
THROUGH THE GREEN

The Senior Partner Delivers

Being a conscientious Green Committee Chairman, Philip Brown was deeply concerned when the course became parched and began to go bad last July at the Maidstone Club, East Hampton, N. Y.

In the locker room one Saturday afternoon he spied some one who, he thought, might be the very person to help him. He asked him if he could arrange for some rain.

"Well," said the other man, "I'll speak to The Boss. When would you like it?"

"How about tonight, and tomorrow night?"

"That's pretty short notice, but I'll try. Better give me some alternative dates."

Mr. Brown suggested the following Wednesday or Thursday.

Nothing happened over the week-end in the way of water. Nothing happened Wednesday. But at about noon on Thursday there was a wonderful deluge.

Mr. Brown promptly sent a telegram of thanks to his friend, who was then in Pittsburgh. In a day or two he received the following letter in reply from the Rt. Rev. Austin Pardue, Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Pittsburgh:

"We are pleased to know of your satisfaction concerning the delivery of rain which was promised you this week on behalf of my Senior Partner and myself. We assure you that there will be no delivery charge, although we would have you bear in mind that in this life nothing is free — not even salvation.

"Should you like further delivery, we would be pleased to give consideration to an abundance of the desired commodity on each Sunday morning between the hours of 8 A. M. and 1 P. M.

"Naturally we would expect the Committee to report at one of our various branch offices, Protestant, Catholic or

Jewish, during at least part of the time during delivery.

"Again, we are happy over your satisfaction and assure you that we stand ready to serve your needs at any time."

Golfers in Politics

Jack Westland, of Everett, Wash., the Amateur Champion, Prescott S. Bush, of Greenwich, Conn., a former President of the USGA, and Barry M. Goldwater, of Phoenix, Ariz., a four-handicap entrant in the Amateur last August, all have been elected to Congress, and it would seem possible that they might be able to settle some of their legislative questions in a four-ball with President Eisenhower. Eisenhower is, of course, an enthusiastic member of the Augusta National Golf Club, where he spends vacations, and plays in the 80s.

Westland will represent the Second Washington District in the House of Representatives for the next two years. Bush will represent Connecticut in the Senate for the next four years, having been elected to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator Brien McMahon. Goldwater, a brother of Bob, will represent Arizona in the Senate for the next six years, having defeated the incumbent, Senator McFarland. All three are Republicans and will be serving for the first time.

Eisenhower will be our first golfing President since Harding, who died in 1923. When in Washington in the past, he has played at the Burning Tree Club.

Bob Jones' Portrait

The painting of Bob Jones, which is being given to "Golf House" by some members of the Augusta National Golf Club, will, we expect, be formally presented on the afternoon of the Association's annual meeting, January 31, and will fill an obvious void here.

Thomas E. Stephens, of New York, an artist who painted many of the nation's leading citizens, has been working on the portrait for some time, and it is now nearly completed. The gift is the suggestion of Clifford Roberts, but several other members of the Augusta National share in the contribution.

Stephens also has been commissioned to do a portrait of Francis Ouimet, in his red coat as Captain of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland. This portrait, too will hang in "Golf House" as a contribution from William H. Danforth and Edward E. Lowery.

Country Club of Detroit and Merion

The Amateur Championship will return to the Country Club of Detroit, in Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich., in 1954, after a lapse of thirty-nine years.

The Country Club of Detroit last entertained the Championship in 1915, when Robert A. Gardner won for the second time by defeating the late John G. Anderson in the final. It happens to be the home club of James D. Standish, Jr., President of the USGA in 1950 and 1951, and Mr. Standish was a quarter-finalist in that 1915 Championship.

The 1954 Curtis Cup Match will be played at the Merion Golf Club, in Ardmore, Pa., scene of nine previous USGA competitions.

The dates of both will be fixed later.

Mawhinney and Hunter Turn Pro

Bill Mawhinney, of Vancouver, Canada, who lost in the semi-final round of the Amateur Championship at Seattle last August, has announced his intention of competing on the United States winter tour as a professional.

