



Girlish Inspiration

One of the more interesting aspects of the USGA Women's Open Championship at Wichita, Kans., was the presence of a good number of teen-age competitors. There's a budding generation of really promising players, for all amateurs in this event had to be handicapped at not more than five strokes.

But for all their skill at golf, they were playful children at heart. After the pairings had been made for Saturday's last two rounds, one of the youngsters withdrew, and a change in pairings had to be made. This rather perturbed 17-year-old Jill Kreager, one of Bill Wotherspoon's pupils at Southern Hills Country Club, in Tulsa.

"Are you going to have to change any of the other pairings?" she asked an official.

"No," was the reply.

"Oh, goodie goodie," Jill said delightedly.

"What's so good about that?" the official inquired.

"I get to play with Betsy Rawls!" Jill enthused.

Just to show you how inspiration works, Jill and Betsy went out the next morning with the following results: Betsy Rawls 84, Jill Kreager 79.

But it works the other way, too. In the afternoon Betsy was around in 77, as became a former Champion, while Jill eased off to even fives.

British Pro Suggestions

A number of suggestions designed to increase interest in professional golf tournaments in Great Britain have been presented by F. H. Taylor, Chairman of the Professional Golfers Association there. Among them are the following:

"All competition must be tests of skill of the highest order. Any attempt to make them otherwise would be severely deprecated by the public, promoters and host clubs, and what is even more important to British golf, they would fail in their chief object — to improve our standard of play despite the very questionable boost to morale by returning low scores.

"To still further develop the mature player and to give encouragement to the young player of promise, the allocation of prize money can be of the greatest value by having a few big prizes for the leading players and the remainder graduated all down the list. The incentive and encouragement thus provided are plain to see. The best players must have every inducement to get to the top. Otherwise they will never attain their utmost skill and temperament.

"Extra prizes for young competitors, according to age, would materially help them to enter further events and so gain the experience so essential to successful development. To work in this direction is vital if we are to contest successfully in future international events."

Furgol Makes His Report

When Ed Furgol returned home from the British Open Championship last month, his wife "almost wouldn't let me in the house," he reported.

That was because of the bad light in which Ed had erroneously been placed by some newspaper reports.

For example, one report said he knocked an autograph album from a boy's hand on the St. Andrews Old Course. In a Rules incident involving Mike Krak, another American, Furgol was reported as saying he thought the visitors "wouldn't get a fair deal."

When our 1954 Open Champion returned to the United States, he was amazed at both reports and flatly denied that he was involved in either case.

Ed Furgol is an honest man.

Whenever you read of a tempestuous "incident" involving an American golfer in a British competition, you would be well advised to take it with a large grain of salt and make up your own mind as to whether the source is trustworthy. All too often, we have found, such reports are greatly exaggerated or have no basis in fact.

"There were several things I said which may have been misconstrued," Ed told Oscar Fraley of the UNITED PRESS. "These I won't deny."

About the lad seeking an autograph who was pushed away by a player, "It was a case of mistaken identity," Furgol told Fraley. "I've never pushed away anyone seeking an autograph because I feel it is an honor. I stood for a half-hour at a time signing them, and then would have been glad to sign more.

"I would like everyone to know that I did not have any difficulty with anyone."

Golf Gains a Champion

It was baseball's loss and golf's gain the day Doug Ford's father and four uncles persuaded him that fairways could be more interesting than a baseball diamond.

The 32-year-old Ford, one of the few PGA Champions, like Gene Sarazen, to grow up in the New York area; attained the peak of his game in defeating Cary Middlecoff in the final at Northville, Mich., last month, 4 and 3. He received not only the cup but also the medal, earned for setting the pace in the 36-hole qualifying test with 135, one stroke under the PGA record.

When Doug was a child his father, Mike, who now is at Loon Lake, N. Y., was pro at the Van Cortlandt Park public course, in New York City. The youngster liked baseball. Later, at George Washington High School in New York City, he was an outstanding baseball player. It was then the father and four uncles, all golf pros, convinced young Ford his future lay in golf.

When Doug won the New York State Junior Championship at the age of 17, he forgot about baseball. Then he won the Westchester Amateur and reached the final in the Metropolitan Amateur Championship. He became a professional in 1949.

Ace Is Lucky For Two

A hole-in-one made by Albert B. Bishop at Westwood Country Club, Rocky River, Ohio, was reported just in time to enable Billy Linn, 12 years old, of Maple Heights, Ohio, to join the first group of handicapped youngsters bound for Camp Cheerful of the Cleveland Society of Crippled Children.

Billy became the first child to receive a "campership" awarded by the Cleveland District Golf Association and the Cleveland Coca-Cola Bottling Company. The Company underwrites the cost of sending a child to the camp for one week and makes the donation in the name of each golfer who records a hole-in-one at a member club of the C.D.G.A. The Society of Crippled Children selects the camper.

The program is directed by Harry C. Pollock, Secretary of the Cleveland District Golf Association, and William C. Dahn, of the company.

"Golf House" Fund

The "Golf House" Fund has increased to \$103,705 and the number of Founders now stands at 5,623. We still need \$6,295. The Fund is for the purchase, equipment and maintenance of "Golf House." Those we have enrolled as Founders recently are:

Dr. Jesse J. Englander
Mrs. William McWane
Stuart Murray
A. C. Oliphant

Familiar Name

A familiar name has returned to the headlines, again as a Champion. Byron Nelson celebrated France's greatest holiday, Bastille Day, by becoming the first American to win the French Open Championship since Walter Hagen in 1920.

