
THROUGH THE GREEN

O. B.'s Portrait

Thanks to the Atlanta Golf Association, an excellent oil painting of the late O. B. Keeler is now hanging in "Golf House," and we're proud to have it there with the pictures of champions whose exploits he described with such skill.

O. B. wrote of golf in the ATLANTA JOURNAL and other publications for more than three decades and, as everyone knows, followed Bob Jones stroke by stroke through the thirteen major championships he won, as well as through those he lost. The designation "Jones' Boswell" was really never broad enough to fit O. B., however. O. B. made an indelible impression on the game in his own right, through his typewriter, and would have done so if Jones had never won a tournament.

The painting, which was done by Glascock Reynolds, an Atlanta artist and friend of O. B., was presented by W. D. P. McDowell, President of the Atlanta Golf Association, and by Mrs. Keeler. Also attending the ceremony were Mrs. Walter P. Andrews, of New York; Mrs. Ralph Kennedy, of New York; Mrs. Fred C. Page, of Pinehurst, N. C.; Mrs. Henry McLemore, of New York; Gerald P. Murphy, of New York; Mrs. Roland Reppert, of Pelham Manor, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ackerly, of Valley Stream, N. Y.; and Robert E. Harlow, John Derr, Whitney Martin and Pat Robinson, of the press.

One of the Nice Things

W. A. Moynihan, of Milwaukee, a member of our Junior Championship Committee, got his spade out last month and turned up an excellent entry in Wisconsin for our Junior Amateur Championship.

Then the Public Links Association there did a very nice thing. It rewarded the enthusiasm of the boys by raising

funds to send three qualifiers to the Championship proper at the Yale Golf Course, in New Haven, Conn. That's the sort of cooperation that makes the game go.

Are You a Gope?



A gope, as everyone around Washington and Oregon knows, is a golf dope, a person who lacks a sense of golf courtesy. A prevalent predator at all golf courses, he brings out the beast in even the most retiring linksman.

So say Rudy Lachenmeier and Dale Johnson, of Portland, Ore., who have published a pocket-sized pamphlet on the subject, susceptible of being passed forthwith to any of the eight types of gopes you may encounter.

"Gope No. 8," for instance, "carelessly walks through sand traps. He tramps the sand about gleefully, gloating in the fact that his tracks may cause others additional strokes. He loves to find muddy or newly seeded areas of the fairway and ruin the grass."

The authors point out: "The courteous golfer never disturbs sand traps except to play his shot. After he has played his stroke, he smoothes the sand with his club or with a rake. Neither does he step on

muddy or newly seeded areas unless necessary."

What the Girls Think

There was a long rainy day during the Junior Girls' Championship at the Onwentsia Club, in Lake Forest, Ill., last year, and Mrs. Charles Dennehy, the Chairman of the USGA Committee, suggested that the girls improve the moist hours by setting down on paper their thoughts about the game of golf.

Their comments revealed many facets of the young mind, all interesting, and there is no reason to believe that girl golfers in the 1952 Championship at the Monterey Peninsula Country Club, in Pebble Beach, Cal., or elsewhere, think any differently.

Miss Arlene Brooks, of the Annandale Golf Club, Pasadena, Cal., who was to win the 1951 Championship, wrote: "Good sportsmanship is always a must in my mind. If nothing else, golf teaches one to be a good sport, a good loser if he must and a better golfer . . . I am happy that I am physically able to participate in these tournaments, and very grateful to the women who give their time to give them to us."

Another entrant said: "The junior events are wonderful for kids. You meet lots of people, learn to get along with everyone. Golf calls for courtesy, patience, control of the emotions and some acknowledgment of the rights of others."

There was frank talk, too.

One contestant wrote: "One of the biggest problems is the lack of interest shown by some clubs in junior golf. With no one to encourage or help her along, a youngster will soon lose her interest in golf . . . Junior tournaments sponsored by members of the club would certainly encourage the juniors."

Another commented: "Some older women dislike playing with girls younger, especially if the junior can beat them. Consequently, the junior will drop out and find some other sport where there are girls her age."

Still another, a true Californian, said: "Take girls' junior golf in California, for

instance. Everything seems to be in their favor. The adult golfers there are behind the juniors all the way. They sponsor tournaments and make them as enjoyable as possible. One of the most admirable things is that they have a wonderful attitude when they are played and beaten by the youngsters. In the East, junior tournaments are few and far between. The adults dislike very much being defeated by juniors and make it very obvious."

Generally, though, there was appreciation, as exemplified by one young writer who remarked: "The national organizations are really making a wonderful effort, but it's too bad the local organizations aren't doing more."

Dinner Talk

The Kittansett Club's invitations for its delightful Hen & Chickens mixed foursome tournament at Marion, Mass., contained the following: "A dinner will be held at which opinions may be expressed concerning the character and playing ability of the various teams."

Miss Suggs' 284

The level of women's golf in this country was emphasized in startling fashion when Miss Louise Suggs played four rounds over the Bala Golf Club course, near Philadelphia, in four under even fours to win the Women's Open Championship. That is golf, even though the course is on the short side at 5,460 yards, and as far as we can determine it is the lowest 72-hole score ever turned in by a woman in major competition. Miss Suggs' rounds were 70-69-70-75 for 284, eight over par, and she won by seven strokes over Miss Betty Jameson. There were two 67s in the course of the tournament. Miss Marilynn Smith made one in the second round, and Miss Marlene Bauer made another in the third round.

