
THROUGH THE GREEN

Golf And Art

To paraphrase Mark Twain, a good many persons talk about recreating the beauties of golf courses in oils or water colors, but very few do anything about it. One of the few is Erwin S. Barrie, of Greenwich, Conn.

The first showing of Mr. Barrie's oil paintings of famous golf holes at Ekwanok, Greenwich, Gulf Stream, Pine Valley, Pinehurst and Yale took place in Pinehurst, N. C., during the Golden Anniversary of the North and South Amateur. There was to be a subsequent showing at the Grand Central Art Galleries in New York, which Mr. Barrie manages.

A golfer who enjoyed visual art thus had a rare opportunity to enjoy Billy Campbell's victory on the Pinehurst course and Erwin Barrie's interesting exhibition indoors.

Number Your Tees!

Playing a medal round on Long Island, two ladies holed out on the eighth and then drove from the 12th tee. As they approached the green they discovered they were playing the wrong hole. The tees had not been numbered, and there was nothing to guide them.

The committee absolved them and permitted them to go immediately to the ninth tee and resume their round.

It is a committee's duty to designate the stipulated round.

The Amateur

A good many golfers don't know how to spell the word "amateur," else they're pulling our leg when they write us about the "Amateur Championship" and the "Amateur Status Committee." But it's all right with us if they mean the same things as G. K. Chesterton did when he

wrote in "Robert Louis Stevenson":

"The word amateur has come by the thousand oddities of language to convey an idea of tepidity; whereas the word itself has the meaning of passion. Nor is this peculiarity confined to the mere form of the word; the actual characteristic of these nameless dilettanti is a genuine fire and reality.

"A man must love a thing very much if he not only practices it without any hope of fame or money, but even practices it without any hope of doing it well. Such a man must love the toils of the work more than any other man can love the rewards of it."

Greenkeepers Need Help

There is a good deal that golf club members can do to assist their greenkeeping superintendent in maintaining the course and reducing the budget, but it is not always brought to their attention. The Yahnundasis Golf Club, near Utica, N. Y., has done something notable about it, however.

Early in the playing season, Yahnundasis assembled its members for a Golfers' Evening, features of which were talks on the new Rules by Mr. Sherrill Sherman, Secretary of the United States Seniors' Golf Association, and on greenkeeping by Major Tom Bowen, the greenkeeping superintendent. Bowen is a product of the Utica caddie ranks and rose from private to major in the Army engineers. Like a good soldier, he made the most of his opportunity.

Bowen did not restrict himself simply to a plea to replace divots, particularly on fairways and on tees of short holes, in these days when caddies often carry two bags and so may not be near the player when the divot is taken. He detailed other player habits which mar

turf and increase the cost of maintenance.

In particular, Bowen asked the members not to drop burning cigarettes and not to spin on their heels or scuff their spiked shoes on the putting surfaces. He asked them to report unfavorable conditions which might develop between his normal rounds of inspection. He asked them to smooth the sand after playing from a bunker, and always to play their tee shots from the teeing ground indicated by the markers.

All these little transgressions make the course less pleasurable, and their repair increases the greenkeeping costs.

Curtis Cup Ladies

The following ladies have been selected to represent Great Britain against the United States in the Curtis Cup Match September 4-5 at the Country Club of Buffalo, N. Y.:

Miss Jeanne Bisgood, Miss Jean Donald, Miss Philomena Garvey, Miss Elizabeth Price, Miss Frances Stephens, Mrs. George Valentine, and Mrs. A. C. Critchley, captain. Mrs. Critchley is the former Miss Diana Fishwick.

Mrs. Edwin H. Vare, Jr., of Philadelphia, has accepted a USGA invitation to captain the American team again. Personnel of the American side has not been selected.

Birth of the Brassie

Once upon a time, before the days of the No. 2 wood, there were wooden clubs known as "brassies." Not just one "brassie" but a "brassie spoon," a "brassie niblick" and even a "bulger brassie niblick."

The "brassies" are said to have originated at Blackheath, on London's Commons, where no wooden sole would stand up on the hard and gritty lies.

According to tradition, Royal Blackheath Golf Club was founded in 1608, after James I, the Scottish king, ascended to the throne of England, although there is no written evidence of any society of Blackheath golfers prior to 1787.

The First Cup?

Mention in the November, 1949, issue of a trophy which was won at the Kebo Valley Club in 1894 developed evidence of an even more venerable cup, one that is claimed to be the first cup offered for competition in the United States.

The cup, pictured here, was presented by Theodore A. Havemeyer for a junior foursome competition at the Newport Golf Club in 1893. It was won by Henry O. Havemeyer, son of the donor, and Henry R. Winthrop on the Club's first nine-hole course at Brenton's Point.

Actually, the final came as something



of an anticlimax. Young Havemeyer and Winthrop advanced impressively and were scheduled to play Victor Sorchan and Columbus Baldwin. Apparently the latter were not optimistic as to their prospects, for they attended a yacht race instead. At 5 o'clock, the committee awarded the cup to Havemeyer and Winthrop by default.

After acquiring the cup, the young men tossed a coin for possession. Winthrop won the toss and has retained the cup ever since. Both have match boxes which they won as golf prizes in earlier years at Newport.

