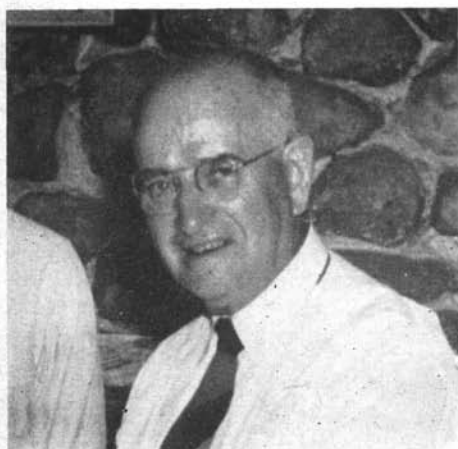

THROUGH THE GREEN

Fifty Years A Golfer

In the last decade, a good many golf clubs discovered they had been in existence for fifty years and made appropriate celebration of their golden anniversaries. If a celebration can be arranged for a club, why not for an individual?

The Northampton (Mass.) Country Club decided it would be equally fitting to arrange a little party for Fred D. Cary, who is this summer enjoying his fiftieth year as a golfer, and the party turned



Fred D. Cary

into a whole Day. The members turned out to compete for the Fred D. Cary Plaque, to attend a congratulatory dinner and to present the honored guest with a suitably inscribed wrist watch. Mr. Cary responded with some enlightening reminiscence, in the course of which he made a rough estimate of the number of times he had "given up the game for good." It was a rewarding day for everyone there.

Atoms and Golf Balls

The Merion Golf Club's atomic con-

sciousness was jolted recently. It found out, down in Philadelphia, that, when you strike a stone with a golf club, it goes practically nowhere because the stone's atoms are locked in a closed pattern. But a golf ball really goes places because its atoms are strung out in chains.

A Captain in Each Match

One of the many Clubs which have decided to do something about slow play, breaches of etiquette and disregard of the Rules of Golf is the Aldecross Country Club, in Alpine, N. J. What it is doing is novel and, to our mind, worthy of emulation.

The starter at the first tee is appointing a Captain for each group of players, normally the lowest-handicapped player since he is presumed to know more about the Rules and customs of the game.

The Captain is not actually a policeman, but he has certain police functions. In the words of Irving S. Raskin, "he will see that the other three men in his group move quickly, pay attention to such details as smoothing sand in traps and replacing divots, leave the green before they compute their scores, abide by the Rules and turn in their scorecards for handicap purposes.

"The general attitude of late has been something to worry about," Mr. Raskin continues. "The lack of attention to etiquette and conduct on the course has made maintenance a much more expensive item than it should be. Slowness of play is an even more distressing factor.

"Personally, I think it is about time that a back-to-golf campaign was started. More time is spent by these 'winter-rules' golfers in moving their balls from side-hill lies, from rough and from branches of trees than in actually hitting a shot. By eliminating 'winter rules', we can cut

a minimum of thirty minutes from each round.

"We also plan for a month to note the time when each group leaves the first tee and check it in at the eighteenth hole. In that time, we will have a good idea of who the slow ones really are, and we can start them later in the day."

Man's World?

The No. 1 players of several college golf teams in the Pacific Northwest had anomalous experiences last spring. When they teed off against the Seattle University team, they found themselves bracketed with an opponent who was not only a freshman but a girl. The girl's name was Miss Patricia Ann Lesser, of the Sand Point Country Club, in Seattle.

Miss Lesser, who won the USGA Girls' Junior Championship in 1950, won her place on the Seattle University team by scoring a 72 in the first try-out and she maintained it by going to the turn in 31 in a match against Portland, and by defeating the No. 1 men on the Oregon State and Gonzaga teams.

For these opponents, and others to come in the next three years, there seems



Miss Pat Lesser

to be little relief in sight. Pat turned 19 just before the Women's Amateur Championship, holds the Pacific Northwest, Washington and Oregon Championships, gained the semi-final of the Women's Amateur and seems to be moving into her prime, under the tutelage of Charley Congdon. She confesses, however, that, while she enjoyed playing on the Seattle University team, she prefers playing with girls against girls.

Two More Calcuttas Die

We have never believed that Calcutta pools had any place in golf championships, because large-scale gambling has contributed to the disintegration of too many other sports. Therefore we hail any word of the abandonment of these pools. The latest word comes from New Orleans, where both city and state championships were played without Calcuttas this year. The folks in New Orleans clearly have been thinking of the best long-term interest of the game, and we congratulate them.

Junior Internationalists

Ten juniors from Washington, D. C., have returned from Canada sadder but vastly richer in the happy experiences which go with international golf. The boys, supervised by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Emmet, visited the Mississauga Golf and Country Club, near Toronto, to represent the District of Columbia against the Province of Ontario, where a strong junior program is developing, in the second match for the Simpson Cup. The District of Columbia won last year at the Columbia Country Club, near Washington, 8 to 3, but Ontario turned the tables this year, 7 to 5.

It was a close thing, however, and the wounds of defeat were quickly healed by Canadian hospitality. The boys were met at Buffalo by Royal Canadian Golf Association officials, were guests of the Club at a dinner on the night of their arrival, were guests of Acting Mayor Leslie H. Saunders at luncheon on the day of the match and received mementoes at the

conclusion of play from Prime Minister Frost, of Ontario. C. Ross Somerville refereed the top match in which Jerry Knechtel, of Kitchener, defeated Perky Cullinane, of Washington. On the way home, the Washington boys visited "Golf House" and made a complete tour of the Museum and Library.

