
THROUGH THE GREEN

Nelson Whitney Memorial

A Nelson Whitney Memorial Trophy is to be placed in annual competition to commemorate the well-known New Orleans golfer who passed away this year.

Through special tournaments held at New Orleans clubs, funds are being raised for purchase of the trophy by the Association of Commerce Sports Committee, headed by Joseph Gumbel, who is President of the Louisiana State Golf Association and a member of the USGA Sectional Affairs Committee.

Mr. Whitney, a member of the USGA Executive Committee in 1920-21, was Southern Amateur Champion 1907-08-13-14-19, Trans-Mississippi Champion 1919, and Louisiana Amateur Champion 1923.



The Busy Juniors

Few if any associations have adopted a junior golf program as enthusiastically as has the District of Columbia Golf Association. The DCGA this season set up a program of 16 events entirely for juniors and has a Junior Golf Sponsoring Group to raise money to sponsor the program.

Some of the more promising juniors will compete in the USGA Junior Amateur Championship and other tournaments away from home, but players of less ability may participate in the program. On five occasions, junior field days are being held at District clubs and the players receive group lessons from the club professionals. The pros cooperating are: Fred McLeod of Columbia, George Diffenbaugh of Kenwood, Clagett Stevens of Manor, Al Houghton of Prince George's, Wiffy Cox of Congressional.

Unsung Record-Breakers

At least three golfers now share the unusual distinction of having set new scoring records in the Open Championship without ever having won the title.

In 1936 at Baltusrol, Harry Cooper finished four rounds in 284, breaking by two strokes the previous record made by Chick Evans in 1916 and equalled by Gene Sarazen in 1932. The honor was brief, for half an hour later Tony Manero finished with 282 to win the Championship.

In 1948 at Riviera, the situation was repeated. Jim Turnesa finished early with a score of 280, breaking by one stroke the record made by Ralph Guldahl in 1937. Then Jimmy Demaret scored 278. Finally, Ben Hogan came in with his winning 276.

Golf in Japan

Almost three years after the end of the war, the Japanese have restored golf to the point where it was possible to conduct a professional tournament recently at the Tokyo Golf Club. The winner was Yoshiro Hayashi, 27, who scored 72-74—146. Thirty-six players participated, and the purse was 30,000 yen (the American military rate is 270 yen to the dollar).

Prior to the war there were 62 golf courses in Japan, and the game was rivaling baseball in popularity. Most courses were devoted to crops during the war, and only 18 remain. A golf course contractor is now engaged in constructing two more 18-hole courses.

Wisconsin Caddies for Wisconsin

The Wisconsin State Golf Association and the University of Wisconsin are cooperating in selecting deserving caddies to attend the University under Allis Caddie Scholarships, starting in the fall.

The Allis Caddie Scholarship Fund of the Evans Scholars Foundation receives its financial support from interested per-

sons who donate \$5 annually. All dues from Wisconsin are credited to the Allis Fund and are used exclusively for Wisconsin boys attending colleges in Wisconsin. Candidates must be good caddies, in need of financial assistance and rank in the upper quarter of their high school class.

These Authors!

There is a popular suspicion that an author will go to almost any length to promote the sale of his book, but Ben Hogan's victories in the PGA and the Open Championships are above suspicion in this respect. Nevertheless, Hogan seems on the way to becoming a best-selling author.

Byron Nelson's *Winning Golf*, published a year ago last spring, is believed to have had the largest sale of any golf book ever published. Almost 70,000 copies have been sold.

Early last spring, Hogan's *Power Golf* appeared and had sold some 30,000 copies even before Hogan scored his "double." The publisher believes the Hogan book now has a chance to surpass the Nelson book.

Kansas City "Oscars"

The Kansas City Golf Association recently established five Gof-fer Awards to be presented at the end of the season, in the manner of Oscars, to the outstanding players, male and female. In order to determine the players to be honored, a point system has been set up for performance in all major tournaments in the area.

Twenty-five points will be awarded to winners of medal play events, twenty to runners-up, fifteen for those finishing third, and ten for those finishing fourth. A medalist or co-medalist in a match-play tournament will earn ten points. Five points will be awarded for qualifying in a championship flight, for winning each match and for each round of par or better in a stroke play event other than a qualifying round.

These points will be applied to the USGA Open, USGA Amateur, Missouri State Championship, the KCGA City Championships at match and stroke play, the Heart of America Tournament, Western Ama-

teur, Trans-Mississippi Amateur and the Midwest PGA Match Play Tournament.

To the Ladies!

