

SPORTSMAN'S CORNER

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FORMER OPEN AND AMATEUR CHAMPION

I have been extremely fortunate in having had good opponents to play against or good partners to play with in Championships. Nevertheless, I can quickly think of several acts of sportsmanship.

At Myopia, in the 1908 Open Championship, Gil Nicholls was disqualified through no fault of his own. His marker turned in a score that was one stroke lower than it should have been. Those were the days when the marker was a supreme being and little attention was given to re-checking the card at the conclusion of the round. The check was made at the end of each hole.

Scanning the board, prior to starting his final round, Gil noted the score posted for him was 75 and he knew himself it should have been 76. He knew also that to bring the matter to the notice of the USGA officials meant disqualification. He had made the 15th hole in 5, whereas the marker had given him a 4, which accounted for the discrepancy.

With proper fortitude and respect for the Rules and the game, and with full knowledge of the consequences, he advised the committee of the error and was promptly disqualified, the committee having no other alternative under the Rules.

However, they were so impressed with this fine display of sportsmanship that they allowed him to play his final round. His total of 331 tied that of John Jones for fifth place, but because of the disqualification his score could not pass into the

record book. This, I think, is interesting. Fifth and sixth money prizes in 1908 were \$70 and \$60. The USGA officials on hand reached into their pockets and presented him with the money he would have won. I am of the opinion Gil would have much preferred seeing his name placed in the records.

Mrs. Jackson's Penalty

Mrs. H. Arnold Jackson was not only a fine golfer but an outstanding sports-woman. As Miss Katherine Harley, she won the Women's Championship in 1908. Later, as Mrs. H. Arnold Jackson, she won the Championship in 1914.

Playing in the Women's Championship at Westchester-Biltmore in 1923, she reached the turn in the qualifying round in 43, remarkably good golf for a woman on this long course.

Playing the tenth hole, she drove her ball and it rolled down an embankment to the left, where her caddie located it, or thought he had. It was more or less buried in the long grass, and she played it onto the fairway.

From here she continued, and after holing out she discovered initials on the ball that were not her own. She promptly ruled herself out of the tournament, because she had played more than one stroke with the wrong ball, which, under the Rules, was the proper thing to do. Mrs. Jackson knew the Rule, knew the consequences, made her own decision and deserves a pat on the back for her sportsmanship.

CADDIE CARE

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assistance to 29 boys. Half of the Cleveland Association assessment on members of member clubs is allocated for caddie scholarship aid.

The Illinois Women's Golf Association has raised more than \$23,000 in the last nine years through Victory Tournaments at many clubs, and part of this has gone

to the Evans Scholars Foundation. Co-operating with the American Women's Voluntary Services, the IWGA has contributed to many other worth-while programs.

One of the Evans Scholars, Aelred Geis, was honored this spring as the outstanding Chicago area senior at Michigan State College. Geis, studying Wildlife Management, had registered the remark-