



Now He's Sir

Many friends of Carydon Wagner, of Tacoma, Wash., are now addressing him as "Sir," after years of somewhat less respectful forms of salutation. The reason: The former member of our Executive Committee has won the Washington State Seniors' Championship.

Time Stands Still

The USGA Golf Museum has received from Gilbert C. Tompkins, of New York City, a member of the USGA Museum Committee, a copy of the Laws of Golf, as adopted by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland, published in 1895 by Horace E. Cox, of London. An excerpt from the booklet indicates that conditions sixty years ago in Scotland, insofar as a thorough knowledge of the Rules was concerned, might apply to the United States today:

"Some time ago the President of the Yorkshire Golfing Union, in the course of a speech, remarked that not half a dozen players knew the Rules of the game thoroughly. This at first blush seems a sweeping statement, but serious consideration almost compels us to acquiesce.

"The Rules of Golf, both written and unwritten, have come down to us in the quaint phraseology of our forefathers, and very rightly the Committee of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, in revising the Rules some three years ago, did not deem it expedient in any material way to alter their wording, except where

some slight amendment in the Rules rendered alteration absolutely necessary. We do not lay claim to inclusion in the sextemvirate referred to by the Yorkshire President, but we venture to say that a careful study of the Laws of Golf should make them perfectly clear to any individual of average intelligence who has mastered the elementary principles necessary for playing the game."

Miss Lesser Honored

The City Council of Seattle, Wash., has taken official recognition of the achievement of Miss Patricia Lesser in winning the Women's Amateur Championship. A resolution adopted on September 19 states in part:

"Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Seattle: That we pay official tribute to Miss Patricia Lesser, daughter of Seattle, who brings back from her eastern invasion the trophy emblematic of the Women's Amateur Golf Championship of the United States."

It was significant that the tribute to Miss Lesser was contained in a joint resolution which also honored the Seattle baseball club, which won the Pacific Coast League championship. Ever since she was a child, Miss Lesser has attended baseball games with her father, Col. Louis L. Lesser.

Miss Lesser also has been selected by the Pacific Northwest Amateur Athletic Union as its choice for the Sullivan Award, national athletic honor conferred annually by a committee of nation-wide athletic leaders.

The Ryder Cup Match

The amicable atmosphere and spirit of sportsmanship in which the Ryder Cup Match between British and United States Teams was played over the Thunderbird Country Club course at Palm Springs, Cal. comprised a further contribution of golf to good international relationship.

The United States Team was forced to play some of the best golf in the thirty-three year history of the match to defeat the British Team, 8 to 4.

This was the first year players on both teams had the option of using the American ball or the smaller British ball. Most of the players on both sides mixed them up, using the British ball on the long holes.

The United States Team consisted of Chick Harbert, Captain; Tommy Bolt, Doug Ford, Sam Snead, Cary Middlecoff, Marty Furgol, Jackie Burke, Jerry Barber, Chandler Harper and Ted Kroll. The British Team included Dai Rees, Captain; Christy O'Connor, Sydney Scott, Harry Weetman, John Jacobs, Arthur Lees, Harry Bradshaw, Eric Brown, John Fallon and Ken Bousfield.

Turning Back the Clock

The Knollwood Country Club, of White Plains, N. Y., celebrated its 60th anniversary recently in a setting reminiscent of the 1890s. Members and their wives drove to the club in Model T Fords and horses and carriages. A special four-hole tournament was played with gutta-percha balls and old-time wooden-shafted clubs. The participants were Willie Turnesa, President of the Metropolitan Golf Association; Al Brosch, Willie Klein and Johnny Farrell, Metropolitan district professionals, and Mike Turnesa, Knollwood professional.

Fred McKenna, President of the club, was attired as Diamond Jim Brady. He escorted Mrs. Fred Lodes, who appeared as Lillian Russell.

Knollwood was formally incorporated as a golf club on July 22, 1895.

SPORTSMAN'S CORNER

Rule 16 states that a ball shall not be touched purposely and must be played as it lies except as otherwise provided for in the Rules or Local Rules.

Mindful of this basic Rule, the Association has been eyeing with concern the burgeoning habit of lifting and marking balls on putting greens, whether or not there was a possibility of interference or assistance. The revisions in the Rules of Golf for 1956 reflected this concern. And measures were taken to break the habit during the Amateur Championship at the Country Club of Virginia.



