

# MY MOST MEMORABLE GOLF EXPERIENCE

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**T**HE most embarrassing moment in my golf career might give some sadistic pleasure to other golfers who have been in similar circumstances.

In 1932 I, as a member of the United States Walker Club Team, was playing against Sean Burke, the then Irish Champion. I finally managed to get 3 up and 3 to go when someone notified me that it didn't make any difference how my match came out, as we already had won the cup.

Well, I proceeded to lose the next two holes and then we squared away on the final hole. We both hit good drives, with Burke a yard or so in front of me. I hit a No. 4 iron dead to the flag, but it hit the ledge of the trap guarding the green and fell back in. Burke then hit an iron which went awry, landed on a paved road and bounced some 75 yards away. From there he hit the ball into another trap.

Now it was my turn to play. There probably were 5,000 people watching and, because my ball was lying cleanly, I thought: "I'll show 'em how good I am and chip this one out real close." I chipped all right, but the ball not only failed to clear the lip of the bunker—IT BURIED IN IT.

Burke then played a fine explosion shot close to the hole, while I, after two futile attempts, finally dislodged the ball and asked my caddie if there was any point in putting, only to get the reply: "Hell no, pick it up and let's get out of here."

P. S. I've *blasted* ever since.

## DO YOU KNOW YOUR GOLF?

(Answers to questions on page 12)

1. (d) Willie Anderson, who tied at 331 with (b) Alex Smith in 1901 at the Myopia Hunt Club, Hamilton, Mass. Anderson won in the play-off.
2. (c) Lawrence Auchterlonie (78-78-74-77—307) in 1902 at the Garden City Golf Club, Garden City, N. Y.
3. (b) Fred McLeod, of the Midlothian Country Club, Chicago, who weighed 108 pounds. He won in 1908 at the Myopia Hunt Club, Hamilton, Mass.
4. (b) Charles Evans, Jr., of the Edgewater Golf Club, Chicago, in 1916.
5. Ray Ainsley, who took a 19 on the par 4 sixteenth hole in the second round in 1938 at the Cherry Hills Club, Denver, Col.
6. (c) 1925. Willie Macfarlane and Robert T. Jones, Jr., each shot 75 in the first 18 holes of the play-off at the Worcester (Mass.) C.C. In the second 18 holes, Macfarlane won, 72 to 73.
7. (c) 1931. Billy Burke vs George Von Elm, 72 holes, at the Inverness Club, Toledo, Ohio. Burke won by one stroke, 297 to 298.
8. (b) 1928. The entry was 1,064 at the Olympia Fields C.C., Matteson, Ill.
9. (b) Johnny Goodman in 1933 at the North Shore Golf Club, Glen View, Ill.