Buffalo Golfers Endure

Two years ago, we asked if there was anything to beat W. Hamilton Gardner's feat of winning the championship of the Country Club of Buffalo over a span of thirty-five years. No one answered.

We still know of nothing to beat it, but we know of something to tie it. Last season Paul Hyde defeated Gardner in the final of the same championship to win exactly thirty-five years after *his* first victory.

The Fessenden Fund

The Western Golf Association has taken another, and inevitable, step in its caddie welfare program. Through its Evans Scholars Foundation, it has been helping to provide college educations for needy and deserving former caddies. Now it is establishing the Fessenden Memorial Fund to help some of these former caddies carry out post-graduate work in preparation for specialized professions. The new Fund honors the late Maynard G. Fessenden, a former President of the WGA. It is expected that half a dozen boys may benefit from it this academic year.

When James Won

The Amateur Championship of fifty years ago was marked by three distinctive features.

Louis N. James, of Chicago, the winner, was one of the youngest Champions we have had. He was only 19 and had been playing golf only three years. (Robert A. Gardner later also won at 19.)

His victory wrested the Championship from the East, in the person of Eben M.

SPORTSMAN'S CORNER

The following is a Decision issued recently by the Rules of Golf Committee of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland:

R & A 52-60
R. 31-2

Q: In a recent county championship in which I was playing, 36 holes stroke play, my ball came to rest in the heather touching a skylark's nest containing four young birds. To have played my stroke would have meant smashing the nest and destroying the young birds, as the nest was in front of my ball in the line of play. Human nature does not permit of such a thing, and fortunately my golf that day had bearing on ultimate results. I picked up and dropped two club-lengths behind in the heather but did not count any penalty strokes. I pointed out the circumstances to my fellow-competitor, who saw the lie. I am fully aware of the unplayable-ball Rule but considered the circumstances as not coming within this rule. My ball was very much playable, in fact in a good lie, far better than I got from the drop. What is the correct action in these circumstances?

Question by: THE SECRETARY
PORTSMOUTH GOLF CLUB
ENGLAND

A: The Rules of Golf do not legislate specifically for the circumstances you describe. The Rules of Golf Committee are of opinion that the nest should be regarded as an immovable obstruction and the ball dropped under Rule 31-2.

Byers, in culmination of a strong inter-sectional rivalry.

The final, at the Glen View Club, was about as wet as any final has ever been.

Despite the elements, James played his morning round in 84 and was 2 up. He went to the turn in 44 after lunch to pick up another hole and won, 4 and 2, with a ten-yard putt for a 2 on the thirty-fourth green.

Successive Birdies

We'd be happy to have authentic evidence regarding the record for consecutive birdies.

In the meantime, we submit the most spectacular exhibit we recall in that line. Jack Hesler, of Crawfordsville, Ind., a member of the golf team at Purdue University, made eight successive birdies starting at the tenth hole while scoring a nine-under-par 61 in a four-ball at the nine hole course of the Crawfordsville Country Club on August 29, 1949. His card read:

	Out									
Par	4	4	3	4	5	4	4	3	4	—35
Hesler	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	3	4	—34
	In									
Par	4	4	3	4	5	4	4	3	4	—35—70
Hesler	3	3	2	3	4	3	3	2	4	—27—61



Why Golf?

Many eloquent arguments have been made in behalf of golf, perhaps the most famous of which is the renowned definition of the game by David R. Forgan, native of St. Andrews who later settled in Chicago.

A powerful new argument for playing golf appeared in the program of the Fifth Annual Gulf Coast Invitational and was forwarded to us by Dr. Kermit Chadwick,

of Edgewater Park, Miss. This brief recommendation of the game concerns its healthful aspect, and was written by Dr. Henry Boswell, superintendent of the Mississippi State Sanatorium for more than 30 years. Although he is past 70, Dr. Boswell plays golf every day, rain or shine. Here is his attitude toward the game, called "Why Golf":

"Golf is one major sport that can be participated in by all age groups, from the very young to the very old. To the young and middle age group it is a fine, competitive sport, competitive against your opponent and always against the golf course itself. To the older group it is a recreational sport that involves the lowest expenditure of energy of any major sport. It is a wonderful recreation and relaxing sport for the tired professional man and business executive. There is no question that many men's lives are prolonged by consistently exercising on the golf course, including a relaxation from their daily troubles, and it protects them in a great measure from certain types of heart disease and the 'so-called' nervous breakdowns.

"The golf course is a wonderful test for a man. It brings out his innate honesty and his ability to control himself under competitive circumstances. I know of no place anywhere that will equal a golf course in determining the character and fitness of a man. Many executives, who are hiring people for responsible positions, take advantage of this by having them out on the golf course for a game, thus giving a splendid indication of how they will stand up in the competitive business world and how honest they will be, whatever work is assigned to them.

"In this turbulent world of ours, where selfishness seems to prevail to a large measure and where friendships are forgotten, the golf course is a wonderful antidote, a place where close friendships are made and better understanding of neighborly living and of brotherly love among those who participate, and naturally this extends to others with whom they associate."