

A New International Team

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A golf-watcher can indulge himself deeply if he happens to be on the Pacific Coast this month of August, especially in the Pacific Northwest. Here is why:

August 14-15—First Match for The Americas Cup, among Canada, Mexico and the United States, at the Seattle Golf Club, Seattle, Wash.

August 18-23—52nd USGA Amateur Championship, at the Seattle Golf Club.

August 18-21—4th USGA Girls' Junior Championship, Monterey Peninsula Country Club, Pebble Beach, Cal.

August 25-30—52nd USGA Women's Amateur Championship, Waverley Country Club, Portland, Ore.

August 25-30—Canadian Amateur Championship, Capilano Golf and Country Club, Vancouver, B.C.

When the divots have been replaced after these competitions, the West Coast, and particularly the Pacific Northwest, may well be our most golf-conscious section, and almost certainly will have developed a whole new legion of good-will ambassadors from among the visitors. The courses are of outstanding beauty.

The Americas Cup Match

The Americas Cup Match involves seven-man teams of amateurs representing the Royal Canadian Golf Association, the Asociacion Mexicana de Golf, and the USGA. The trophy is being presented by Jerome P. Bowes, Jr., of Chicago, former President of the Western Golf Association.

The first day will be devoted to three 36-hole "sixsome" matches, in each of which each Association will be represented by two players playing alternate strokes and competing simultaneously against the other two sides.

The second day's program comprises

six 36-hole three-ball matches, in each of which each Association will be represented by one player competing simultaneously against the other two.

Each match will be played to a conclusion, with extra holes if need be. Each match won will be scored as one point, and the Team with the most points will win the Cup.

Quite aside from the competition, the event is expected to stimulate friendship and sportsmanship among the three countries. Perhaps other countries in the Americas will enter the series in future years. For the present, it is to be played every other year on a triangular basis, rotated among the countries concerned.

Selection of the USGA Team reveals a surprising number of changes in the top group of United States amateurs since the 1951 Walker Cup Team was chosen about 18 months ago. Four members of the Americas Cup Team are new to this sort of international golf.

The USGA side is as follows:

Charles R. Coe, Captain, of Oklahoma City. USGA Amateur Champion in 1949, member of the Walker Cup Teams of 1949 and 1951, runner-up in the 1951 British Amateur, winner Western and Trans-Mississippi Amateur Championships.

Joseph F. Gagliardi, of Larchmont, N. Y. Runner-up in 1951 USGA Amateur, during which he defeated the last two previous Champions, Charles Coe and Sam Urzetta. Winner of 1951 Metropolitan (New York) Amateur.

Frank R. Stranahan, of Toledo. British Amateur Champion 1948-50, runner-up 1952. Runner-up USGA Amateur 1950. Member Walker Cup Teams 1947-49-51. Winner of Canadian, Western, Mexican, North and South Amateur and several



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open tournaments. Tied for second in 1947 British Open.

Sam Urzetta, East Rochester, N. Y. USGA Amateur Champion 1950. Member 1951 Walker Cup Team.

Kenneth P. Venturi, of San Francisco. Present California Amateur Champion and Northern California stroke play Champion; runner-up in first USGA Junior Championship 1948.

Harvie Ward, Jr., of Atlanta. Present British Amateur Champion, 1949 National Collegiate Champion, former North and South Amateur Champion.

Billy Joe Maxwell, of Odessa, Texas. Present USGA Amateur Champion.

An invitation to be a member of the team was extended to Richard D. Chapman, of Pinehurst, N. C., but the former USGA and British Champion declined because of other arrangements.

In the event a member of the Team is obliged to withdraw, William C. Campbell, of Huntingdon, W. Va., will be available as first alternate.

Canada's Team comprises:

Phil Farley, Captain, of Toronto
 Percy Clogg, Vancouver, B. C.
 Peter C. Kelly, Fredericton, N. B.
 Jerry Kesselring, Kitchener, Ont.
 Bill Mawhinney, Vancouver, B. C.
 Walter McElroy, Vancouver, B. C.
 Nick K. Weslock, Hamilton, Ont.



Frank R. Stranahan



Billy Maxwell



Joseph F. Gagliardi

For the Mexican side, the non-playing Captain is Pedro Suinaga, President of the Asociacion Mexicana de Golf. The Team has not yet been announced.

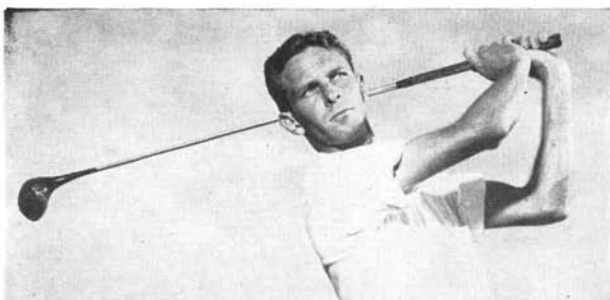
All 21 players in the Americas Cup Match will be automatically eligible for the USGA Amateur Championship. The field for the all-match-play event at Seattle will consist of 200, most of whom are determined by sectional qualifying.

With the Ladies

Hard by the Willamette River in Portland is the well-groomed course of the Waverley Country Club. This fine old organization is entertaining the Women's Amateur Championship in the week immediately after the Seattle doings.

Waverley is an ideal test for the ladies. The course has great variety and charm throughout its 6,323 yards. Par will be 73 for those seeking to take over Miss Dorothy Kirby's position as Champion.

This Championship will be immediately preceded by the Girls' Junior event at California's Monterey Peninsula Country Club. Visiting players and golf-watchers alike are in for a treat, for the section abounds in real golf courses.



Captain Charles R. Coe



Sam Urzetta