



Two-Week-Old Founder

There are, of course, no age limits for Founders of "Golf House." All of which lends added interest to the following letter, in part, from Mrs. Elizabeth K. Miller, of Monroe, La.:

Please enroll Elizabeth Stuart Miller as a Founder of "Golf House." She is only two weeks old, but some day I hope she will become a golfer and derive as much pleasure from the game as her mother.

The "Golf House" Fund has increased to \$103,584 and the number of Founders now stands at 5,615. We still need \$6,410. The Fund is for the purchase, equipment and maintenance of "Golf House." Those who have enrolled as Founders recently are:

Individuals

Thomas Wilson Beck	Mr. & Mrs. James L. Hall,
Richard D. Chapman	Jr.
F. B. Dickinson	Fred T. Hogan
J. A. Ducournau	A. Patton Janssen
C. L. Egenroad	Benno Janssen, Jr.
Edward M. Farrell	Mrs. Edith Patton Janssen
Mrs. Helen Anderson	Mary Patton Janssen
Firth	James V. Kelley
Mrs. Vivienne Gemmell	Mrs. Winifred Campbell
Mr. & Mrs. Clarke L. Hall	Kregloe
Dr. & Mrs. Cameron B. Hall	Elizabeth Stuart Miller
Mr. & Mrs. James L. Hall	Mrs. Llewellyn Miller

Association

Western Seniors' Golf Association

The Open Championship

There will be seven fewer sectional qualifying sites for the USGA Open Cham-

pionship this year. In all, there will be 25.

The qualifying rounds will be played on Monday, June 6, except at Los Angeles, where the qualifying will occur on Thursday and Friday, June 2 and 3, and at San Francisco, where the dates will be Monday and Tuesday, June 6 and 7. The qualifying sites at Los Angeles will be the Bel-Air Country Club and the Brentwood Country Club; at San Francisco, the Lake Merced Golf and Country Club and the San Francisco Golf Club.

The starting field in the Championship proper at the Olympic Country Club, San Francisco, on June 16, will consist of 162 players.

Entries must reach the USGA office by 5 P.M. on Friday, May 20.

In addition to Los Angeles and San Francisco, the sectional qualifying sites are: Country Club of Birmingham, Birmingham, Ala.; Phoenix Country Club, Phoenix, Ariz.; Lakewood Country Club, Denver, Colo.; Columbia Country Club, Washington, D. C.; West Palm Beach Country Club, West Palm Beach, Fla.; Waialae Country Club, Honolulu, Hawaii; Lincolnshire Country Club, Chicago, Ill.; New Orleans Country Club, New Orleans, La.; Essex County Club, Manchester, Mass.; Birmingham Country Club and Red Run Golf Club, Detroit, Mich.; Woodhill Country Club, Minneapolis, Minn.; Kansas City Country Club, Kansas City, Mo.; Bellerive Country Club, St. Louis, Mo.; Baltusrol Golf Club (New York metropolitan), Springfield, N. J.;

Highland Country Club, Fayetteville, N. C.; Hyde Park Golf and Country Club, Cincinnati, Ohio; Pine Ridge Country Club, Cleveland, Ohio; Waverley Country Club, Portland, Ore.; Philmont Country Club (North Course), Philadelphia, Pa.; Chartiers Country Club, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Colonial Country Club, Fort Worth, Texas; The Country Club, Salt Lake City, Utah, and Seattle Golf Club, Seattle, Wash.

National Golf Day

How would you like to match strokes with the reigning USGA Open Champions—on a handicap basis, that is?

Such an opportunity will be presented to men and women golfers throughout the United States on National Golf Day, Saturday, June 4. Competition will be at 18 holes handicap stroke play. Each entrant will pay a \$1 fee and all proceeds, with no deductions for expenses, will go to the National Golf Fund, Inc., for disbursement to the American Red Cross, which will be the principal beneficiary this year, and worth-while golf charities and enterprises.

Ed Furgol, USGA Open Champion, will be the opponent for men. Women will match strokes with Mrs. George Zaharias, USGA Women's Open Champion. Furgol and Mrs. Zaharias, accompanied by Gene Andrews, USGA Amateur Public Links Champion, and Allen Lee Geiberger, Jaycee Junior Champion, will play at the Olympic Country Club, San Francisco, which will be the scene of the USGA Open Championship later in June.

The USGA, which is cooperating with Life Magazine and the Professional Golfers' Association, sponsors of National Golf Day, has urged its Member Clubs to include this event in their schedule of tournaments. Men who beat Furgol's score will receive medals. Women who top Mrs. Zaharias' card will receive charm bracelet medals. At clubs where women's competitions are not permitted on Saturday, some other day preceding June 4 may be used.

In the last three years more than \$317,000 has been distributed through National

Golf Day, \$23,700 of which has been allotted to turfgrass research and education, disbursed at the direction of the USGA Green Section.

