

## Knowing Your Rights Under the Rules

The Rules of Golf contain many rights for the player; they are not just a code of prohibitions. It is important to know your rights, as was shown in several circumstances during the USGA Women's Open Championship last month at the Northland Country Club, Duluth, Minn.

Early on the first day of play a storm broke. Rain pelted down, thunder rolled, and lightning flashed across the sky. Although the USGA authorized discontinuance of play for about 20 minutes, it was impossible to get the word throughout the course at one time.

Before the word reached them, several experienced players came dashing in off the course, discontinuing play on their own volition—among them, Misses Fay Crocker, Beverly Hanson and Mary Lena Faulk. They thought they were endangered by lightning, and thus had a right to discontinue play of their will. Rule 37-6 provides in part:

"Players shall not discontinue play on account of bad weather or for any other reason, unless:—

"a. They consider that there be danger from lightning,

or

"b. There be some other reason, such as sudden illness, which the Committee considers satisfactory.

"If a player discontinue play without specific permission from the Committee,

he shall report to the Committee as soon as possible."

Two incidents on the same hole pointed up the wisdom of knowing the course intimately and the folly of playing a provisional ball if there is a possibility that your first ball may be in a water hazard or a lateral water hazard. Northland's 15th hole is a 400-yarder downhill, with thick woods on the left. On the edge of the woods is a lateral water hazard; unless you had occasion to hook rather badly, you might not know it existed.

Two players hooked their tee shots badly toward the woods. Each immediately announced to her marker her intention of playing a provisional ball, under Rule 30-1.

Each player did not state that the provisional ball would not apply if her first ball were in the lateral water hazard. Such a statement is permitted by Rule 30-1a, and if the players had done this they might have saved themselves a stroke each.

Each found her first ball in the lateral water hazard, unplayable. Each wanted to drop a ball within two club-lengths of the lateral water hazard, under penalty of one stroke, as provided for in Rule 33-3b. But, on asking for a ruling, each was told she had no right to do so. The provisional ball she played was provisional for *all* possibilities, since she had not said in advance that it would not apply if the first ball were in the hazard.

Thus, Rule 30-3 prevailed, as follows:

"If a player has played a provisional

ball under this Rule and the original ball be in a water hazard or lateral water hazard, he may play the original ball as it lies or continue the provisional ball in play; but he may not drop a ball to obtain relief in the manner provided for in Rule 33 or in any Local Rule.

*Exception:*—Application of a provisional ball to a ball in a water hazard waived in advance under Rule 30-1a."

If this Rule did not exist, the player might be able to choose which of three balls to play—the original, the provisional, or one dropped within two club-lengths of the hazard margin. Three choices are too many.

Thus, each player's provisional ball became the ball in play, and her approach shot to the green was her fourth. Had she put herself in position to drop a ball alongside the lateral water hazard under Rule 33-3b, she would have been playing 3 on her approach shot.

Know the Rules, and know your rights.

### ***Caddie Scholarships***

The Western Golf Association recently announced the awarding of 46 additional scholarships in the Evans Scholars Program. The figure is expected to be increased by the announcement of 60 or 70 more scholarship awards in the near future. Coupled with the 197 young men now studying under the program, the total number of Evans Scholars is expected to reach 300 this year. Last year 259 former caddies attended 28 universities and colleges as Evans Scholars.

### ***Out of the Cellar***

An eager young player approached the starters, Harry Packham and Alfred W. Wareham, at the first tee for the second qualifying round in the recent Amateur Public Links Championship.

"Do we play 'honors'?" he asked expectantly.

Mr. Packham puzzled over the term for a moment and then explained:

"No, I'll call you as you're listed on the starter's list. You're third in your group so you'll be the last to tee off."



*A friend in need is a friend indeed! And all agree it's part of the game as these junior ladies pit their ingenuity, a little daring, a nine iron and a fishing pole in the battle to save an errant ball. They were participating in a Junior Tournament at Buffalo, N. Y., when this opportunity to extend sympathy and assistance occurred. From top to bottom are: Miss Debbie Means, of Cherry Hill Country Club; Miss Claire B. Tindle, of the Country Club of Buffalo; Miss Carolyn Ploysa, of Lancaster Country Club; and Miss Sheila O'Grady, of Niagara Frontier Golf Club.*

"I understand that", the player replied. "But out on the course—do we play 'honors'?"

"Oh, yes, yes. After you leave the first tee, the honor goes with the low score", Mr. Packham explained.

The No. 3 man on the list whirled around to his two playing companions:

"See. I told you so," he exulted. "Today we play 'honors'".

