



THROUGH THE GREEN

Ben Hogan Philosophizes

Ben Hogan, who represents the triumph of mind over matter, revealed just an inkling of his approach to golf when he visited "Golf House" in the course of his welcome to New York to present the ball he used on the last hole at Carnoustie to the USGA Museum.

"Golf is a game of mistakes," he said. "You don't hit more than one or two shots perfectly in a whole round, and there are many other factors you cannot control. The ball may come out of its lie differently than you expect. The wind conditions may deceive you or change while the ball is in flight. The ball may take a weird bounce when it lands.

"For any one of these reasons, a ball can wind up in a bunker or off the fairway. You have to expect that will happen a certain number of times.

"A 'mistake' in the real sense of the word is a shot that wouldn't have been any good if you had hit it perfectly and if you had correctly anticipated all those other factors you cannot always control.

"You can eliminate stupidity out there on the course."

This provides one clue, and certainly an important one, to his formula for making a Champion. He did not set down the formula in detail, but at another point he said:

"Ten years ago, I was hitting shots well enough to be leading money winner three

years in a row. But making a Champion is like making a Mulligan stew. You have to have all the ingredients to make it right. At that time, I was still lacking three or four of the most important ingredients."

The Girls Visit New England

Two of New England's finest old Clubs will open their gates hospitably to the women golfers of America this month. The Country Club, in Brookline, Mass., will entertain the Girls' Junior Championship, and a week later the Rhode Island Country Club, in West Barrington, R. I., will be host to the Women's Amateur Championship.

The girls will find The Country Club much the same as it was when Miss Genevieve Hecker won the Women's Amateur Championship there in 1902, and this will be its eighth USGA Championship or International Match. The competition bids fair to sparkle, for Miss Berridge Long, of Huntington, W. Va., and Miss Ann Quast, of Everett, Wash., already are entrants. Entries close August 7.

The women, however, will find the Rhode Island Country Club considerably changed since Mrs. Dorothy Campbell Hurd won her third and last Women's Amateur Championship there in 1924, defeating Miss Mary K. Browne, the tennis player, in the final. The hurricanes of 1938 and 1944 levelled many trees and exposed the Donald Ross course more to

the winds off Narragansett Bay, and the handsome old clubhouse burned in September, 1950, to be replaced a year later by an equally handsome and more modern version. Mrs. Jacqueline Pung, now a professional, cannot enter a defense of the title she now holds, but the field is certain to be loaded with talent, and will include Mrs. Edwin H. Vare, Jr., the six-time champion, who is a member of the Club. Entries close August 10.

A Canadian Breaks Through

Our congratulations to our young neighbor, Miss Marlene Stewart, of Font-hill, Ontario, on her stunning victory in the British Women's Championship. Although she is only 19, she can no longer be considered a "comer." She has arrived.

Miss Stewart, a sophomore at Rollins College, in Florida, is the first Canadian to win a British Championship, and she made her victory the more convincing by beating two members of the 1952 British Curtis Cup Team in the semi-finals and final. She defeated Miss Jean Donald, 1 up, and then Miss Philomena Garvey, 7 and 6.



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Miss Marlene Stewart

Miss Mary Lena Faulk, of Thomasville, Ga., the only United States entrant, lost to Miss Garvey, 2 and 1, in the other semi-final.

Successive Birdies Again

Our item in the September, 1952 issue regarding the eight successive birdies made by Jack Hesler, of Crawfordsville, Ind., in 1949, drew a worth-while response. Hesler's achievement, although one we would like to duplicate someday, is no record.

Claude Harmon, professional at the Winged Foot Golf Club, Mamaroneck, N. Y., ran off a string of eight birdies and an eagle in succession last May 19 on the East Course at his home club. The run of eight birdies started at the fourth hole and was climaxed at the 540-yard twelfth when he put his ball a foot from the hole with two driver shots and made an eagle 3. His score of 61, eleven under par, equalled his own record. The card:

	<i>Out</i>									
Par	4	5	3	5	4	3	4	5	4	—37
Harmon	4	4	3	4	3	2	3	4	3	—30

	<i>In</i>									
Par	4	4	5	3	4	4	4	3	4	—35—72
Harmon	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	2	4	—31—61

George Rowbotham, of the Llanerch Country Club, Manoa, Pa., made nine successive birdies and scored a 62 in the semi-final round of his club championship in July, 1948. The unfortunate victim of eleven birdies, all told, was Lester Rollins. Rowbotham's card read:

	<i>Out</i>									
Par	4	4	4	3	5	4	4	3	5	—36
Rowbotham	5	4	4	3	4	3	3	2	4	—32

	<i>In</i>									
Par	4	4	3	4	5	4	5	3	4	—36—72
Rowbotham	3	3	2	3	5	4	5	2	3	—30—62

Has anyone ever made ten birdies in a row?

Two Champions

It is pretty hard for a champion to gain much recognition in this, a Hogan year, but the feats of Walter Burkemo, of Detroit, and Frank D. Ross, of Hartford, Conn., by no means passed unnoticed.

Burkemo, an amazingly straight shot-maker, finally won the PGA Championship at the Birmingham Country Club, in his home town, by defeating Felice Torza, 2 and 1, in a surprise final.

Ross, who is 59, won his first United States Seniors' Golf Association Championship, with a score 73-69—142 at the Apawamis Club, Rye, N. Y. A former New England Amateur Champion, Ross started his final round with four birdies and had used only eleven strokes when he reached the fifth tee.

