

## The Spirit of the Women Seniors



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Guiding lights among the Women Seniors include, left to right: Mrs. Harry Dow, Co-Chairman of the Prize Committee; Mrs. Robert B. Meckley, the 1950 Champion; Mrs. Dave C. Gaut, President; Mrs. Anthony Bassler, Vice-President and Tournament Chairman; Mrs. Fowler Manning, Co-Chairman of the Prize Committee.

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The United States Senior Women's Golf Association was founded in 1923 by Mrs. Ronald H. Barlow, Mrs. Frank Enos, Mrs. Myra D. Paterson, Mrs. Richard Payson and Miss Georgiana M. Bishop.

Fifteen of the charter members are still very active in the Association. Mrs. Enos, who is 86, never fails to attend the annual meetings. She is just as keen and interested in golf as she was the day she helped start the organization that has meant so much to older golfers over the nation.

Mrs. S. S. Laird, Jr., who will soon celebrate her 76th birthday, participated in the 1950 Championship, playing 18 holes three days in succession. Only a year ago Mrs. Laird fell and broke her hip, and it was thought her golfing days were over—but not for one who has the courage and determination of Mrs. Laird.

This is one of the most unique championships held in the United States,

because you must be 50 to be eligible to join the Association.

There was a record of 115 contestants in the 1950 tournament at the Westchester Country Club, Rye, N. Y. Many scored in the low 80s, which was wonderful considering the course is hilly, with long carries over water. The winner was Mrs. Robert Meckley, of Washington, D. C., with a score of 82-85-167.

The thing that impresses you most about this event is the interest and enthusiasm of the golfers—and never will you see finer sportsmanship. The spirit and courage that prevail should be an inspiration to golfers everywhere.

With all the players staying at the Westchester Country Club, it was a very gay place—parties galore in the afternoon and dancing in the evening (with each other), everything from tango to waltz.

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wanted most, but during the 21 holes in the afternoon round he averaged 81.7 seconds per putt on his first putt and 59.7 when he was obliged to make a second effort. His low of 38 came on the first hole, and high of 166 on the 39th, where Frank froze and walked away from the ball to regain his concentration—but came back to miss.

Urzetta was faster and more consistent, having an average of 52.7 on his first putts and 37.5 with his seconds. A high of 80 came on the second extra hole and low of 35 seconds only was required on his championship-winning final putt.

Stranahan ran over the 100-seconds count six times. The majority of Urzetta's efforts were consistently between 45 and 55.

### How the Juniors Do It

Proof that four to five hours is not required for a round of championship play was furnished in this year's USGA Junior Championship at Denver.

In the third round Don Bisplinghoff

and Merritt Marcus played 18 holes in 2 hours 10 minutes, and the winner was two under par.

In the quarter-final round Eugene Hay eliminated Bisplinghoff, 4 and 3. The winner was four under par and the first nine was played in one hour.

The final between Mason Rudolph and Chuck Beville required 2 hours 40 minutes for 17 holes and was slowed by a sizeable gallery.

Since timing contestants on the putting greens during these two tournaments, we have made the same test on a number of golfers as they played in their regular Saturday club events. The results were interesting from a number of angles, one of which is that some players didn't realize the time they had been using on the greens.

The amount of time spent at putting might not contain a complete answer to the growing problem of "too much time required to play a round of golf," but a further study along these lines could lead to a step in the right direction.

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The younger generation could get many tips as to how golf should be played from the Seniors, as this Championship is played according to the strictest Rules of Golf, and often in weather that few players would venture out into.

Life begins at 50 with the Seniors. There is no other game but golf that women of our age can continue to play and enjoy. The Seniors have proven that golf will keep you young and active through the years, and give you more real pleasure than any other sport.

May there always be a Senior Championship!

## HORTON SMITH'S FORMULA

Swing your clubhead and play better golf. Swing freely in a circular arc and play more enjoyable golf. Preparation: Visualize your shot, plan your swing, aim club toward hole, adjust your stance and balance, get "clubhead feel," and swing.

Swing formula: Leg-based, arm-measured, hand-hit and head-anchored. Legs provide base and balance-in-motion and also generate force (leg drive). Arms measure circular arc, left arm and club form radius of swing circle. Shoulder-propelled arms act as swinging levers. Hand action (straightening of wrists) climaxes swing at impact. Left hand emphasizes holding, with right hand hitting. Hands give sense of feel and location of clubface. Head and spine are center and location point around which the swing revolves.

Playing good golf requires the ability to swing the clubhead along a given line (direction line) at a given pace.