

The Americas Cup Matches

A new series of international amateur team matches will be inaugurated at the Seattle Golf Club, in Seattle, Wash., on August 14 and 15, prior to the Amateur Championship. Seven-man teams representing the Royal Canadian Golf Association, the Asociacion Mexicana de Golf and the USGA will compete there in the first Match for The Americas Cup.

The formal Match is an outgrowth of the informal competition between teams representing the RCGA and the USGA at the Saucon Valley Country Club, in Bethlehem, Pa, last year and of the interest of the Western Golf Association in Mexican golf.

The permanent trophy, called The Americas Cup, has been kindly donated by Mr. Jerome P. Bowes, Jr, of Chicago, a recent President of the Western Golf Association. It will be competed for biennially, and the competition will be rotated among the three countries according to a rota which will be fixed at Seattle in the course of the first Match. Dates will be fixed by the country entertaining the competition in the week preceding its own Amateur Championship, and all team personnel will be exempt from any sectional qualifying system for that Championship.

It is hoped that the series will foster friendship and sportsmanship in the three countries and also stimulate golf in Canada and Mexico. This year, then, is a most auspicious one in which to initiate the series. Not only are the players expected to take part in our Amateur Championship, but also it is expected that many will play in the Canadian Amateur Championship at the Capilano Club, in Vancouver, B. C., during the following week, August 25 through 30. The international flavor will be a healthy thing for both Championships.

Each team match will occupy two days. On the first day, there will be three 36-hole "sixsome" matches, in each of which each Association will be represented by two players playing alternate strokes and

competing simultaneously against the other two sides. On the second day, there will be six three-ball matches, in each of which each Association will be represented by one player competing simultaneously against the other two. Each match will be played to a conclusion, over extra holes if necessary. Each match won will be scored as one point, and the Team with the largest total of points will be the winner. In the event of a Team tie, however, there will be no play-off, and the Associations concerned will share custody of The Americas Cup.

The personnel who will take part in the first Match will be selected and announced in the near future. Since these Matches for The Americas Cup will take place in years when there is no competition between Great Britain and the United States for the Walker Cup, there will not necessarily be any direct relationship between the two USGA Teams. Each Team will be selected by the Executive Committee on its merits at the time of selection and will consist of seven amateur golfers who are citizens of the country they will represent. The Captain may be one of the seven players or a non-player.

Arrangements for the series were completed in Dallas, Texas, during the Open Championship by Sr. Pedro R. Suinaga L., President of the Asociacion Mexicana de Golf; Colin Rankin, President of the Royal Canadian Golf Association, and Totton P. Heffelfinger, President of the USGA.

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 Oconomowoc Country Club, Wis.
 Plainview Country Club, Texas
 Royal Oaks Country Club, Wash.
 Tamarisk Country Club, Cal.
 Vestavia Country Club, Ala.
 Washington Yacht and Country Club, N. C.