
THROUGH THE GREEN

A 67 at 67

Golf is a game for both the young and the old, but only the seniors can achieve the ambition of "shooting their age." In this respect alone, the younger golfers cannot even challenge.

The trick has been done, both here



Pach Bron., N. Y.

Eugene G. Grace

and abroad, but not so often that it does not remain a rarer distinction than making a hole-in-one. One of those who has done it is the industrialist, Eugene G. Grace of Bethlehem, Pa. At the age of 67 he scored a 67 on his home course, the Saucon Valley Country Club. The score was well earned; Saucon Valley will test the best young amateurs in the USGA Championship two years hence.

Mr. Grace has never had time to play serious tournament golf, but he has won the club championship at Saucon Valley and at Country Club of Northampton County.

He also is a member of the National

Golf Links of America and Pine Valley, where he has scored a 71.

When A Didn't Play B

San Francisco has quite a golf crucible, whence sprang this year's USGA Public Links individual Champion and runner-up and the Champion Team. The crucible is the San Francisco City Championship, and to gain a glimmering of what it's like, listen to George MacRae. He was Tournament Director last year, is President of the Northern California Golf Association, and has long been a member of the USGA Public Links Committee.

"We had 1,123 entries in the 1948 City Championship," recalls Mr. MacRae.

"Further, we had to send off two matches simultaneously in the early rounds in order to save time. In other words, there were four players in each group, but there were two separate matches in progress—A vs. B and C vs. D.

"In the 61st flight, for players who had scored 87 in the qualifying round, four players who were strangers to one another appeared at the first tee when their names were called. After proper introductions, they teed off in proper order.

"They played the full round. Then they discovered that each man was playing the wrong opponent.

"What did we do? Why, we just had them replay, of course."

It is reported that another contestant requested permission to discontinue play, claiming a heart attack. Soon thereafter he was seen practicing putting, and it wasn't long before he was back at the first tee, boldly inquiring: "Where's my opponent?"

How to Prove a Point

The Baltusrol Golf Club in New Jersey has had some remodeling done during the last year. One of the questions

faced by the architect, Robert Trent Jones, was whether some of the proposed cupping areas were too difficult on the fourth green of the lower course.

Mr. Jones had carefully worked out seven teeing positions and seven spots for the hole, making a total of 49 possible combinations on this par-3 hole. He contended right along that the changes were fair.

The argument practically ended when, in the final trial spin over the course, Mr. Jones holed a No. 7 iron from 135 yards away.

Footnote on Maturity

*For age is opportunity no less
Than youth itself, though in another
dress.*

—Longfellow

The race is not always to the young, even in the United States Seniors Golf Association Championship.

Usually, the title is won by a "freshman" member who is eligible by reason of having passed his 55th birthday but who has not yet started to number his years in the 60s.

This year, Joseph M. Wells of East Liverpool, Ohio, who was competing in Class D for contestants from 60 to 64, showed the "freshmen" the way around



Joseph M. Wells

two Westchester County courses and won the title for the first time.

Mr. Wells is 60 years old and was competing for the sixth time. By way of proving that 60 years are no handicap in golf, he played the Blind Brook Club course in 70 on the first day and assumed the burden of leadership over a field of 350. Leadership proved to be no particular handicap to him. On the next day, he played the Apawamis Club course in 75 for a winning score of 145. Brackett B. Fernald of Rhode Island finished second with 75-73-148.

The new Champion sailed shortly after the Championship for England with the United States Senior Team which defeated the British Seniors, 7 to 5, at Woking last month. It was the first renewal of the international matches since 1938. The United States won the last match by defeating both Canada and Great Britain.

John G. Jackson was Captain of the Team. The other members were S. W. Creekmore, Robert A. Gardner, William C. Hunt, John F. Riddell, Jr., Fitzwilliam Sargent, Harrison Smith and Duane L. Tower. The secretary of the USSGA, Sherrill Sherman, accompanied the group, which also will play in Sweden.

Handicap Classes

When handicaps are properly awarded, a 20-handicap man should be on even terms with a scratch man in a competition for a net prize. Nevertheless, high-handicap men usually need a little encouragement to enter week-end handicap tournaments in which scratch men also may compete. Therefore, the custom of dividing players into classes according to their handicaps has become well established.

The fairest method of dividing the players sometimes proves a puzzler for committee chairmen, however, and one of them recently asked William O. Blaney, Chairman of the USGA Handicap Committee, for his view. Mr. Blaney's answer provides a guide for a subject on which there are no fixed rules:

"The proper grouping will depend on the number and caliber of the players at each club. At my own club, where there

are 500 to 600 playing members, we have three classes:

Class A	14 and under
Class B	15 to 20
Class C	21 and over

"We have a large wall rack in the locker room containing the handicap cards of each player. These cards are of three colors, depending on the class, and they have space for the players to enter their scores for every round played during the year, as well as space to list their 10 lowest scores.

