

HONORS FOR THE LADIES —AND FOR BILL CAMPBELL

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THE USGA honored a group of the leading players of golf in the course of its Annual Meeting, even as it came to grips with less tangible problems which are discussed on page one.

Seven young ladies were selected to represent the United States in the ninth match with the British Isles for the Curtis Cup. They were:

- Miss Mary Ann Downey
Baltimore, Md.
- Miss Patricia Lesser
Seattle, Wash.
- Miss Jane Nelson
Indianapolis, Ind.
- Mrs. Scott Probasco, Jr. (Betty Rowland)
Chattanooga, Tenn.
- Miss Polly Riley
Fort Worth, Texas
- Miss Barbara Romack
Sacramento, Cal.
- Miss Margaret (Wiffi) Smith
St. Clair, Mich.

Mrs. Harrison F. Flippin, of Ardmore, Pa., was again selected as non-playing Captain. She was also Captain of the 1954 Team which defeated the British at Merion Golf Club, Ardmore, Pa., by a score of 6 to 3.

Having thus honored a group of ladies, the Association presented the Bob Jones Award for distinguished sportsmanship in golf to William C. Campbell, of Huntington, W. Va.

The Bob Jones Award was established in 1954 to provide a vehicle for honoring individuals displaying real sportsmanship and for commemorating the exemplary

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN FOR 1956

Richard S. Tufts, President, has appointed the following USGA Committee Chairmen for 1956:

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Thomas H. Choate, New York

BOB JONES AWARD

Totton P. Heffelfinger, Minneapolis

FINANCE

J. Frederic Byers, Jr., Pittsburgh

sportsmanship, as apart from the skill, of Robert T. Jones, Jr. Francis Ouimet, of Boston, was the first winner and Mr. Campbell the second.

In presenting the replica of the bronze plaque which hangs in "Golf House," Totton P. Heffelfinger, Chairman of the Bob Jones Award Committee, read the following extract which had accompanied Mr. Campbell's nomination:

"The first award was made for distinguished sportsmanship over a long period of time. In order to establish the scope of the award, I believe that the second should be made in recognition of a single and recent example of sportsmanship.

"Bill Campbell's leadership of our Walker Cup Team last spring was the outstanding accomplishment of the year. His personal leadership and example so inspired a team of young players that we obtained a great win under adverse conditions, and the personal conduct of the members of the team must have strengthened the feeling of international good-will between all those who witnessed the matches. Bill's unselfish act, as a playing captain, of refusing to play himself in any of the matches was typical of the spirit in which he carried out his responsibilities as Captain."

Four Newcomers

Although Mr. Campbell, and previously Mr. Ouimet, have set an exceptionally high standard for the conduct of international relations through golf, Mrs. Flippin and the young ladies who will accompany her abroad for the Curtis Cup Match next spring have all the necessary qualifications to maintain that standard.

Mrs. Flippin is not only a fine player, as witnessed by the fact that she holds the United States Senior Women's Golf Association Championship, but she also is a devoted servant of the game, as witnessed by the fact that she has been Chairman of the USGA Women's Committee since 1954. As Captain of the United States Team, when the match was held at her home club two years ago, she displayed outstanding leadership and tact.

Four members of the Team will be playing in their first international team match. These are: Miss Downey, the 1955 Eastern Amateur Champion; Miss Nelson, runner-up in the Women's Amateur Championship last summer; Mrs. Probasco, semi-finalist in the Women's Amateur Championship and Winner of the Women's Southern Championship last summer; and Miss Smith, the baby of the team at 19 but the 1954 Girls' Junior Champion, a semi-finalist in the Women's Amateur Championship in 1953 and a quarter-finalist in 1954 and 1955.



Richard S. Tufts
President

The Misses Lesser, Riley and Romack were members of the 1954 Team, and Miss Riley is a member for the fifth time, having been selected for every team since 1948. Miss Lesser, of course, holds the Women's Amateur Championship. Miss Romack was her predecessor and also was runner-up in the British Women's Championship at the Royal Portrush Golf Club, County Antrim, Ireland, last year. Miss Riley was runner-up in the Women's Amateur Championship in 1953, a semi-finalist last year and she has made at least the round of sixteen in every one of the last nine years.

The Team will sail from New York on May 26 in the SS America, and the match will be held at the Prince's Golf Club, Sandwich, England, June 8 and 9.

In the event that any of the girls chosen for the Team should be unable to participate, the following would be invited, in the order named: Mrs. Philip J. Cudone, Montclair, N. J., Miss Jacqueline Yates, Honolulu, T. H., and Miss Anne Quast, Marysville, Wash. These alternates are not considered members of the Team unless and until they have been invited to replace an original member, however.