1956 Amateur Championship

An invitation from the Knollwood Club, Lake Forest, Ill., to entertain the 1956 Amateur Championship has been accepted by the United States Golf Association. The dates will be Monday through Saturday, September 10 to 15, inclusive.

Washington Debates "D.S."

A topic which concerned neither world problems nor the 1956 Presidential campaign was the talk of political Washington recently. True to custom, it was given the alphabetical classification of "D.S."—Displaced Squirrels.

When squirrels were first observed romping about on the President's putting green on the White House lawn, presented to him by the USGA, nothing was thought of it. However, when the rodents began scratching up the putting surface, it became a serious matter.

First, an expert in electronics was called in. He suggested the use of extremely high-pitched sound which theoretically would send the squirrels scampering. They didn't scamper. Next the Army Signal Corps tried putting together a tape recording of sounds allegedly offensive to squirrels, but it didn't offend.

Whereupon box-type traps were baited and placed around the golf green at night. Three squirrels were caught and transported to new and roomier "homes" in wooded park areas.

Then Washington became divided into two camps—Pro Squirrel and Con Squirrel. The former declared that squirrels on the White House lawn had become a tradition which should be perpetuated. It was even hinted in some circles that banishment of the little animals might be used as anti-capitalistic propaganda by the Russians.

To which the Con Squirrel group replied that it was all very nutsy.

USGA "ETIQUETTE" FILM GIVEN A NATIONAL AWARD

The new USGA motion picture entitled "The Rules of Golf—Etiquette" has been awarded a Recognition of Merit by the Film Council of America. The film had been selected by pre-screening jurors for final competition in the 1955 Golden Reel Film Festival in New York, in the recreation class. A winner was determined in each class, and Recognitions of Merit were given to a few other leading films, of which the USGA picture was one.

There have been more than 200 bookings of the "Etiquette" picture.

The film is a 16 mm. Kodachrome with a running time of 17½ minutes. The importance of etiquette is emphasized visually through various violations of the code in the course of a family four-ball match. Ben Hogan appears in several scenes. Robert T. Jones, Jr., makes the introductory statement.

Shipping of prints will be handled by National Educational Films, Inc., 165 West 46th Street, New York 36, N. Y., which produced the film in cooperation with the USGA. The rental fee is \$15, which includes the cost of shipping the print to the renter.

Necrology

We record with much regret the passing of:

C. Dewey Allen, of Grand Rapids, Mich., a member of the USGA Sectional Affairs and Junior Championship Committees since 1948.

Clarence (Buddy) Overend, of Pittsburgh, Secretary of the Western Pennsylvania Golf Association and for 30 years Director of Athletics at Carnegie Tech.

Fitzwilliam Sargent, of Philadelphia, a member of the 1949 United States Seniors golf team which played abroad, a governor of the Merion Golf Club, and former captain of the Harvard golf team.

SPORTSMAN'S CORNER

James G. Jackson, of Glendale, Mo., a member of the 1955 Walker Cup Team, was 5 up on Don Pegler, Jr., of Lincoln, Neb., after eleven holes in the first round of the Trans-Mississippi Tournament at the Cherry Hills Country Club, Denver, Colo., last year.

On the par 3 twelfth hole, Jackson's tee shot finished about twenty feet past the cup. Pegler's shot landed in a dry creek-bed in front of the green. After his fourth shot, Pegler, unfortunately, was still some fifteen feet from the hole.

At this juncture, Jackson's caddie, a lad of some 14 years, who was not familiar with the rules, noticed a ball-mark between Jackson's ball and the hole. Before Jackson could stop him, the youngster repaired the ball-mark. Whereupon Jackson immediately called the hole on himself. Pegler insisted he wouldn't take the hole, inasmuch as Jackson had a possible 2 and an almost certain 3 to win, but the latter was adamant.

Pegler finally took the hole, but Jackson, after a few anxious moments, finally won the match, 3 and 2, and went on to win the tournament, defeating Rex Baxter, Jr., 4 and 3, in the final.

USGA Handicap System Adopted

The Metropolitan Golf Association has approved use of the USGA Basic System for computing all men's handicaps. Metropolitan clubs which still prefer to use the USGA Current System may do so.

The MGA Executive Committee is advocating the change from the Current to the Basic System because it believes a Basic handicap is a truer indication of a player's potential playing ability, because there will be less fluctuation in handicaps, due to erratic rounds, and because it will be easier to keep handicaps up to date.

Partners Shoot Aces on Same Hole

This oddity happened recently on the 9-hole Fort McPherson, Ga., Golf Course. Capt. S. L. Johnson, Jr., of Greenville, Miss., and Cpl. Clyde Feltes, of Moline, Ill., were partners, playing against MSgt Charles John Petrie and SFC Charles Campagna. Capt. Johnson sank a drive off the tee on the 165-yard 6th hole on the out nine. When the players reached the 15th hole—the same hole as the 6th—Feltes sank his tee shot for the second ace of the round.