
THROUGH THE GREEN

USGA Annual Meeting

Fifty-fifth annual meeting of the USGA will be held Saturday, January 29, 1949, at 12 o'clock noon at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York. Delegates will be the Association's guests at lunch following the meeting.

Election of the 1949 administration will be one item of business. The Nominating Committee has proposed the same officers who served this year, as follows:

President-Fielding Wallace, Augusta, Ga.
Vice-President — Totton F. Heffelfinger,
Minneapolis

Vice-President-James D. Standish, Jr.,
Detroit

Secretary-Isaac B. Grainger, New York
Treasurer-Daniel A. Freeman, Jr., New
York

The proposed Executive Committee would consist of the five above officers and the following :

John D. Ames, Chicago
C. Pardee Erdman, Pasadena, Cal.
Charles B. Grace, Philadelphia
William C. Hunt, Houston, Texas
Charles L. Peirson, Boston
Richard S. Tufts, Pinehurst, N. C.
Corydon Wagner, Tacoma, Wash.
James W. Walker, New York

For General Counsel, James H. Douglas, Jr., Chicago, has been re-nominated.

The following have been nominated as the 1950 Nominating Committee: Morton G. Bogue, Chairman, New York; Charles L. Dexter, Dallas ; Roy H. Pickford, Pasadena; Frank D. Ross, Hartford, Conn., and Gerald Shattuck, New York.

The current Nominating Committee comprises George W. Blossom, Jr., Chairman, Chicago ; Dean Dillman, San Francisco ; Arthur F. Lynch, New York ; N. C. Morris, Denver ; Frank Rogers, Jacksonville, Fla.

Senior Ladies

This was the 25th anniversary year of the United States Senior Women's Golf Association, and some 75 ladies participated in the annual championship at the Westchester Country Club, Rye, N. Y.

Mrs. Robert B. Meckley, of Washington, played in the event for the first time and won, with 83-87-170.

Congratulations to the lady Seniors on their birthday.

How old is a lady Senior? ... S-sh ... at least 50.

Tees, Well Steeped

What golf tee in the United States has been in longest continuous use?

This world-shaking question arose when Bruce R. Richardson, Jr., of Hot Springs, Va., pointed out that the first tee on the Homestead course there has been a teeing ground since 1892.

Now Cornelius S. Lee informs us that the first hole of the Tuxedo Golf Club, Tuxedo Park, N. Y., is still "played exactly as it was in 1892 (when first opened), the only difference being that the green has been extended 20 yards beyond the old one and its contour slightly altered." Mr. Lee was formerly USGA Secretary.

So there is now a tie at 1892. Any challengers ?

Calcutta Pools

The campaign against Calcutta pools, in which the USGA has joined, has achieved some success. Certain clubs and associations have banned pools. Officers of some sectional and State associations are extending the campaign on their own initiative.

An ardent opponent of pools is Benjamin F. Jaques, President of the Massachusetts Golf Association the past two years. His comment, as he turned office over to Osmund O. Keiver at the 1948 annual meeting, is worth repeating:

"I would feel remiss in my obligation if I failed to bring up a matter of possible serious detriment to the game which we all like so much. In recent years the growth of the pool and auction has risen to serious proportion and has changed the game from one played for the pure sport to something else again.

"Two years ago I spoke out loud on the subject of Calcutta pools and expected some criticism for taking a stand against them. However, to my surprise, I found that those most anxious to curb the auction and pool were those most concerned with running club tournaments. Several clubs have eliminated the auction and pool and find their tournaments have not suffered in popularity. Two of the most popular four-ball events in this section of the country have neither pool nor auction and attract extremely fast fields.

"I realize this is a controversial subject and that vigorous positions may be taken on both sides. But, I am sure all of you realize what can happen if something isn't done to keep the gambling within bounds."



The First Entrant

Our advice to would-be contestants in USGA championships to file entries early has borne fruit. We have now received, on an official form, the entry of Master Smiley Randall Quick of Culver City, Cal., for the 66th Amateur Championship, to be held in 1966. The application was attested by his proud father, Smiley Quick, the 1946 USGA Amateur Public Links Champion and a member of the 1947 Walker Cup team, now a professional.

Mr. Quick not only chose a golfer's method of announcing the birth of a son; he obviously also determined that the son shall not repeat the errors of the father. Mr. Quick's own entry for the 1947 Public Links Championship was received too late.

Congratulations all around!