Mr. Havemeyer, Sr., fostered the introduction of golf in Newport in 1890 and the first unofficial "amateur championship" there in September, 1894. When another "amateur championship" was

held at the St. Andrew's Golf Club, Mr. Havemeyer was among those who envisioned the need for a national authority in golf.

He assisted in the formation of the USGA, was named its first President, donated a permanent trophy for the Amateur Championship, and was host-extraordinary during the first USGA Amateur and Open Championships at Newport in October, 1895.

New Magazines

When it comes to golf, the Metropolitan New York area is divided into three parts, like Gaul—Westchester County, Long Island, and northern New Jersey. Such are the complications of suburban travel that only rarely do golfers from one part cross fairways with those from another part.

It occurred to Johnny Dolan and Sid Dorfman, who do their golfing in New Jersey, that these tripartite golfers might like to sit down together through the pages of a monthly magazine, and with that thought "The Metropolitan Golfer" was born. The first issue appeared in May, with a dozen feature instructional articles, foreign correspondence by Leonard Crawley, and news items.

Dolan and Dorfman seem to have played the first hole in par.

The Women's Golf Association of Philadelphia, starting its 53rd year, has distributed the first issue of Par-Tee Lines. The purpose of the sprightly four-page folder, edited by Eleanor Jones, is to keep the members informed of all newsy goings-on within the Association. It will be published "now and then."

Low-Downest Course

The Del Rio Country Club in the Imperial Valley at Brawley, Cal., claims to be the low-downest golf course in the country. At one point it is 120 feet below sea level.

SPORTSMAN'S CORNER

It is by no means uncommon for tournament golfers to call penalty strokes on themselves, many times with no one else having seen a rule violated. There are numerous cases of meticulous adherence to the code by the top players.

In the recent Greenbrier tournament (at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.), Ed Furgol, Detroit professional, went out of his way to keep to the letter of the rules. On the 13th hole Furgol flew one wide of the fairway and deep into the rough.

He hit a provisional ball also. After a short search, his caddie found what appeared to be his first ball, not more than a wedge pitch from the green, while the alternate ball was at least a No. 5 iron away. It was the same make ball Furgol was using and brand-new, to boot.

But it had a 5 on it, and Furgol believed he had hit a 2. With that doubt in his mind, Furgol took the penalty shot and played the alternate ball, ending up with a bogey 5 on the hole. Under any circumstance, Furgol could have played the first ball without any chance of criticism, and had a good chance at a birdie 3.

His amateur partners also took 5s, and it ended counting heavily against them. But they admired Ed's sportsmanship.

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Golfers Beware!

Are you one of those golfers who:
Hold used wooden tees between their lips?

After putting on the green, wipe a blemish off the ball with the tongue?

Pick up a blade of grass or a little flower off the course and dangle it from the lips?

If so, the National Safety Council has a bit of advice for you. Don't do it!

On these inconsequential things there may be enough arsenate of lead or another poisonous substance being used against insect plagues to give you a severe stomach-ache.

Many clubs have used tons of the deadly powdered white lead, and there is danger to your innards if enough of the poisons accumulate.

British Title to France

The British Women's Championship has gone to France for the third time. The winner, Vicomtesse de Saint Sauveur, is no stranger to golf honors—as Mlle. Lally Vagliano she won the British Girls' Championship in 1937, and she has several times been champion of France.

Other French winners of the British championship were Mlle. Simone Thion de la Chaume (now Mme. Rene Lacoste) in 1927 and Mlle. Nanette LeBlan in 1928.



An unusual feature of the last Amateur Championship at the Oak Hill Country Club was the employment of Rosemary and Elizabeth Connaughton, twins of 17 years, as forecaddies. They are the daughters of James Connaughton, greenkeeper at the Monroe Golf Club in Pittsford, N. Y., and have been caddying at that club for four years. They score around 100 themselves and are considered excellent caddies.

When Golfers Grow Old

Golfers, of course, are not like other folk in most respects. But they do grow older with the years. Sometimes this presents a problem to golf clubs.

The Rockville Country Club in Rockville Centre, N. Y., recognized this when it commented to its membership:

"It has been obvious for a long time that our golf course does not get much afternoon play. We can't condemn our members for growing older, but we saw a chance to inject some young blood into our club without too great a strain on playing conditions.

"We are going to accept a limited number of golfers in the age group from 21 to 30 at the following special rates: male—\$75 plus tax, female—\$50 plus tax.

"The only restrictions are that the men in this group cannot tee off before 10:30 A.M. on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. The women in this group will be subject to the same restrictions as the regular full golf membership for women."

Life Begins at 40

The Los Angeles Country Club offers a solution to the problem of the young in spirit who have outgrown the championship bracket. It holds a "Life Begins at 40" tournament, at 18 holes stroke play.

Contestants are divided into four classes—from 40 through 49, 50 through 59, 60 through 69, and 70 and over. There are two flights in each of the younger two classes, and gross and net prizes in all classes.

Handicaps are generous. Each contestant is permitted to add one-third of his age to his full handicap.

The idea is similar to that behind the venerable "Twa Days" tournament at the Glen View Club, Chicago, where the field was limited to golfers over 35 in order that the young champions should not come and sweep the field.