Golf in the Olympics

The Olympic Games are scheduled for Australia in 1956, and Australian golfers have decided to try to include golf in the games program. This is not a new

idea but previous proposals have not met with favor. The British publication *GOLF ILLUSTRATED* doubts if the Australians will succeed although it admits that golf has as good a claim as many other sports which are included in the Olympic program. There is the question of finance, of course. Several countries have had the greatest difficulty in raising funds to send even a few men to Helsinki for the 1952 games, and only a few nations will want an extension of numbers in their representation in future games.

Sound Advice

"Don't spend too much time lining up putts," Jack Burke, Jr., advises. "A quick survey of the green should tell you just what line the putt will take. The problem is to stroke the ball right. Concentrate on that."

For the President

"Even more humbling than my golf game."

These are the words Totton P. Heffelfinger, President of the USGA, used to describe the testimonial dinner given in his honor by his club, the Minikahda Club, of Minneapolis.

The treatment which brought about this description was applied by L. N. Perin, the Vice-President of the club; B. H. Ridder, Jr., President of the Minnesota Golf Association; John P. Drews, Vice-President of the Town and Country Club, of St. Paul; Cargill MacMillan, President of the Woodhill Country Club; C. T. Jaffray, founder of the Minikahda Club, and Henry C. Mackall, a Governor of the Minikahda Club.

The Turnesa System

The wolf-pack style of attack which the Turnesa family has been making on the PGA Championship over the last twenty-five years proved its value when Jim, second youngest of the family, defeated Chick Harbert, 1 up, in the final at the Big Spring Golf Club, Louisville, Ky.

Jim was representing the Elmsford,

SPORTSMAN'S CORNER

All of us have a moral responsibility to set a good example, but in golf the professional has it to a high degree.

The professional is a sort of high priest. If he is a club pro, he is expected to know all there is to know about every phase of the game. If he is essentially a tournament player, his every mannerism is carefully studied and aped by thousands of persons.

Some tournament players have set some rather horrible examples in recent weeks, as witness:

One was fined for profanity during a tournament by the Professional Golfers' Association of America.

Three were reminded by USGA officials of the evils of club-throwing during the Open Championship.

One thumbed his nose at another during a match in the PGA Championship.

In pleasant contrast, there was a little conversation between Ben Hogan and Ed Oliver as they started off on the final round of the Open. Both were in serious contention for the Championship, and they were playing companions.

They drove from the first tee, and as they walked down the fairway this private little exchange took place:

Ben Hogan: "Good luck to you, Ed."

Ed Oliver: "The same to you, Ben."

It is not accidental that those two nearly won the Championship, whereas some others wasted some of their efforts in beating themselves.

N. Y., family in the final for the fourth time. Brother Joe lost to Walter Hagen in 1927. Jim, himself, lost to Sam Snead in 1942. And brother Mike lost to Ben Hogan in 1948. It is doubtful if any other family ever has imprinted itself so firmly over the history of a major championship; certainly no other family ever has held both the professional and amateur championships in this country, as the Turnesas have through brothers Jim and Willie.

Jim and Willie were the babies of the family, and Jim learned golf the hard way by playing against Willie for a very

important stake—the use of the family automobile, which was owned and controlled by older brother Doug. Doug permitted Jim and Willie to use it one evening a week. This would have been fine if their social lives had followed parallel courses, but unfortunately they followed opposite courses. The weekly disagreement was settled, gentlemen's fashion, on the Fairview Country Club course—winner to have the car for the evening and loser to walk.

Alex Ross

The death of Alex Ross, in Miami, Fla., deprives the golf world of another of the famous old players who gave the game stature and leadership in its earliest years. A brother of the late Donald Ross, Alex was the Open Champion in 1907 and presided for years in the shop at the Detroit Golf Club.

The Canadian Amateur

It may come as news to some that the Canadian Amateur Championship is an older competition than our own Amateur Championship. The first Canadian Amateur was held in August, 1895, while the first USGA Amateur was not played until October of that year. Yet this is not really surprising. The Royal Montreal Golf Club was the first permanent golf club founded on this continent, and the first USGA Amateur Champion, the late Charles Blair Macdonald, was born in Canada.

All this comes to mind because the Canadian Amateur this year will be played at the Capilano Golf and Country Club, in Vancouver, during the week following the USGA Amateur at the Seattle Golf Club. The United States entry, therefore, probably will be considerable. United States players have won the Canadian title in only eight of the forty-seven playings. Scotty Campbell and Frank Stranahan each have won it twice, and Eddie Held, Fred Haas, Jr., Ted Adams and Dick Chapman each have won once. The present Champion is Walter McElroy, of Vancouver.

West Coast Office Open

The West Coast Regional Office of the USGA Green Section is now open for service under the Regional Director, Charles G. Wilson. The address is:

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With the Collegians

The new champion of the National Collegiate Athletic Association is Jim Vickers, of the University of Oklahoma, who beat Eddie Merrins, of Louisiana State University, 1 up, with a birdie 4 on the last hole in the final on the Purdue University golf course. Billy Maxwell, the Amateur Champion, was eliminated in the early rounds. North Texas State won team honors for the fourth successive year.

Travelogue

The July issue of THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE contains a lengthy, illustrated article by our friend, Ralph A. Kennedy, of the Winged Foot Golf Club, Mamaroneck, N. Y., detailing some of his unusual experiences in playing 3,000 golf courses in fourteen lands. Mr. Kennedy is the all-time world champion in this phase of golf, and he selected the occasion of his visit to St. Andrews, Scotland, to play his 3,000th course as the time to pause and set down his memoirs.

Mr. Kennedy, who is 70, figures there are about 7,500 golf courses in the world, two-thirds of them in the United States, so he still has work to do. Incidentally, Mrs. Kennedy has played some 600 courses, which may be a record for women.

