been a member of our Public Links Committee since 1952.

Mr. Harlow was a golfer and a golf writer all his life and established GOLF WORLD as a form of personal journalism to serve the golf fraternity. He roved far and wide and wrote frankly and honestly. His efforts helped to make golf the great game it is.

## Golfer of 1954

Ed Furgol, the Open Champion, has been selected as Golfer of the Year by the golf press and officials, and we join in the congratulations. Furgol received 417½ votes to Bob Toski's 367½. Toski was the year's leading money winner, with \$65,891.24.

The award will be presented during the President's Dinner at the annual meeting of the Professional Golfers Association in St. Paul, Minn., at the end of this month.

## New Staff Members

The USGA Staff has been strengthened by the addition of William H. Corlett as an Executive Assistant in the New York office and of William H. Bengeyfield as an agronomist with the Green Section.

Mr. Corlett, who is English, came to us after service as manager of the Augusta National Golf Club, Augusta, Ga., and, previously, secretary of the Royal Birkdale Golf Club, Southport, England. He enlisted as a private in the British Army during World War II and rose to the rank of major on the general staff, having served Field Marshal Montgomery while he was advancing from Normandy to Berlin as commander of the 21st Army Group and later while he was in London as Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

Mr. Bengeyfield was graduated from the College of Agriculture at Cornell University in 1948 after wartime service as navigator of an Army Air Force B-25 in the Pacific theater. For the next two years he was Assistant County Agent in Westchester County, New York, and then he was recalled to active duty in the Air Force as a navigator with the Strategic Air Command, whence he was released this fall.