Jerry Schramm

The Association has no more devoted friends than those who work in behalf of the Amateur Public Links Championship, and the sudden passing of Gerald J. Schramm, of Milwaukee, Wis., is therefore a source of deepest regret. Jerry was a loyal and active supporter of public links golf and one of the most popular members of the Public Links Committee. His loss leaves a conspicuous void in the public links of Milwaukee and in the Public Links Committee.

A New Half-Century

The Middle Atlantic Golf Association is away a-winging on its second half-century of service to the game. Its 51st Women's Amateur Championship and its 51st Amateur Championship were held in June at the Ingleside Country Club, Staunton, Va., and the Farmington Country Club, Charlottesville, Va., respectively.

WGA Sponsors Four-Ball

The Western Golf Association will step forth with a new major competition next year with the presentation of an Amateur Four-Ball Championship at the Highland Golf and Country Club, Indianapolis, Ind., pitting two-man teams in 36-hole qualifying and a 64-team bracket of match play from June 25 through July 1, 1954.

The Championship will feature Highland's semi-centennial, and will be restricted to low-handicap teams. According to present plans, players must have handicaps of five or less.

SPORTSMAN'S CORNER



Joseph B. Breckel

Bill Parker, of Tulsa, Okla., was playing Joseph B. Breckel, of Louisville, Ky., in the fourth round of the 1951 Junior Amateur Championship at the University of Illinois Golf Course.

The match was all even after 17 holes, and Bill had the honor on the 18th tee. This tee is unusually long, and the tee markers were at least 20 yards farther back than they had been on the previous day.

In youthful excitement, Bill walked rapidly to the tee, teed his ball where the markers had been the day before and hit a low, smothered hook into deep rough. He probably would not have been able to make better than a 5 on the par-4 hole from that position.

This had taken place too quickly for intervention, but Joe knew a Rule had been violated. He turned to the referee and asked: "What do I do now?"

The referee explained that Joe had the option, under Rule 13-1, of recalling Bill's drive or letting it stand as played. Since Bill's ball lay in an unfavorable position, Joe would benefit most by requiring his opponent to leave the ball where it was.

Without hesitation, however, Joe said, "Let's give him another crack at it."

The hole was halved and Bill eventually won on the 22nd hole.

Helms Hall Golf Hall of Fame

The Helms Hall Board, in Los Angeles, has added Robert A. Gardner, Miss Beatrix Hoyt and the late Willie Anderson to its Golf Hall of Fame, and it would take a good deal of imagination to fault these selections. Gardner won the Amateur Championship twice and captained the Walker Cup Team three times. Incidentally, he also set the world pole-vaulting record at 13 feet 1 inch while at Yale and later shared a national doubles championship in racquets. Miss Hoyt won the Women's Amateur Championship three years in succession, and Anderson won the Open Championship four times, three in succession.

Already named to this Golf Hall of Fame in previous years have been H. Chandler Egan, Charles Evans, Jr., Robert T. Jones, Jr., Lawson Little, Francis Ouimet, Jerome D. Travers, Walter J. Travis, Tommy Armour, Walter Hagen, Ben Hogan, Byron Nelson, Gene Sarazen, Alex Smith, Jim Barnes, Mrs. Edwin H. Vare, Jr., Mrs. Dorothy Campbell Hurd Howe, Mrs. William G. Fraser, Mrs. George Zaharias and Miss Virginia Van Wie.

It takes one minute to replace sod but four years to grow it.

A Junior Publication

The Junior Golf Association of Southern California, one of the exemplary organizations of golf, has strengthened its good influence over junior boys and girls in its area by instituting a periodical, the first we have seen devoted to the interests of junior golf.

It contains news of particular interest to the juniors and also to their parents, and most of the material is provided by junior correspondents at the various clubs. PGA professionals of the area offer hints on playing the game, and Brig. Gen. Stanley Ridderhof conducts contests on the Rules and Etiquette of the game.

An item from the first issue:

"Courtesy is always noticed. So is discourtesy."

The Gentle Prod

Miss Margaret Curtis gave each player in last summer's Ladies' Invitation Four-Ball at the Essex County Club, in Manchester, Mass., a small card on which was printed:

"Please tee off promptly at every hole. As there is no penalty for playing out of turn in a four-ball, let whoever gets to her ball first play at once, without the usually unimportant decision as to who is away.

"When you can no longer be of help to your partner, pick up, saving the delay of everyone holing out at every hole.

"Tend to hole out rather than to mark your ball on the green.

"Write your scores en route to the tee, not on the green.

"If you are sharing a caddie and are not certain what club you may need, take two to choose from.

"When possible, decide on your club as you approach your ball.

"Walk as briskly as you do in a singles match.

"Please don't take more than five minutes between your two nines.

"We plan to have a traffic man on the course. If there is a free hole ahead of you, you will be asked to speed up or allow the next set to go through.

"It would be pleasant if no one were asked to give away!

"Are you making it in four hours flat?

"IT CAN BE DONE."

In reporting on the success of the innovation, Miss Curtis says:

"By heaven, it worked.

"The sets got around in three hours and forty minutes and were delighted to feel decidedly fresher than usual.

"The draws were all made and posted by the time we finished lunch.

"The rejoicers included the chef."