



Insured for Aces?

If you have any interest in hole-in-one insurance, there are three Philadelphia insurance executives who now rate as experts in both fields. Frank Kelly, W. P. Arnold and Radford Sexton highlighted a recent insurance executive tournament by scoring holes-in-one at the Atlantic City Country Club, Northfield, N. J. This very probably constitutes a record for the number of holes-in-one scored in a single tournament. It becomes even more unusual in view of the fact that the field consisted of only 43 players.

Like Father, Like Son

Aspirants for the Texas Amateur Golf Championship are frankly worried about the event becoming a Goldman family affair. While it may seem unlikely that one family could dominate the golf enthusiastic Lone Star State, the Goldmans, of Dallas, seem bent on trying.

David Goldman, Jr., nineteen year old engineering student at S. M. U., is the 1956 Texas Amateur Champion by virtue of his 2 and 1 final victory over Jim Hiskey, of Houston. David's victory marked the first time in the 50-year history of the tournament that a son succeeded his father as Texas State Amateur Champion. David "Spec" Goldman, Sr., won the title in 1955.

To prove that this may only be the beginning, Kenny Goldman, Dave's 13 year old brother, is already shooting in the 80's

and professes to be a threat for the championship about 1961 or 1962. Kenny, incidentally, is named after his uncle, Ray Kenny, Texas Amateur Champion in 1942 at the age of 17, the youngest man ever to win the championship. Not to be forgotten is little six year old Bobby Goldman who is just now starting to learn the game.

Women's Collegiate Champion

Miss Marlene Stewart, of Fonthill, Ont., the 1955 Canadian Women's Amateur Champion, became the 1956 Women's National Collegiate Champion by defeating Miss Ruth Jessen, of Seattle University, 3 and 2, in the final round of play at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind. Miss Stewart, a recent graduate of Rollins College, scored a 5 and 4 semi-final victory over Miss Jacqueline Yates, of Redlands University, the defending champion.

A Distinguished Member

USGA President Richard S. Tufts recently had the pleasure of welcoming the Hillandale Golf Course, Durham, N. C., as the two thousandth Member Club of the Association.

In welcoming his fellow North Carolinians to membership in the USGA, Mr. Tufts informed the club that their acceptance was distinguished by the fact that it marked the first time USGA membership had reached the two thousand mark. Subsequent acceptances have increased membership above the two thousand total.

Annual Tri-City Match

The first annual tri-city match between public links golfers of Chicago, Ill., Milwaukee, Wis., and Peoria, Ill., resulted in victory for the Milwaukee golfers in competition held at the White Pines Golf Club, Bensenville, Ill.

Milwaukee captured first place honors by finishing one-half point ahead of Chicago, with Peoria taking third. Medalist was J. McIntire, of Peoria, with a one-over-par 71.

Consisting of four-ball and individual competition, the match was played in three sixsomes. Highlight of the day was the score turned in by the Peoria team on the 18th hole. In a strong finish they scored three eagles, two birdies and one par.

The match was arranged by William B. Langford, Chicago, Andrew J. Paul, of Peoria, and Raymond O. Fischer, of Greendale, Wis., members of the USGA Public Links Committee.

Final scores:

Milwaukee	
Four Ball	10
Individual	22½
Chicago	
Four Ball	11½
Individual	20½
Peoria	
Four Ball	3½
Individual	13

A Legless Race?

Our reading sometimes takes us into unexpected by-ways. We were exploring a little publication entitled "The Latch String", published by the W. S. Tyler Company, and came across this otherwise anonymous nugget:

"Golf was all that was saving us from becoming a legless race. The automobile not only gets you to the golf club, but is now creeping out on the course to replace the caddie system which has meant so much to young Americans. The happy four have broken up into two twos.