Ode to Pebble Beach

The plight of some of the ladies when they tackled Pebble Beach' in the 1948 USGA Women's Amateur Championship was so touching that we were moved to the following sentiments (with due apologies to Yale's Whiffenpoof song, as well as to S. F. B. Morse, President of the Del Monte Golf and Country Club, and Peter Hay, Pebble Beach professional) :

**To the sand among the cypress,
To the place where Sam Morse dwells,
To the dear old Pebble Beach we love so
well—**

**Come thr golfers all expectant,
With the star-dust in their eye
And a hope as childish as our little Nell.
Yes, a hope that seems eternal
As the hills-on yonder shore—
A hope Of aught but birdie and of par.
Then they strike the sand and cypress
And the chasms o'er the cliff
And they wish they'd never come so far
from Ma.**

**We're poor little dubs who've been led
astray—**

Six-seven-six.

Betrayed by the Beach off Carmel Bay—

Six-seven-six.

**At home we're kings and queens of the links,
But Del Monte makes us seem nothing but
ginks.**

**Saint Peter Hay pushed us over the brinks—
Six—seven—six.**

For Stymies

Since there is sentiment in some quarters against playing the stymie in club tournaments, even though it is an integral part of the Rules of Golf, we note with pleasure a counter-move at the Fox Hills Golf Club, Culver City, Cal. For its club championship the committee ruled that "stymies will be played in all matches in all flights, according to USGA Rules of Golf."

Necrology

We record with regret the passing of the following friends of golf:

HANS SCHMIDT, JR., of Buffalo, a member of the USGA Public Links Committee.

STEWART MAIDEN, Atlanta professional, who instructed Robert T. Jones, Jr., and Miss Alexa Stirling (now Mrs. W. G. Fraser), three times USGA Champion.

ALEX ROSE, Seattle golf writer and editor.

Cotuit Highground

When we heard that the Cotuit High-ground Country Club in Cotuit, Mass., had reopened its course last summer after a lapse of eight years, we pulled out a brassie, three-iron, pitching-iron, wedge and putter and hastened to Cape Cod to try our luck. The unique little course presents a challenge that no golfer with red blood in his veins can resist.

A complete club in every sense, including clubhouse, tennis courts and station wagons in the driveway, its golf course measures only 2,024 yards and bogey is set at 60. It is a course where a player either hits the green or loses his ball.

Three factors contribute to its relative difficulty. First, the greens are appropriately tiny and well-trapped, although they hold well. Second, there are no fairways, except on two holes, and in most cases this means jungle country. Third, the shortness of the holes presents entirely new problems to a golfer who must solve range and deflection or risk serious trouble.

The card, for nine holes, reads:

Hole	Yards	Bogey
1	82	3
2	87	4
3	84	3
4	72	3
5	178	4
6	237	4
7	98	3
8	73	3
9	101	3
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If the bogey of 4 on the 87-yard second hole seems amusing, you will be even more surprised to learn that the hole also justifies a women's tee, about 30 yards ahead of the men's tee. The shot from the men's tee is straight over a morass of swamp and growth which looks like a breeding ground for alligators. Bogey of 4 on the longer fifth and sixth holes is based on the fact that they are cut out of solid woods and allow for all the elbow room commonly found in a bowling alley.

We played nine holes with Dr. Theodore C. Pratt, of The Country Club, Brookline, got around in 33 each, and were quite proud

SPORTSMAN'S CORNER



Miss Dorothy Kieilty

The young lady had been a member of our Curtis Cup Team in the spring and a semi-finalist in the British Championship. She had just won the Western Amateur, and now she was a favorite in the 1948 USGA Women's Amateur Championship.

In the qualifying round she went out in 39 and came to the 18th hole needing a par 5 for a 79, which would have been the second best score. But this was Pebble Beach, in California, and a par 5 on its 18th is not the easiest thing in the world, especially if you hook a shot to an unplayable lie on the rock-strewn beach and then three-putt the green—all as this young lady did.

Even so, the score which her playing companion recorded for her and gave her to sign was one of the best, comfortably within the qualifying limit—an 82 for the round after an 8 on the 18th.

Two or three hours later the young lady sought out USGA officials. She reported that, in re-checking her score, she had just realized she scored a 9 on the 18th, not an 8 as turned in.

She knew, without being told, what that meant. She knew Rule 21(4c) provides that a card cannot be altered after it has been turned in and that "If a competitor return a score for any hole lower than actually played, he shall be disqualified. A score higher than actually played must stand as returned."

So, even though the young lady actually scored an 83—ten strokes lower than scores which played off her last qualifying place—she forfeited a chance to play for the Championship, an opportunity on which her heart had been set all year.

Dorothy Kieilty called the penalty on herself. She disqualified herself.

that the card showed only one 6. Richard F. Vaughan, Princeton hockey coach who manages the club in the summer, seemed a bit shocked that we had done so well and dared us to return.