THROUGH THE GREEN

Fraternity of Golf

Any cynic doubting the spirit of fraternity among golfers would do well to consider:

Item 1-William Stitt, Secretary of Oakmont Country Club outside Pittsburgh, read a small article in a newspaper this summer that the Pittsburgh Team in the USGA Amateur Public Links Championship needed funds to go to the Championship at Los Angeles. In five minutes he raised \$200 among Oakmont members.

Item 2-Among subscribers to the fund which enabled the British Walker Cup Team to come to the United States this year was the Artisan Golfers' Association, which contributed 200 guineas (about \$840) as a first payment.

The Hidden Reserve

In the first Match for the Walker Cup at the National Golf Links of America in 1922, the British brought with them a hidden reserve in the person of Bernard Darwin, golf editor of the London TIMES. When Robert Harris, the Team Captain, fell ill, Mr. Darwin was invited to play and won his singles.

In the 12th Match at the Winged Foot Golf Club, the British seem to have been similarly well fortified with a hidden reserve, this time in the person of Cdr. (S) J. A. S. Carson, V. D., RNVR, the Secretary of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews.

Although not a member of the Team, Cdr. Carson indicated that he might not have been found wanting if called by playing the fearsome Pine Valley Golf Club course in 80 in his first try. And that including a penalty for an unplayable lie on the last hole, when a 78 had seemed clearly in sight from the tee. As might be suspected, Cdr. Carson is a scratch player at St. Andrews. North of the Border



Wide World Photo Richard D. Chapman

The Canadian Amateur has long been an objective for golfing pilgrims. Eddie Held scored the first United States victory in 1929. Since then five compatriots have brought the title here. This summer Dick Chapman drove north from Cape Cod and in New Brunswick won it the hard way. He beat Laurie Roland of Vancouver, whom he calls the best 16-year-old he has seen, by one hole in the semifinal. He was 5 down with 11 to play but defeated Phil Farley on the second extra hole in the final.

Honor Caddies

Boys who play golf make better caddies. And boys who are happy at their clubs make better caddies.

Oak Park Country Club, Chicago. has made a move which should insure it a continuing supply of happy young golfers to carry the members' bags. The club built and dedicated a special putting green for its caddies. Horton Smith, Johnny Palmer, Errie Ball and Jimmy Thomson conducted a caddie putting clinic to get the green off to a good start.

In this and other ways, the Western Golf Association's caddie welfare program is having highly beneficial effects. Joseph Jasinski, 18, of Toledo, Ohio, not long ago became the 100th caddie to



Joseph Jasinski

be awarded a full-tuition college scholarship by the Evans Scholars Foundation. He will begin prelegal studies at Notre Dame. Joe's average for four years at Toledo Central High School was 93 per cent. He was a member of the state championship golf team and caddied at the Inverness Club.

The Evans Scholars Foundation has received contributions approaching \$100,-000 for these scholarships, and they have come from all sources. But one of the most touching and reassuring was a contribution of \$13.05 made recently by 36 caddies who had viewed the WGA film, "Honor Caddie," under the auspices of the Anoka (Minn.) Junior Chamber of Commerce. It consisted of pennies, nickels, dimes and guarters.

Kerr N. Petrie

It was April, 1908, when Kerr N. Petrie landed on these shores from Carnoustie for a visit with Alex Smith at the Nassau Country Club. Like The Man Who Came to Dinner, Pete stayed on but the longer Pete stayed, the more his popularity grew.

A little more than 41 years later, friends and notables gathered just before the Walker Cup Match to proclaim his services to the game. The occasion was his retirement, at the age of 68, after writing golf for 37 years for the NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE and the predecessor HERALD.

Pete covered his first Championship in the fall of 1908, the Women's Amateur at the Chevy Chase Club, and he has been a fixture ever since. Last spring, he was elected President of the Golf Writers' Association. Out of the length and breadth of his experience, he rewarded his friends with a delightful hour of reminiscence.

The example Pete set in his writings was one of gentle kindliness. As Francis Ouimet remarked: "He never said an unkind word about a golfer who was doing his best."

Saved for a Rainy Day

The gutty ball, a species which is becoming rarer by the year, takes its rarest form when it is enshrouded in its original wrapper.

