

# Hands Across the Tee

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USGA EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

There is always keen international interest when our Walker Cup Team sails to do friendly battle with the cream of British amateurs for golf's most cherished team trophy. The trip this spring is of double interest. Besides the Match, there will be an attempt to bring about uniformity between British and American Rules of Golf, at least in substance if not in form.

The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, governing body of British golf, and the USGA are to have several days of conferences in May, as a climax to correspondence in recent months.

Isaac B. Grainger, a USGA Vice-President, heads the committee which will meet with the R. and A. Richard S. Tufts, Secretary, and Herbert Jaques, a former President, are the other members who have been doing the groundwork. Mr. Jaques will not make the trip abroad, but several USGA Executive Committeemen besides Messrs. Grainger and Tufts will be there, including James D. Standish, Jr., President; Totton P. Heffelfinger, Vice-President; John D. Ames, Treasurer; T. R. Garlington and Charles B. Grace.

The USGA representatives believe the two bodies will come to agreement on basic principles, especially penalties, although minor differences in language may continue.

Mr. Grainger, Chairman of the Rules of Golf Committee, told delegates to the USGA's annual meeting last month that his published report was in error in indicating that complete uniformity on fundamentals might be very difficult. More recent information shows that the two bodies are approaching one viewpoint.

## Walker Cup Team

Announcement of personnel of the 1951 Walker Cup Team was an item of principal interest at the USGA's 57th Annual Meeting, held at the Princeton

Club, in New York. The Team members are:

William C. Campbell, Huntington, W. Va.

Richard D. Chapman, Pinehurst, N. C.

Charles R. Coe, Oklahoma City

Robert W. Knowles, Jr., Boston

James B. McHale, Jr., Philadelphia

Harold D. Paddock, Jr., Cleveland

Frank R. Stranahan, Toledo

William P. Turnesa, Elmsford, N. Y., Captain

Sam Urzetta, Rochester, N. Y.

In case any Member is unable to make the trip, an invitation will be issued to one of the following alternates, in the order named:

Alfred J. Mengert, Spokane, Wash.

Harvie Ward, Jr., Tarboro, N. C.

Frank (Bud) Holscher, Santa Monica, Cal.

William L. Goodloe, Jr., Valdosta, Ga.

Dow H. Finsterwald, Athens, Ohio

## WALKER CUP AND CUPPERS



Wide World Photo

Sam Urzetta, left, the Amateur Champion, and William P. Turnesa, twice Champion and Captain of the 1951 Walker Cup Team, with the big silver trophy which they will help defend in England in May.



James D. Standish, Jr.

**1951 USGA OFFICIALS**

The following officers and Executive Committee were re-elected at the 57th Annual Meeting to serve the USGA in 1951:

- PRESIDENT**—James D. Standish, Jr., Detroit  
**VICE-PRESIDENTS**—Isaac B. Grainger, New York;  
 Totton P. Heffelfinger, Minneapolis  
**SECRETARY**—Richard S. Tufts, Pinehurst, N. C.  
**TREASURER**—John D. Ames, Chicago  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**—The above officers and:  
 J. Frederic Byers, Jr., Pittsburgh  
 Frederick L. Dold, Wichita, Kans.  
 T. R. Garlington, Atlanta  
 Charles B. Grace, Philadelphia  
 Lewis A. Lapham, San Francisco  
 Charles L. Peirson, Boston  
 Corydon Wagner, Tacoma, Wash.  
 James W. Walker, New York  
**GENERAL COUNSEL**—Fraser M. Horn, New York



Isaac B. Grainger



Totton P. Heffelfinger



Richard S. Tufts



John D. Ames

The Team will sail from New York April 27 in the SS Parthia. The Walker Cup Match is to be played May 11 and 12 at the Birkdale Golf Club, near Southport, England. The Team's members will play in the British Amateur Championship at the Royal Porthcawl Golf Club, near Cardiff, Wales, May 21-26.

Five members have had experience as Walker Cuppers — Chapman, Coe, McHale, Stranahan and Turnesa.