A group of ladies were having a forum on the 1948 Rules of Golf. Eventually, discussion got around to new Rule 7(5) having to do with ground under repair. (This is a section which, although new to the Rules book, comprises elements of various USGA interpretations over many years.)

Part of the conversation went this way:

THE EXCITABLE ONE—"Why, I just think that's a terrible rule. The players will just be moving balls all the time. Might just as well do away with the stymie rule."

THE CALM ONE—"I don't think so. After all, the opponent is there to make claim if the ball is moved without reason."

ANOTHER VOICE—"I have an old USGA decision on file which says that ground under repair *should* be so marked but need not be. I suppose the revised rules make that decision obsolete, though."

STILL ANOTHER VOICE—"It seems to me that ground under repair is a question of fact. Distinction must be made, however, between ground in *need* of repair and ground actually *being* repaired."

OTHER VOICES—"Does it mean we can move away from divots on the green?" . . . "Heavens, no! That would be ground in *need* of repair but not actually *being* repaired."

EXCITABLE ONE—"Well, if my ball ever landed in some such place and it wasn't marked, I'd play it as it lay rather than take a chance."

CALM ONE—"Even if it lay on newly seeded and sprinkled ground where your own common sense told you the greenkeeper wouldn't want you even to walk?"

We report the foregoing to exhibit and to commend the keen interest of ladies in the Rules of Golf. It is through such discussions that the truth in the Rules is brought out.

To the ladies!

Fishing Pole Club

At the recent Open Championship, Chick Evans used a 48-inch driver, not unlike the "fishing pole" clubs of earlier vintage.

After outdriving George Von Elm and Olin Dutra off the first tee in the second round, Chick was elated over the long club: "It's fine for old men like me."

Kebo Valley's 60 Years

When the directors of the Kebo Valley Club in Bar Harbor, Maine, closed their season last Autumn, they were most optimistic. The Club, one of the oldest in the country, had enrolled 30 new members, raising the total to 90, and appeared to be in excellent condition for the celebration of its 60th anniversary this summer.

Then came the Bar Harbor fire which destroyed 300 homes and burned the clubhouse to the ground.

A club which has survived for 60 years can almost invariably survive a fire, however, and Kebo Valley is no exception. It came through another fire in 1899, and its new Tabloid History, prepared by John J. O'Brien, now Club President, furnishes ample testimony that it will survive with the rest of the famous resort town.

Very few clubs in the United States can boast 60 years of continuous existence. Kebo Valley was incorporated on April 27, 1888, by a group of hunt men from eastern cities. They did not have golf in mind at the time, but did build a half-mile race track, a baseball diamond and tennis courts at a time when the town was emerging into a period of clubs and summer homes.

The "golf ground," consisting of a few holes, was laid out in 1891, and by 1892 there were six holes within and around the race track. A nine-hole course was completed in 1896, measuring 2,500 yards; it was later extended to 18 holes. In 1903 the Club applied for membership in the USGA.

One of Kebo Valley's unusual features is that most of the holes are dedicated to individuals who have played important roles in the life of the Club. These holes bear bronze plaques bearing the names of the individuals honored. Among the names are Charles B. Pike, Dr. Robert Amory, Shirley M. Liscomb (professional at the club since 1907), Sir Harry Oakes, Roscoe B. Jackson, William F. Cochran, Jr., J. L. Ketterlinus, Robert H. Stevenson, Alice-Lee Thomas Stevenson, John J. O'Brien, Ernest Kanzler, Dr. J. Austin Furfey and Edsel B. Ford.

SPORTSMAN'S CORNER



William C. Campbell

It was a first-round match in the 1947 Amateur Championship at Pebble Beach. William C. Campbell, of Huntington, W. Va., pushed his drive toward the boundary in the elbow of the first hole. His opponent hit one down the middle. Campbell played a provisional ball, which also went toward the boundary.

After much searching, Campbell walked the long walk back to the tee. "My first ball was out of bounds," he said, "and my second is lost."

Thus, the former Princeton player had already charged himself with three strokes and he still didn't have a ball in play. But here he was on the tee, not having given up.

He drove one straight this time, and lay 4 in the fairway, to his opponent's 1.

The opponent cautiously sent his approach short of the green, in 2. Campbell's next was on the edge of the green—that was 5.

The opponent approached safely, near the cup—in 3. Campbell holed his chip for a courageous 6. The opponent three-putted for a 6.

Who won the match? Billy Campbell.

(The USGA JOURNAL will welcome nominations for the Sportsman's Corner in future issues. The calibre of the player does not matter.)