WYNsol K. SPENCER

On the first tee, each player was reminded that the Rules did not permit indiscriminate lifting of the ball on the putting green. After absorbing this information, in his turn, Wynsol K. Spencer, of Warwick, Va., commented appreciatively: "That is a mistake I could easily make."

Unfortunately, he exhibited prophetic vision.

On the eighth hole during his first-round match against Arthur F. Butler, of Portsmouth, N. H., Spencer placed his ball five feet west of the cup and Butler placed his thirty-five feet south of the cup. Although Spencer was 3 down, the immediate situation seemed favorable and he walked optimistically to his ball, marked it and lifted it.

Before he had straightened up, the realization of what he had done broke over him. His ball had not interfered with Butler's putt and only by the most remote stretch could it have been considered of assistance to Butler.

"I've lost the hole," Spencer said quickly, calling attention to an infraction of a Rule which, by habit, has been often honored in the breach.

Spencer's unwillingness to stretch the facts to accommodate his inadvertence emphasized not only a basic Rule of the game but also the wonderful spirit of sportsmanship in which the Amateur Championship is contested.

51 Year Old Replica

One of the most attractive and interesting presentations made to the USGA Golf Museum in some time is the 51-year-old replica of the Women's Amateur Championship Trophy, received from Miss Georgianna M. Bishop, of Bridgeport, Conn.

Miss Bishop was presented the replica by 150 of her friends after winning the Women's Amateur Championship at the Merion Cricket Club, Haverford, Pa., in 1904. The original was donated by Robert Cox, M.P., of Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1896, in time for the second Championship. In 1895 a silver pitcher was donated by R. D. Winthrop and W. H. Sands and won outright by Mrs. Charles S. Brown, of Southampton, N. Y. This pitcher also reposes in the Golf Museum, having been presented by Mrs. Brown's son, A. M. Brown.

Miss Bishop, whose victory over Mrs. E. F. Sanford in the final of the 1904 Championship came on her birthday, competed in eighteen Women's Amateur Championships between 1899 and 1923. She also played on the first United States women's team to compete against the British in England in 1905, defeating Miss Lottie Dodd, British title holder.

In 1926—also on her birthday—Miss Bishop won the United States Senior Women's Golf Association Championship. Among other titles, she won the Connecticut Women's Golf Association Championship four times between 1920 and 1927.

Segregation Outlawed

Racial segregation and the doctrine of "separate but equal" facilities on public golf courses and in other public recreation areas have been outlawed by the Supreme Court of the United States. In two cases this month, the Court unanimously applied the doctrine, proclaimed on May 17, 1954, that pupils in public schools could not be segregated on the basis of race or color.

The Court did not issue instructions as to how and when segregation in public

recreation areas should be ended. Presumably, the question of procedure will be left to the lower Federal courts.

A Pro's Job

They gave a big party for Bill Goldbeck at the Mount Kisco Country Club, in Mount Kisco, N. Y., on the occasion of his twenty-fifth year of intelligent and good-natured service to the club. The reason why he merited such a display of affection, as well as a check for \$5,000, was revealed in a conversation just before the dinner.

"Things were not good here during the depression and the war years," Bill reminisced, "and I had several offers to move into better-paying jobs.

"But I stuck it out. I always conceived of a pro's job as helping to build up a club, especially when it's in trouble, not running away to the first club that happens to offer a little more money."

Later in the evening Alex Watson, the fine old Scot who is professional at the Leewood Golf Club, in Tuckahoe, N. Y., hit the same key in lauding his bosom companion of the links:

"It isn't what we pros get out of the game that counts; it's what we put into it."

New Captain

Col. Sir Charles McAndrew, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons, has played himself into office as Captain of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland, by driving off the first ball in the Club's Autumn Medal Meeting over the Old Course. He succeeds Viscount Bruce of Melbourne.

Gilbert S. Arthur

Gilbert S. Arthur, of Wilmington, N. C., a member of the USGA Green Section Committee in the Southeastern Region, passed away in September. He was deeply devoted to the Association and especially to its program of improving golf course maintenance.