Macgregor Hunter, former California Amateur Champion, also has given up his amateur status to accept a position as playing professional at the Riviera Country Club, near Los Angeles, where his father, Willie Hunter, is head professional.

Both have great golf games, and we wish them every success.

Who Has an Old Vise?

This note is addressed to old-time professionals.

We are most anxious to find one of the old-fashioned, spring-jaw vises used by club-makers in the era which ended in the early 1900s, and would appreciate any information any of our readers may have on where such a vise might be procured.

Foxburg's Sixty-fifth

The Foxburg Country Club in Foxburg, Pa., calmly celebrated the sixty-fifth anniversary of its founding, in 1887, with a tea and buffet supper on September 27.

A Matter of Opinion

One of the most common questions, in sports discussions, concerns the relative abilities of players of different generations. There is, of course, no absolute answer, which may explain why the question has persisted.

The PGA and the WASHINGTON POST recently undertook to determine a consensus on the question for golf by asking its 3,032 member professionals and 900 newspaper and radio men to submit on ballots their choices as the ten leading native or naturalized United States amateurs and professionals of the last fifty years. More than 500 responded, and the results were:

	PROFESSIONALS		AMATEURS
Ben Hogan	522	Bob Jones	515
Walter Hagen	519	Chick Evans	447
Gene Sarazen	504	Francis Ouimet	446
Sam Snead	499	Lawson Little	389
Byron Nelson	491	Frank Stranahan	365
Tommy Armour	351	Willie Turnesa	331
Lloyd Mangrum	304	Johnny Goodman	307
Macdonald Smith	172	Jerry Travers	269
Ralph Guldahl	145	Dick Chapman	211
Jimmy Demaret	117	George Von Elm	203

We have no quarrel with the consensus on a matter such as this, but we note with surprise that, among others, Walter Travis and Jess Sweetser were not rated among the ten greatest amateurs and Johnny McDermott and Willie Anderson were not placed among the ten greatest professionals.

Golf of Our Fathers

W. K. Montague, of Duluth, Minn., has written a golf book based on a really sound premise.

"Like most of my golfing friends and, probably, like most American golfers," he writes, "I started playing golf with little appreciation of its spirit and no knowledge of its traditions. The other day I met a man who had caught brook trout for years without ever casting a fly or hearing of Izaak Walton. Our golf courses are crowded with club wielders who have as little conception of the nature of the game they are trying to play. And not all of these are in the dub class. In the hope that some of them can be led to a different outlook on the game, this book is written.

The book is entitled "The Golf of Our Fathers" and is being privately printed and distributed by Mr. Montague. We can only say that recipients are fortunate individuals.

Junior Sectional Qualifying

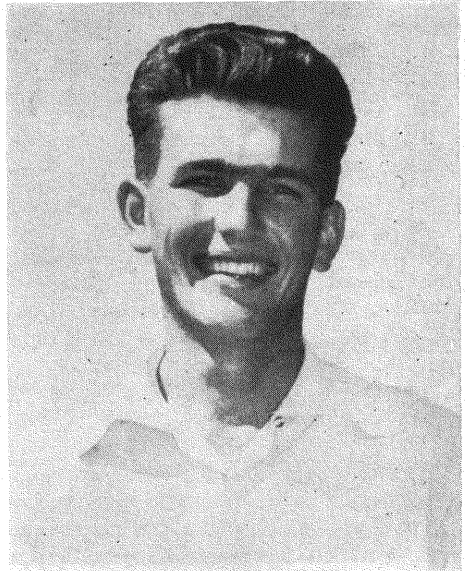
In order to give qualifiers for the 1953 Junior Amateur Championship more time to reach the Championship proper at the Southern Hills Country Club, in Tulsa, Okla., the date for sectional qualifying has been changed from Tuesday, July 21, to Monday, July 20.

Fifty Years of Westerns

The Women's Western Golf Association has started its fiftieth year and Mrs. John Eliot Warner, of the Glen View Club, Golf, Ill., has become the new President. This marked the second time the Association has had a golden celebration. In 1950 the Golden Championship of the WWGA was played at the Exmoor Country Club. After two tournaments had been conducted by the Western Golf Association, a men's group, the women in and around Chicago decided in 1903 to inaugurate their own association and to conduct the already well known Championship for Women of the WGA. On a

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SPORTSMAN'S CORNER



Dave Stanley

Courage has many facets, but underlying all of them are persistence and hope. Often these qualities are rewarded.