"Who wants to speed up a golf game? Walking is the best exercise for the tired

USGA FILM LIBRARY

Latest addition to USGA's Film Library is "Inside Golf House," a guided tour through the shrine of golf in America. The viewer is given an opportunity to see the many interesting exhibits in "Golf House," USGA headquarters in New York, and to re-live golf triumphs of the past with many of the game's immortals. Lindsey Nelson, Assistant Sports Director of the National Broadcasting Company, is the narrator. The film is a 16 mm. black and white production with a running time of 28 minutes.

Thus far, more than 607 bookings have been made for USGA's motion picture, "The Rules of Golf—Etiquette." The film stresses the importance of etiquette by portrayal of various violations of the code in the course of a family four-ball match. Ben Hogan appears in several scenes, and Robert T. Jones, Jr., makes the introductory statement. A 16 mm. Kodachrome production, the film has a running time of 17½ minutes.

The distribution of both prints is handled by National Educational Films, Inc., 165 West 46th Street, New York 36, N. Y., which produced the films in cooperation with the USGA. The rental is \$15 per film or \$25 in combination at the same time, including the cost of shipping prints to the renter.

businessman and one of the greatest benefits of golf. The watered fairway not only gives you a better lie, but it also gives you a thick, springy green rug that greatly adds to the enjoyment of walking. After you hit the ball, do not gallop after it with the only idea of socking it again as quickly as possible. Take your time and walk leisurely. Enjoy the scenery and visit with your jolly good companions.

"Some golfers only see the ball, the cup and the nineteenth hole. There is a lot more enjoyment in a golf game, and you are entitled to all of it."

New Golfing Literature

One of the missing biographies of a distinguished golf career is now recorded in "The Walter Hagen Story," published by Simon and Schuster. The book presents an interesting picture of the man golfers knew as the "Haig," master of fashion, psychology and the mashie.

Hagen, one of the outstanding professionals of this century, reveals his golfing life in as bold and relaxed a manner as he played the game. He retells many of the myths and stories developing from a twenty-six year career of exhibition and tournament golf. The book contains many photographs which serve to document the narrative.

"Golf Secrets of the Pros" are revealed by Larry Robinson, golf writer for the New York World Telegram and Sun, in his presentation of the winning techniques of 17 leading tournament professionals.

Highlighted by over 400 photographs, sketches and film slides, plus biographical information on the personalities, careers and style of each player, the book becomes more than the conventional golf instruction volume. Arco Publishing Co., Inc., New York, is the publisher.

Golf Behind the Iron Curtain

There is a total number of 242 golf courses in Europe, two of them behind the Iron Curtain in Communist-controlled Rumania, according to a survey taken in connection with the centennial of the Pau Golf Club, in southern France.

Very little is known about the game as it is played behind the Iron Curtain, but the Bucharest Golf Club is apparently still in operation. It is reported to have a membership totalling 250, an eighteen hole course with a par of 70, and a telephone. The only information available concerning the course at Ploesti is its name, Taleajen.

Elsewhere in Europe the game is faring well. The Pau Golf Club, one of 66 in France, is the oldest course still operating outside the British commonwealth. It was founded in 1856 beside an old golfing ground reputedly used by some of Wellington's soldiers who fought against Napoleon in 1814.

European courses range from Pau, in the Basse Pyrenees, to the course near Trondheim, Norway. The latter doubles as a ski run in the winter.

SPORTSMAN'S CORNER

For most of the good golfing citizens of Rochester, N. Y., there was only one disappointment growing out of the Open Championship at the Oak Hill Country Club. That was the fact that Sam Urzetta did not qualify to play.

Sam has been the city's golfing idol since his caddie days. As Amateur Champion, Walker Cup player and now associate professional at the Country Club of Rochester, he has earned universal respect and affection. All Sam's home-town friends wanted to see him do well when the Open came to Rochester, and Sam naturally wanted to justify their good-will.



SAM URZETTA

In the first round of sectional qualifying at his home course, however, Sam stepped up to address a putt and carelessly let his putter glance off his shoe against his ball. Whether the ball left its original position and came to rest in another place, in violation of Rule 27-1c, was open to question, as far as Sam's two playing companions were concerned. But Sam promptly added one penalty stroke to his score.