The USGA Golf Museum is therefore particularly gratified to have received several 1899 gutties, complete with wrappers, from Mr. Wes White, professional at the Country Club of Ithaca, N. Y. A one-piece driver of ancient vintage accompanied the balls.

Among other recent gifts to the Museum are the following items:

"The Jones Golf Swing and other Suggestions", recorded by John Godfrey Saxe of the National Golf Links of America from instructions given to him by Ernest Jones, Harold Calloway, Alex Gerard, Joseph F. Phillips and Nelson Long, supplemented by many contributions from others. The 29-page volume was privately printed and distributed by Mr. Saxe; it analyzes the golf swing with particular emphasis on the teachings of Ernest Jones, who provided the foreword. It was donated by the author at the suggestion of Dean O. M. Leland of Minneapolis.

A large framed etching entitled "Medal Day at St. Andrews," published by Messrs. Dickinson and Foster in 1898 and donated by A. H. Tull of New York at the suggestion of Sherrill Sherman of Utica, N. Y.

"The First Fifty Years, 1899-1949 — An Historical Review of the La Grange Country Club," donated by Ralph F. Burns of La Grange, Ill.

Fiftieth anniversary book of the Oakley Country Club, Watertown, Mass., donated by Louis M. Hannum of Watertown at the suggestion of Francis Ouimet.

USGA Rules of Golf booklet, dated 1905, donated by Mrs. Robert E. Barbour of Miami, Fla.

The Museum Committee, of which C. Pardee Erdman is Chairman, greatly appreciates both the gifts and the thought behind them. The collection of historic books, documents, pictures, implements and balls already is of considerable value, and that value will increase.

Clubheads Don't Work

Ernest Jones, the golf instructor, who is vacationing in England, came to a boil recently, according to Golf Illustrated, when an acquaintance happened to drop a casual remark about the clubhead doing the work.

"Stuff and nonsense," he exclaimed. "I'm sick of people saying, 'let the

SPORTSMAN'S CORNER

The Sunningdale Golf Club in England has had a long and mutually pleasant relationship with United States golfers. It entertained in 1930 the first match between women's teams representing Great Britain and the United States, the predecessor of the Curtis Cup series. It was also the Club at which Bob Jones and Dick Chapman won the GOLF ILLUSTRATED Gold Vase, a cherished prize for amateurs.

Evidence of a mutual esteem which has grown with the years was forthcoming recently through an exchange of letters in which the Club offered and Willie Turnesa accepted honorary membership. The letters speak for themselves as a testimonial to the sportsmanship of the American who went to the finals in two of the last three British Amateur Championships:

W. P. TURNESA, ESQUIRE

DEAR MR. TURNESA:

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that the committee of this club would be delighted if you will accept honorary life membership of Sunningdale.

They feel that this is the best way that they can convey to you their feelings of good will and appreciation of the great services that you have rendered for the game both for the United States of America and in this country.

Yours sincerely,

GEORGE G. KIRKE Secretary

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MR. GEORGE G. KIRKE SUNNINGDALE GOLF CLUB

DEAR MR. KIRKE:

I am deeply thrilled and honored to receive your letter informing me of the action taken by the Committee in electing me to honorary life membership in Sunningdale. I truly appreciate the distinction accorded me and am very happy to accept the membership.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to you and to the Committee.

Sincerely, W. P. TURNESA

clubhead do the work.' I've dozens of clubheads in my shop, and I've never noticed them doing any work. You've got to make the clubhead work, and the only way to do it is by swinging it."

Listening Rates

In this Championship season all golfers bear a special burden — that of listening. Listening is a service rendered. We know of no one who makes an avocation of sitting in locker rooms and rendering such a service voluntarily, or even very sympathetically. However, we have heard of the service being rendered on a purely professional, cash basis. and we quote the rates herewith:

| | Listening Limit Five Minutes |
|---|--|
| Long Drives Flubbed Drives Beautiful Approaches Flubbed Approaches Long Putts Sunk Short Putts Missed Getting Out of Rough Getting Out of Bunkers Birdies Eagles Almost a "hole-in-one" | \$.25 |
| Qualified Rates Describing 18 holes, hole Under 90 Between 91 and 100 Over 100 Description of Vacation | \$1.00 |
| Special Rates For Hard Luck Golf: Describing Bad Lies, ethical Opponents, Ou Bounds, Landing in R Looking Up, Disturb on Tee Shot, etc. Just Listening Listening with Since | ut of Lough, Dance |
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REMEMBER THESE POINTS BEFORE YOU DRIVE!