There is, for example, the case of the son of the coal miner in Pittston, Pa., whose right hip had been gradually ravaged by osteomyelitis for eleven years and who had suffered three attacks of rheumatic fever. He walked in pain, and he was permitted to place no strain on his heart.

Hardly a promising start for a golfer.

At the age of 15, an operation on the hip was successful beyond highest hopes, but the boy still was debarred from athletic activity and moved to Los Angeles, so that the sunshine might further his recovery.

In his quest for extra money, he began to caddie and work part-time at the Montebello municipal course. At first, he didn't even dare to avail himself of his opportunity to play with the other caddies on Mondays, but eventually the contagious enthusiasm of the many good golfers there reached him, and he began to risk some practice strokes on the driving range. Then he risked a few tentative starts in competitions.

Five years later his courage was rewarded. A healthy young man, Dave Stanley won the Amateur Public Links Championship, at the Brown Deer Park Golf Course in Milwaukee in 1951.

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hot day in July, 1903, delegates from twenty-one clubs assembled in Chicago and formed the WPGA.

It now has 308 member clubs, and last season conducted three championships.

Meanwhile, the WGA also has conducted its fiftieth Amateur Championship, at the Exmoor Country Club, and Frank Stranahan reversed the result of the British Amateur final by defeating Harvie Ward, Jr., 3 and 2. It was Stranahan's fourth victory in the event.

In a Fog

Francis Ouimet tells the story of a game he had with John Beck, once Captain of the British Walker Cup Team, on a Scottish morning so foggy that the players could scarcely see each other and the finding of a ball became as important as the execution of a stroke.

Beck prowled along one fairway for some 300 yards in search of his ball and finally, by rare good fortune, came upon his caddie.

"Where's my ball," he asked.

"Mr. Beck," the caddie responded, "You haven't hit your drive yet."

Mr. Grace's Aces

At the age of 74, Eugene Grace has made his fourth hole-in-one. He holed a No. 4 iron tee shot on the 159-yard eleventh hole at the Saucon Valley Country Club, Bethlehem, Pa.

That is where Mr. Grace and his fellow-members were such wonderful hosts to the contestants in the 1951 Amateur Championship. Mr. Grace is Chairman of the Board of Bethlehem Steel Co.

Public Course Operation

RECREATION, the official publication of the National Recreation Association, carried in a recent issue a summary of a survey made by Bridgeport, Conn., of the

operations of 56 public courses in 1951. The meat of the summary, of course, is contained in a lengthy and detailed tabulation, but the summary also produced the following conclusions of general interest:

"1. Of the 56 cities reporting, 33 operated their golf courses on a self-supporting basis; 23 did not. In some cases the profits from concessions and refectories are included in the course income; in others it is not.

"2. The cost of operation per player varies from 31 cents to \$1.81, the average being around 65 cents. Many factors must be considered, mainly the type of maintenance and condition of the course. A properly maintained course will attract all golf enthusiasts.

"3. Season-ticket policy and charges vary quite a bit, with several attractive reductions for women and juniors. The cost of daily tickets for 9 or 18 holes also varies. The average green fee for 18 holes is \$1.00 and for 9 holes, 60 cents. Many courses have discontinued a 9-hole ticket, but others have substituted a twilight, reduced rate after 5 P.M. About half the courses increase the daily ticket rate on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

"4. Where concessions or refectories are in operation, 31 are let out on contract; 16 are operated by the city itself; eight are run by the pro, usually as a part of his compensation; one by a caretaker, and one by a steward. Seventeen serve complete meals; twenty serve beer, and only three serve liquor. The income to the city from this source varies greatly.

"5. Most of the cities listed are in the northern half of the United States, but even in this territory, weather conditions vary quite a bit. Of the 56 cities, 21 keep their courses open during the winter, although a few make no charge during this period."