The gallery at the rolling Golf de la Boulie course, at Versailles, was amazed by the 43-year-old Texas professional's straight drives and 10-foot putts in achieving a 72-hole score of 271, which was 17 under par.

On the final day Nelson shot a five-under-par 67 in the third round, then turned in a 70 after lunch. Two strokes behind him at the close of the tournament was Harry Weetman, of England. Harry Bradshaw, of Ireland, who tied Nelson and Weetman for the 36-hole lead at 134, finished third with 275.

It was Nelson's third-round score which proved decisive. Ten players bettered 70 in the final round, Ken Bousfield, of England, Antonio Cerda, of Argentina, and Ugo Grappasonni, of Italy, turning in 67s.

Liberal Genealogy

Under a new rule of the Women's Metropolitan Golf Association, in New York, brothers-in-law are brothers. Thus when David Baldwin and Miss Essene DeCozen, of the Baltusrol Golf Club, were married, he became eligible to team with her sister, Miss Charlotte DeCozen, in the Association's annual brother-sister tournament at the Twin Brooks Country Club. The rule also made David's twin brother, Theodore, eligible to team with

SPORTSMAN'S CORNER

Thomas Cunningham, of Baltimore, was low in the sectional qualifying round of the USGA Amateur Public Links Championship at Baltimore's Clifton Park course with 71-72-143.

Being a veteran in public links competition, he looked forward with much anticipation to playing in the Championship at Indianapolis last month. It wasn't the first time he had qualified at Clifton Park for the Championship. Back in 1934 his 36-hole qualifying score included thirteen 3s and a 2, along with sixteen one-putt greens.



THOMAS CUNNINGHAM

In looking over his scorecard several days after qualifying for the Championship at Indianapolis, Cunningham noticed an error. The total remained the same, but on one hole he had posted a 4 when he actually had a 5. On the following hole his card showed a 5, which should have been a 4.

He immediately telephoned Horton F. Weeks, of Baltimore, a member of the USGA Public Links Committee, and reported the error. A special meeting of the committee in charge of the sectional qualifying round at Baltimore was called, and there was no alternative but to disqualify Cunningham in accordance with Rule 38-3 of the Rules of Golf.

"I am sorry for any inconvenience I may have caused the Committee, but I feel much better about it than if the error had been discovered too late," said Cunningham.

Mrs. David Baldwin. David Baldwin was the 1954 New Jersey State Open champion.

Result: The Baldwins swept all honors.

Golf In a Hurry

The Myers Park Country Club, of Charlotte, N. C., where the USGA Women's Amateur Championship is to be played this month, is the culmination of many years of planning by thoughtful civic leaders.

The manner in which the original course was laid out may have established a record in golf course "construction." It is said that Paul Haddock, a business man and amateur golfer, sallied forth one day in 1921 accompanied by a man loaded with stakes. Nine tees and nine sand greens were quickly located by means of the stakes—and a few days later play began.

Some 350 citizens became members and agreed to remain members for a period of three years. An old wooden building on the property was converted into a clubhouse. Additional land subsequently was procured and Earl Draper, local golf course architect, drew plans and supervised the construction of a second nine holes. In 1926 the club opened its first 18-hole, grass greens course. During succeeding years more land was purchased and a new course, including re-designed portions of the old course, was put into play in 1947. A number of the new holes were designed by the late Donald Ross.

With all debts paid and a cash surplus on hand, plans for a new clubhouse were formulated. A building committee was appointed, with Herbert Glenn as Chairman. H. H. Everett, who became President in 1949, organized a group that resulted in the realization of a new clubhouse, which was completed in 1951.

Another Long Span

We have recorded from time to time achievements by individuals who have won the same club championship over particularly long spans of years—and thirty-nine years seems to be the longest of which we have record.

The Upper Montclair (N. J.) Country Club Championship recently was won for

the ninth time over a span of thirty-five years, however, by Stephen W. Berrien, former president of the Metropolitan Golf Association, and his achievement certainly should be part of the record.

Morton G. Bogue

The golf world was grieved by the passing of Morton G. Bogue, of New York City, on July 11 at Southampton,



M. G. BOGUE

N. Y. Mr. Bogue was President of the USGA in 1944 and 1945 and was a member of the Advisory Committee of Ex-Presidents at the time of his death. He had served as General Counsel from 1934 to 1937, as

Executive Committee in 1938 and 1939 and as Vice-President from 1940 to 1943. His age was 74.

The senior member of the law firm of Beekman and Bogue, Mr. Bogue was a corporation counsel. He also served as Special Counsel to the War Finance Corporation from 1918 to 1924 and was General Counsel to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in 1932.

As an undergraduate in Columbia College, from which he was graduated in 1900, Mr. Bogue was coxswain of the crew. From 1912 to 1916, and from 1923 to 1925, he was Chairman of the Board of Stewards of the Intercollegiate Rowing Association. He also served as Chairman and Treasurer of Columbia's Graduate Rowing Committee for four years after graduation.

From 1937 to 1943, and from 1944 to 1946, Mr. Bogue served as an alumni trustee of Columbia. He also was a trustee of Bard College from 1938 to 1946.

He was a member of the National Golf Links of America, Southampton, N. Y.