

THE GIRLS' JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

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THE TIME IS approaching when all potential entrants should begin making plans for the USGA Girls' Junior Championship, which will be played at the Florence Country Club, Florence, S.C., August 15 through 19. I am sure all who played in this tournament last year and are still eligible will make a serious effort to persuade their mothers and fathers to let them compete again this year.

Everybody certainly enjoyed themselves at the Gulph Mills Golf Club last year.

The USGA Girls' Junior Committee is much larger this year. Any member of the Committee who lives in or near the city of a prospective entrant will be glad to help in any way possible. We are working toward making the Girls' Junior Championship as important for girls as the USGA Women's Amateur Championship is for women. The Committee needs help, so each probable contestant is urged to interest as many of her friends as possible in competing in this year's tournament in order that we may have a large representation to discuss ways and means of expanding junior organizations in every locality.

Junior girl golfers certainly are worthy of anything we can do for them. They have proved their worth by fine sportsmanship in the past. We appreciate their cooperation and the way they always conduct themselves, making it possible for all of us to leave the Championship with regret at having to wait another year before we can all be together again.

If any entrant's friends are eligible to play in the Championship and have not received entry blanks, they should be in-

formed that entry blanks were sent to their club, if it is a member of the USGA, and that they should inquire about them at the office or golf shop. In order to be eligible for the Championship, a girl cannot have had her eighteenth birthday by midnight of August 19, that being the day of the final of the tournament.

The USGA will have a dinner party for all girls again this year and parents may come if they desire. Everyone enjoyed the party last year. Miss Barbara Romack, our Women's Amateur Champion, will give a clinic prior to the dinner.

If any parents want to know who will look after their daughter during her stay at the tournament, in case they cannot be there, they may be assured that members of the USGA Girls' Junior Committee or the Florence Women's Golf Association will see that she is met at the train or plane and will take good care of her.

After parents have sent in an entry for their daughter, they will receive a form, "Information for Entrants," which will tell them where to write for a room, how much it will cost (the prices always are very reasonable) and give the answers to many questions which might arise in the minds of parents. There is no need for any worry on the part of parents, because the Committee will be staying at the same place as the girls who come alone.

Those who intend to play are urged to send in their entries as soon as possible. If there are any questions about the Championship, I'll be glad to answer them. Entries close August 3.

You can't help a little child up the hill without getting nearer the top yourself.

USGA COMPETITIONS FOR 1956

<u>Championship</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Dates</u>
OPEN	Oak Hill Country Club Rochester, N. Y.	June 14-15-16
WOMEN'S OPEN	Northland Country Club Duluth, Minn.	_____
AMATEUR PUBLIC LINKS	Harding Park Golf Course San Francisco, Cal.	_____
JUNIOR AMATEUR	Taconic Golf Club Williams College Williamstown, Mass.	_____
GIRLS' JUNIOR	(not determined)	
WOMEN'S AMATEUR	Meridian Hills Country Club Indianapolis, Ind.	Sept. 17-22
AMATEUR	Knollwood Club Lake Forest, Ill.	Sept. 10-15
SENIOR AMATEUR	(not determined)	_____

Stymied By Calendar

The Rev. Jack Hamilton, of Richmond, Va., three times State amateur champion of Virginia, rarely requires handicap strokes from opponents. It is from tournament schedules that he is in dire need of assistance.

The Baptist clergyman, who plans to compete in the sectional qualifying rounds of the USGA Amateur Championship in August, will not play on Sunday—and most district and invitation tournaments end on the Sabbath.

Some idea of the Rev. Hamilton's prowess as a golfer may be obtained from the fact that he was the medalist with a 67 in a Glen Garden Invitation Tournament at Forth Worth, Tex., and reached the final before losing to Billy Maxwell, 2 and 1. He won the Virginia State Amateur title in 1942, 1947 and 1949.

In a letter last year he commended the USGA for its practice of ending tournaments on Saturday instead of Sunday.

"More and more it is becoming obvious that most tournament players (amateur and professional) have little or no active church affiliation," he stated.

Friends in Richmond recently asked him why he didn't enter district, state and invitation tournaments and play through the week and then, if he reached the final, simply default rather than play on Sunday. His reply was what might be expected of any true sportsman.

"Knowing in advance that the final was scheduled for Sunday, that wouldn't be cricket," he said.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR GOLF?

Answers to questions on page 18

1. (c) Definition 27.
2. (a) Definition 28
(Sides and Matches).
3. (a) Definition 28
(Sides and Matches).
4. (b) Definition 28
(Sides and Matches).
5. (b) Definition 28
(Sides and Matches).
6. (a) Definition 28
(Sides and Matches).
7. (b) Definition 34.