

Active Year for the Seniors

Has there any old fellow got mixed with the boys?

If there has, take him out, without making a noise.
Hang the Almanac's cheat and the Catalogue's spite!

Old time is a liar! We're twenty tonight!

We're twenty! We're twenty! Who says we are more?

He's tipsy—young jackanapes!—show him the door!

"Gray temples at twenty?"—Yes, WHITE if we please!

Where the snow-flakes fall thickest there's nothing can freeze!

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Yes, we're boys—always playing with tongue or with pen—

And I sometimes have asked—Shall we ever be men?

Shall we always be youthful, and laughing, and gay,

Till the last dear companion drops smiling away?

Then here's to our boyhood, its gold and its gray!
The stars of its winter, the dews of its May!

And when we have done with our life-lasting toys,

Dear Father, take care of thy children, THE BOYS!

—from "The Boys"

Oliver Wendell Holmes never was guilty of golf, as far as the record shows, so it must have been the prophetic insight of the true poet which he expressed in these lines from one of his jolly works. Surely, he had Senior golfers in mind.

The Boys, to us, are those youngsters on the golden side of 55 years who compose the United States Senior Golfers' Association. Throughout the year they're among the most ardent of players, wherever they may be, but now they're about to reach a peak in their annual Championship, in New York.

Their 36-hole competition always has been held entirely at Apawamis, but this year it's to be divided between Apawamis and Blind Brook. If you really want to feel the spirit of the game, that's one of the tournaments of the year. The record happens to be 143, and it's a rare year when the Champion isn't required to average better than 75s. The 1948 Champion was John F. Riddell, Jr., with 149.



John G. Jackson

It's to be a particularly big year for the Seniors. Immediately after their Championship, a nine-man team sails to renew an international rivalry with the Senior Golfers Society of Great Britain. The match will be played at Woking, England, July 12-13-14. This is to be the first postwar match with the British, the last having been held in 1938. Canada used to participate.

The American team as announced by Henry A. Goode, Tournament Chairman of the Seniors' Association, comprises:

S. W. Creekmore, Fort Smith, Ark.
Robert A. Gardner, Chicago
William C. Hunt, Houston
John G. Jackson, Captain, New York
John F. Riddell, Jr., New York
Fitzwilliam Sargent, Philadelphia
Harrison Smith, Oklahoma City
Duane Tower, Niagara Falls
Joseph M. Wells, East Liverpool, Ohio

Following the British match, the team will play a series of informal games in Sweden, on invitation by the Swedish Golf Union.