

# An Old Putter Finds a New Home

When an 18-year-old Boston golfer acquired a new putter one day in 1911, he certainly never dreamed that anybody would bother to write a story about it 41 years later.

But the things that Francis Ouimet did in golf back in the "old days" will long be subjects for chat. Thus it is that we record the recent addition of his trusty old putter to the Golf Museum and Library located in "Golf House", the USGA's headquarters in New York.

This is the putter with which Francis Ouimet, the unknown American amateur, defeated Harry Vardon and Ted Ray, the great British professionals, in a play-off for the 1913 USGA Open Championship. This is the putter with which he won the Massachusetts Amateur in 1913, the USGA Amateur and the French Amateur in 1914, the Western Amateur in 1917, and a host of other honors from 1911 through 1922.

The old wooden-shafted putter has come to the USGA collection through the great generosity of the Blagden Bulls, founded in 1922 as a club within a club in the Boston Athletic Association and composed of a limited membership of 25 sportsmen from metropolitan Boston. Mr. Ouimet has been a member of the Blagden Bulls, and he presented the putter to them in 1924.

The President of the Blagden Bulls, Paul O. MacBride, has written the USGA:

"This Club, following the closing of the home of the B. A. A., has continued its active existence in outside quarters in which this putter has been on display in a very important wall position as a constant reminder of the fine mutual friendship that carries on between our members and Francis."

A recent vote of the membership resulted in the new home for the doughty little club. The USGA records the contribution with deep gratitude to the Blagden Bulls.

The collection of historical items in the Golf Museum has grown apace since the opening of "Golf House" somewhat more than a year ago. A special fund of contributions for purchase and equipping of the building now stands at \$85,500. The total need is \$105,000.

More than 4,700 contributors have enrolled as Founders of "Golf House". Contributions are welcome from any golfer, club, association or anyone else interested in the game, and should be sent to:

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