Captain Turnesa was Amateur Champion in 1938 and 1948 and British Amateur Champion in 1947. Coe won the 1949 Amateur Championship. Stranahan has won the British Amateur Championship twice and is the present holder. Chapman was Amateur Champion in 1940 and runner-up in the British last year. McHale was low amateur in the

Open last year and a British Amateur semi-finalist.

Sam Urzetta, our present Amateur Champion, will be making his first appearance on the Team. Campbell, a 1949 Amateur semi-finalist, has won the North and South Amateur in addition to his State open and amateur titles. Knowles was an Amateur semi-finalist last year besides winning the New England championship. Paddock is the Ohio Champion and the man who dethroned Coe at Minneapolis. He has performed remarkably in recent Amateur Championships.

**"Turf Management" Book**

The annual report of the USGA Executive Committee on its stewardship in 1950 highlighted publication of a book, "Turf Management," by Prof. H. B. Mus-

## 1951 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

The following Chairmen of USGA committees for 1951 have been appointed by James D. Standish, Jr., President:

Rules of Golf—Isaac B. Grainger, New York  
Championship—John D. Ames, Chicago

Implements and Ball—Charles B. Grace, Philadelphia

Amateur Status and Conduct—James W. Walker, New York

Membership—Lewis A. Lapham, San Francisco

Green Section—Richard S. Tufts, Pinehurst, N. C.  
Junior Championship—Richard S. Tufts, Pinehurst, N. C.

Women's—Mrs. Frank Goldthwaite, Fort Worth, Texas

Girls' Junior Championship—Mrs. Charles Dennehy, Chicago

Public Links—Totton P. Heffelfinger, Minneapolis  
Sectional Affairs—Charles L. Peirson, Boston

Handicap—William O. Blaney, Boston

International Relations—Charles W. Littlefield, New York

Museum—James W. Walker, New York

Public Relations—John D. Ames, Chicago

ser, financed by the USGA and published by McGraw-Hill. The book has been well received and promises to become a standard work for greenkeepers.

Richard S. Tufts, Chairman of the Green Section Committee, also called attention to the Green Section's service of advisory visits to member clubs on a fee basis. He cited as an outstanding feature of Green Section activities the development of the 1950 Turf Research Review, a compilation and catalog of turf projects, workers and publications in the United States.

William O. Blaney, Chairman, reported that the Handicap Committee had tried to devise methods of computing current handicaps (designed to show the at-the-moment state of a player's game) to supplement the USGA basic handicap system, but had not so far developed one it could recommend.

Charles B. Grace, Chairman of the Implements and Ball Committee, again called attention to the fact that any club made in such fashion as to permit adjustment during play is barred. He thanked golf equipment manufacturers for their cooperation in attempting to produce within specifications.

The Membership Committee report by Lewis A. Lapham, Chairman, pointed out that for the third successive year the Association's membership reached a new record total. At the end of the fiscal year, November 30, 1950, it was 1,448 clubs and courses.

The General Counsel, Fraser M. Horn, drew attention to hearings by New York State officials regarding probable setting of a minimum wage rate for caddies.

The Museum Committee, through James W. Walker, Chairman, recorded contributions from 35 donors for the collection in "Golf House."

The Treasurer, John D. Ames, reported that the year's operation produced excess of income over expenses of \$8,012.37.

## THE NOVICE GOLFER SPEAKS

Little golf ball on the tee,  
What will you do this stroke for me?

Will you sail before you bound  
And dance along the fairway ground?

Will you simply zoom along  
Above the earth as swift as song?

Will you from my aim depart  
If I should top you at the start?

Fluttering o'er the velvet green  
The next hole's pennant flag is seen.

Hazards—bunker, brook—and rough  
Will make the going really tough.

But the feel of sun and breeze,  
The sense of vastness, sight of trees

And shrubbery along the way  
Will blend into a joyous day.

Little golf ball on the tee,  
The hole-in-one, not yet I see;

But if we make it under ten,  
I think we'll try the course again.

—MARGARET RABE HAMILTON  
Harvey, Ill.

## Position Open

Due to the resignation of Leo Di Nardo, the Baldoc Hills Country Club, Irwin, Pa., has a vacancy for the position of golf professional. Applicants may address Joseph Soffer, managing director.