"This seems to work very well, but might not be suitable for every club. The grouping should be dependent on the potential number of players in each class. For example, our Class A used to include those handicapped at 10 and under, but it was found that there were not enough players in that handicap range to warrant suitable prizes. By upping the limit to 14, more players were included, larger entries were received and better prizes awarded. A little experimenting should disclose the most desirable grouping."

Accuracy

The ten members of the USGA Walker Cup Team have averaged 3.1 holes in one, at last report. John Dawson has most—seven.

Concave Faces

The Rules Governing Form and Make of Golf Clubs state in part: "Club faces shall not embody any degree of concavity . . ."

A golf-club manufacturer has placed on the market a No. 5 wood concerning which he advertises: "The slight concavity from toe to heel, leaving the striking point of the face straight, tends to correct a slice."

Attractive as this may be to chronic slicers, the club did not conform to the Rules and would provide cause for disqualification in competitions.

THE FASCINATION OF GOLF

You may hitch your golfing ambitions to a star, but when you reach the star, you will be awed by your lack of knowledge of the fine points of the game. And therein lies its eternal fascination.

—History of Golf in Southern California

SPORTSMAN'S CORNER



Herman Barron

It was not done as a public gesture, and so little was made of it at the time. Yet the Goodall Round-Robin Tournament last Spring was a reminder that Herman Barron earned a place in the Sportsman's Corner by his notably unselfish actions in connection with the same tournament a year ago.

Barron is professional at the Fenway Golf Club, White Plains, N. Y., and the tournament was played at the neighboring Wykagyl Country Club for the benefit of the New Rochelle Hospital.

As soon as the tournament was scheduled, Barron went to work and sold a thousand tickets around his club. His effort helped to make possible a donation of \$15,070 to the hospital, which received the entire proceeds.

Instead of resting on that pre-tournament contribution, however, Barron went out and won the first prize of \$2,500. From that purse, he then made another personal donation of \$500 to the hospital.

In telling the story of Barron's unostentatious generosity, Elmer Ward, the tournament sponsor, called it "as unselfish a contribution" as he has seen in golf.

Police Golf Organization

James J. Molinari, of the San Francisco police department, wants to form a national police golf organization. He requests interested peace officers to communicate with him at 1480 Douglas St., San Francisco, Cal.

Jim Molinari has long been a prominent contender for the USGA Public Links Championship. He and his associates have an active golf group in San Francisco.

Oak Hill: Scene of the 49th Amateur

The Amateur Championship will be played for the first time in upper New York State, starting at the end of this month, and the Oak Hill Country Club, near Rochester, has made appropriate preparations to provide a suitable test over its East course.

The course is exacting, well wooded, and the few changes deemed necessary to stiffen it have been routine.

Ben Hogan set the record at 64 in

few other players who are exempt by reason of past successes. Willie Turnesa will enter a defense of his title.

Oak Hill was founded in 1901 and is in its 24th year at its present location. Otto A. Shults is president of the club and chairman of its tournament committee. He is assisted by William C. Chapin and James W. Weldon, president of the Rochester District Golf Association, as vice-chairmen, Gay R. Levis,



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These three Rochester, N. Y., golf executives are playing a large part in the preparations of the Oak Hill Country Club for the USGA Amateur Championship. Left to right: James W. Weldon, President of the Rochester District Golf Association; Otto A. Shults, President of the Oak Hill Country Club; William C. Chapin, Chairman of the Oak Hill Country Club Golf Committee and an entrant in the Championship.

1942. Dr. George M. Trainor holds the amateur record of 66. Since this 49th Amateur Championship again will be entirely at match play, there will be no opportunity for anyone to lower these records officially.

Members of both the British Isles and United States Walker Cup Teams have entered, for the first time since 1936. To their number will be added the survivors of 34 Sectional Qualifying Rounds and a

Fay Blanchard, Joseph J. Judge and Joseph J. Myler.

Chairmen of other committees are: Fred Allen and Dr. George M. Trainor, grounds; Charles C. Lennox, admissions; Jacob B. Greiner, Jr., caddies; Joseph T. Adams, public information; Joseph J. Myler, finance; Arthur Robinson, house; Elmer Thaney, gallery; Jack Barry, scoring; John D. Roche, program; Louis Cartwright, transport, accommodations.