When all the scores were in, Sam's 72-77—149 left him tied with four others for the last two qualifying places and he was out-distanced in the play-off.

"The only thing that bothers me about the episode," said Sam later, "is that some people talk about it as if I shouldn't have called the penalty on myself.

"Can you imagine thinking that way?"

Amputee Tournament

The eighth National Amputee Amateur Golf Tournament, open to all amputees who play golf, will be held August 24 and 25 at the Lake Shore Yacht and Country Club, Syracuse, New York. This year's competition will consist of 36 holes of

stroke play, with contestants divided into six divisions—four based on skill and two on age.

Inquiries concerning the tournament should be addressed to Mr. Dale S. Bourisseau, National Amputee Golf Association, Solon Center Bldg., Solon, Ohio.

Robert A. Gardner

Amateur golf lost a great friend and a distinguished former champion in the recent death of Mr. Robert A. Gardner, of Lake Forest, Ill., on June 21, 1956.

Twice a winner of the USGA Amateur Championship, Mr. Gardner attained the added distinction of becoming the youngest man ever to win the championship when he was victorious in 1909 at the age of 19. He won his second Amateur Championship in 1915.

In addition to his record as a competitor, Mr. Gardner served as a member of the USGA Executive Committee in 1917 and as Vice-President from 1921 through 1925.

Mr. Gardner played a prominent role in pioneering international amateur golf competition. In 1919, he was a member of the U. S. team invited by the Royal Canadian Golf Association to meet a Canadian amateur team in that country. The match, won by the U. S. team, was the first step toward present-day international amateur golf competition.

As a member of the first Walker Cup team in 1922, Mr. Gardner contributed a 7 and 5 victory over W. B. Torrance to the 8 to 4 win by the U. S. team. He subsequently served as Playing Captain of the Team in 1923, 1924 and 1926. As a Walker Cup competitor, his record included three singles victories against only one loss. Competing four times in four-somes, he was defeated only once.

Mr. Gardner was a graduate of Yale University where he held the United States collegiate pole vaulting record of 13 feet, one inch.

He joined the firm of Mitchell, Hutchins & Co., securities and brokerage dealers, in Chicago, in 1919. Mr. Gardner was a partner in the company at the time of his death.

NEW MEMBERS OF THE USGA REGULAR

American Legion Country Club, Pa.
Atlanta General Denot Golf Club, Ga.
Barbour Country Club, W. Va.
Casa Grande Valley Country Club, Ariz.
Casey Country Club, Ill.
Dothan Country Club, Ala.
Fresno Municipal Golf Club, Cal.
Gardiner's Bay Country Club, N. Y.
Highfield Country Club, Conn.
Humble Recreation Club, Texas
Lander Country Club, Wyo.
Liverpool Golf and Country Club, N. Y.
Osage Hills Country Club, Okla.
Rockrimmon Country Club, Conn.
Saratoga Inn Country Club, Wyo.
Skyline Country Club, Ala.

Sites for the Open

The USGA has accepted invitations from the following clubs to entertain the Open Championship:

1958—Southern Hills Country Club, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Dates will be June 12, 13 and 14.

1959—Winged Foot Golf Club, Mamaroneck, New York. Dates will be fixed later.

As was previously announced, the 1957 Open Championship will be played at the Inverness Club, Toledo, Ohio, on June 13, 14 and 15.

A Matter of Age

If Ben Hogan had won the Open Championship last month, he would have been the oldest winner by a matter of seven months.

The oldest winner was Ted Ray, the Englishman who won at the Inverness Club in 1920. He was 43 years old at the time, his birthday being March 28, 1877.

Hogan also is 43, but his birthday is August 13, 1912.

Joins Green Section Staff

Mr. Jim Latham, Agronomist, has been appointed to the staff of the USGA Green Section. A graduate of Texas A & M College, Mr. Latham will assist Mr. A. M. Radko, Northeastern Director, in servicing clubs in that area. The Northeastern Office of the USGA Green Section is located at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J.