

Richard Chapman with interesting results. The Chapmans both drive from each tee, and then each plays a second shot with the other's ball. After the second shots, a choice is made regarding the ball with which the hole will be completed, alternate shots being continued, of course.

SEASON EVENTS

Ringer Tournament—A player builds his total over the season by posting his lowest score on each hole. Scoring is on a gross basis.

Round Robin Tournament—Each entrant plays every other entrant at handicap match play during the season; allow 85% of the difference between handicaps in each match. A time limit usually is set for completion of each round; a player who cannot meet an opponent within the time limit forfeits the match but may continue in the tournament. The winner is the player winning most matches.

Ladder Tournament—The names of all players are listed in order, according to handicaps, at the start of the season, those having the same handicap being listed alphabetically. A player may challenge any one of the three players immediately above him to an 18-hole match. If he wins, they exchange places. If he loses, he may not challenge again until he has defended his own position against a chal-

lenge from below. Play is usually carried out without handicaps.

Goat Tournament—Each member of the club is given an inexpensive token in the form of a goat, with his name on the reverse side. Any player may then challenge another to a handicap match, the winner to get the loser's "goat." After a player has lost his "goat," he may continue to challenge in an attempt to get another player's "goat." However, if he should lose and not have a "goat" with which to pay, he must purchase a "kid" for a nominal amount from the professional and give up the "kid." The "kid" is convertible into merchandise in the professional's shop. Only players with a "goat" in their possession may be challenged, and players usually are not required to accept a challenge more often than once a week. Records of "goat" play and the current location of the each "goat" usually are posted so that a player may know who has his "goat" and who has the most "goats." The winner is the player holding the most "goats" at the end of the season.

Pro vs. Members—The club professional agrees to play a handicap match against each member as he is challenged, making a nominal charge for each round. The professional plays from scratch. The member making the best showing in his match receives a prize from the professional at the end of the season.

A Single Code of Rules

When the Western Golf Association's 31st Junior Championship opens June 15 at Purdue University, play will be under USGA Rules of Golf for the first time since 1921, with one exception—stymies will not be played.

For all its competitions the Western Association has abandoned the "Western Rules" adopted 27 years ago, except for the stymie. Maynard G. Fessenden, WGA President, says: "When we received the USGA request for compliance with the Rules of Golf, we gave it immediate attention."

In 1921 the Western deviated from the established Rules by adopting a penalty of distance only for a ball lost or out of bounds and by discontinuing stymies. Other "Western Rules" have permitted lifting and cleaning a ball on the putting surface, and lifting and dropping without penalty a ball in a hole made by a burrowing animal.

Last year in the Western Open the penalty for an unplayable ball was loss of distance only.

USGA Rules provide a stroke-and-distance penalty for a ball lost or unplayable. USGA Rules provide for loss of distance only for a ball out of bounds (until 1947 the penalty was stroke and distance, but the penalty stroke was remissible by local rule). The USGA has for many years adopted a burrowing-animal-hole local rule for its Championships, and this year has incorporated it in the Rules of Golf.

Except for our old friend, the stymie, the USGA's request for nation-wide acceptance of a single code of Rules of Golf apparently has been fulfilled. A single code can be revised when necessary, but several codes lead to chaos.

All this is illustrative of how differences may be settled within the golf family for the general good of the game.