- Keep your head down. 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- Keep your eyes on the ball. Keep your left arm stiff. Don't bring your clubhead back 4. too far.
- 5. Don't forget to pivot.

- 6. Bring your clubhead into the ball
- 7. Grip your club firmly.
- 8. Don't stand too far away from the ball
- 9. Don't stand too close to the ball.
- 10. Swing with your left arm, guide with your right.
- 11. Line your ball up with your left heel.
- Take your backswing s-l-o-w-l-y. Break your wrists. 12.
- 13.
- 14. Always follow through. No Wonder You Never Break 100!

Morse Cup

When S. F. B. Morse of Del Monte. Cal., donated a cup for intersectional amateur team competition between California and the Pacific Northwest, he started a good thing. The first Match for the Morse Cup at the Seattle Golf Club stimulated wide interest along the Coast.

The West is abundantly endowed with good golfers, and nearly all of them took part. As an example, the first foursome set two members of the 1949 Walker Cup Team, John Dawson and Bruce McCormick of California, against two Walker Cup alumni, Jack Westland and Harry Givan. The alumni won, too. and their Pacific Northwest side eventually won the Match. In the Pacific Northwest Amateur which followed. McCormick retaliated by taking that title to unfamiliar surroundings in California.

Don't Be a Fire Bug

That's the caption over a notice on a wall inside the Oak Hill Country Club at Rochester, N. Y. In view of the number of fires which occur at clubs. everybody would do well to take to heart the complete Oak Hill notice:

"Each week at Oak Hill an average of 12 table cloths—linen—costing us from 5 to 8 dollars each are burned and ruined by Careless Cigarette Smokers.

"Nor do the furniture and rugs escape. "This senseless destruction costs Oak Hill not less than one thousand dollars vearly.

"HELP SUPPRESS THE FIRE BUGS."

- It was a morning when all nature shouted: "Fore!"
 - -P. G. Wodehouse in "The Heart of a Goof"

Views on the Walker Cup Match

The Short Games

By PERCY B. (LADDIE) LUCAS CAPTAIN, BRITISH WALKER CUP TEAM

So the Walker Cup Match of 1949 has gone the way of its predecessors!

Before we left England for the United States, I said publicly that this British Team was certainly the best prepared Side that had ever left our shores. I did not say that this was the best Team we had ever had, although this was also my opinion.

Everything possible had been done by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club to give our boys the best chance. In short, when we sailed out of Southampton, we knew that if we got licked this time, there could be no excuses. The Selectors and the Royal and Ancient Golf Club had done their best. It only remained to be seen what the result would be.

We arrived in New York in the middle of one of your worst heat waves. "Never knew anything like it for years," they said.

This was the one thing we had feared. We knew the heat, and particularly the humidity, could beat us.

For a week it persisted. The boys found that sleep did not come easily and that your excellent food could not be eaten in the quantities they would have liked.

Then, blessed thought, came "the break." The rains came and with them the cool breezes.

On the first morning of the Match, the boys walked out on the practice tee wearing sweaters. This, then, was just what we had wanted. We could not have asked for more.

What happened is now history.

Why it happened is another story which will be written by every journalist in this country and in ours.

My view is this: We were beaten by a magnificent United States Side because their short game was in a different class from ours.



Wide World Photo

Ronald J. White, the English Champion, played in the No. 1 match in both foursomes and singles and won each day.

Their use of the wedge was remarkable. This, allied to their admirable holing out, brought them victory and the British Side defeat.

One final thing I would say. We could not have been beaten by a nicer bunch of fellows than there were on this United States Team. Nor could they have had a greater or more generous Captain.

Purpose Achieved

By CDR. (S) J. A. S. CARSON, V.D., RNVR Secretary, Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews

Once more a British Walker Cup Team has visited the United States to try and wrest the Trophy from the hands of the holders. Once more the attempt has been unsuccessful. The journey was none the less a delightful