John D. Ames
Vice-President



John G. Clock
Vice-President



Charles L. Peirson
Secretary



J. F. Byers, Jr.
Treasurer

The principal business of the Annual Meeting was, of course, the election of the new officers and the Executive Committee. The slate of officers presented by the Nominating Committee was elected. It consisted of:

President, Richard S. Tufts, Pinehurst, N. C.; Vice-President, John D. Ames, Chicago, Ill.; Vice-President, John G. Clock, Long Beach, Cal.; Secretary, Charles L. Peirson, Boston, Mass.; Treasurer, J. Frederic Byers, Jr., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Isaac B. Grainger, of New York, N. Y., retired after the customary two years as President, and Charles B. Grace, of Philadelphia, also retired as Secretary, having requested that his name not be considered for re-election.

The two new members of the Executive Committee are C. W. Benedict, of White Plains, N. Y., and Richmond Gray, of Richmond, Va.

Two Special Events

For the first time the Annual Meeting was preceded by two special events of considerable interest to the delegates and guests.

The first was an educational program presented by the five Regional Directors of the Green Section. The program was designed to describe the objectives and the functioning of the Regional Turf Service and it seemed apparent that those who attended were keenly interested.

The second was the premiere of the new USGA official film entitled "Inside Golf House" which had been made for the

Association by National Educational Films, Inc. This feature, too, earned an enthusiastic response and is described in more detail on page eight.

Also, during the meeting, Lincoln A. Werden, representing the Golf Writers' Association of America, turned over to "Golf House" the Ben Hogan Trophy, a two-and-one-half foot bronze statuette of Hogan at the completion of his swing.

This award was established in 1953 by Robert A. Hudson, of Portland, Ore., and is awarded each year by the Golf Writers' Association of America to the golfer making the greatest comeback from a physical disability, thereby inspiring others to keep swinging.

The 1955 winner was President Eisenhower, and Rep. Jack Westland, former Amateur Champion, had accepted a replica in his behalf at the Awards Dinner of the Metropolitan Golf Writers' Association in New York two evenings earlier. The 1954 winner was Ed Furgol, and the 1953 winner Mrs. George Zaharias.

In accordance with custom, the Committee Chairmen reported orally to the delegates. In the course of these presentations it was brought out that:

Membership had increased by 135 clubs and courses to a new high of 1,977.

The Green Section is providing Regional Turf Service for 413 courses, compared with 312 a year ago, through five Regional Offices and is sponsoring research without abatement, in spite of the fact that the operation has resulted in a net expense of \$41,293 because some regions do not have

full quotas of subscribing clubs and travel costs are larger than had been expected.

The combined operations of the Association during the fiscal year ended November 30, 1955, had resulted in an excess of income over expenses of \$23,246, compared with \$69,528 in the previous fiscal year.

The revised Rules of Golf, still uniform with the Rules of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, of St. Andrews, Scotland, except in the size of the ball, had become effective on January 1 and initial reactions had been generally favorable, particularly as they affected speed of play.

Code Is Broadened

The revised Rules of Amateur Status also had become effective in the United States and, for the first time, accommodated industrial golf, under certain conditions, and made provision for action against individuals whose activities in connection with golf gambling were considered detrimental to the best interests of the game.

New entry records had been established for the Amateur, the Junior Amateur and the Girls' Junior Championships, and the downward trend of entries in the Amateur Public Links Championship had been reversed in 1955.

The new Senior Amateur Championship had been enthusiastically received by leading senior golfers and had given the Association a broader and closer contact with a group that includes leaders and supporters of the game in clubs and district associations.

Prize money for the Open Championship had been increased to approximately \$25,000. In the last two years the fixed total had been approximately \$20,000 and a bonus of 20 per cent had been added just before the Championship.

Prize money for the Women's Open Championship had been reduced from \$7,500 to \$6,000.

USGA PUBLICATIONS OF GENERAL INTEREST

THE RULES OF GOLF, as approved by the United States Golf Association and the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland. Booklet, 25 cents (special rates for quantity orders).

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THE CONDUCT OF WOMEN'S GOLF, containing suggestions for guidance in the conduct of women's golf in clubs and associations, including tournament procedures, handicapping and course rating. 25 cents.

HANDICAPPING THE UNHANDICAPPED, a reprint of a USGA Journal article explaining the Callaway System of automatic handicapping for occasional players in a single tournament. No charge.

TOURNAMENTS FOR YOUR CLUB, a reprint of a USGA Journal article detailing various types of competitions. No charge.

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AGAINST LIGHTNING ON GOLF COURSES, a poster. No charge.

MOTION PICTURES:

"The Rules of Golf—Etiquette," an official USGA film (16 mm. color, with sound, runs 17½ min. Rental \$15). Descriptive folder. No charge.

"Inside 'Golf House'," an official USGA film (16 mm. black and white, with sound, runs 27 min. Rental \$15. In combination with "The Rules of Golf—Etiquette," \$25.) Descriptive folder. No charge.

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AMATEURISM IS IN THE HEART, a reprint of a USGA Journal article by E. G. Grace. No charge.

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TURF MANAGEMENT, by H. B. Musser (McGraw-Hill Book Co., Inc.), the authoritative book on greenkeeping. \$7.

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USGA JOURNAL AND TURF MANAGEMENT, a 33-page magazine published seven times a year. \$2. a year.

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