## NEW MEMBERS OF THE USGA

### REGULAR

Aliquippa Golf Club, Pa.  
Bloomsburg Country Club, Pa.  
Chestnut Ridge Country Club, Md.  
Columbian Club of Dallas, Texas  
Diablo Country Club, Cal.  
Hamilton Elks #93 Country Club, Ohio  
Hill Crest Country Club, Pa.  
Indiana Country Club, Pa.  
Lacon Country Club, Ill.  
Oak Ridge Golf Club, Texas  
Oregon Golf Club, Ill.  
Ridgewood Golf Club, Ohio  
St. Cloud Country Club, Minn.  
Tenison Golf Association, Texas  
Tracy Golf & Country Club, Cal.

### ASSOCIATE

Coquille Valley Country Club, Ore.  
Fort Polk Golf Course, La.  
Galloway Golf Course, Tenn.

## *A Host of Birdies*

Charles Berggren and Dick Calvelli, Metropolitan New York golfers, recently highlighted relentless attacks on par by scoring six consecutive birdies in a single round. Their achievement fell two short of the eight straight birdies in a single round recorded by Jack Hesler, of Crawfordsville, Ind., in August, 1949.

Berggren, a member of the South Shore Golfer's Club, Staten Island, N. Y., scored birdies on holes 4 through 9 as he played for a qualifying berth in the Metropolitan district's annual Ike Tournament. He finished with a score of 72.

A few days later, Calvelli, playing in a four-ball tournament at North Hempstead Country Club, Port Washington, N. Y., duplicated the feat. He scored birdies on holes 13 through 18 for an 18-hole score of 67.

## *Beware the Contest*

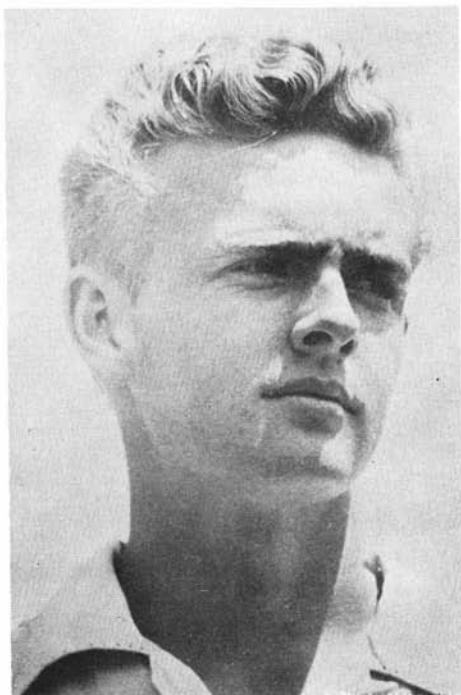
A manufacturer of golf equipment is again promoting sales by means of a hole-in-one contest for which the grand prize is a Cadillac automobile.

Acceptance of a prize of this nature (of retail value exceeding \$150) is, of course, a violation of Rule 1-5a of the USGA Rules of Amateur Status.

## SPORTSMAN'S CORNER

The scene was the third round of the Pacific Coast Conference Championship. Stanford and the University of Southern California were deadlocked for first place, well ahead of the other contenders.

Foster (Bud) Bradley, 1954 USGA Junior Amateur Champion, and Frank Stubbs, both sophomores at Southern California, were playing in the same group. On the first hole Bradley was about to play an iron shot when he stopped short, examined his ball and beckoned to his team-mate.



FOSTER (BUD) BRADLEY

Stubbs looked at the ball and agreed that somehow each had played the other's ball. This meant a two-stroke penalty for each under Rule 21-3—a four-stroke penalty for the team. Only Bradley and Stubbs were aware of the error, but they immediately reported the incident to the Stanford coach.

When play was completed, Stanford had won the title by three strokes and Bradley had failed to win the individual championship by two strokes. The self-imposed penalty strokes had made the difference in each case.

Stan Wood, Southern California coach, commended them for their honesty.

"There's only one way to play this game, isn't there?," said Bradley.

## Hole-in-One Expert

Coming from behind to win is often said to be the mark of a true champion. Mr. Allen R. Rankin, of Scioto Country Club, Columbus, Ohio, a member of the USGA Senior Championship Committee, is one champion with a unique method of fulfilling the above requirement. He finds the hole-in-one a very effective manner of picking up lost ground.

Recently crowned Ohio Senior Champion for the ninth time, Mr Rankin accomplished the feat by scoring an ace on the 17th hole of his home course, site of the championship. He finished with a 69 for a winning total of 144, one stroke ahead of Jack Klinker, also of Scioto Country Club.

"It was my greatest golf thrill ever," said Mr. Rankin. A noteworthy statement inasmuch as it marked the fourteenth time he has scored a hole-in-one.

The details of his first hole-in-one have been forgotten, but most of them have occurred at Scioto Country Club. Two other occasions when Mr. Rankin found it helpful to resort to an ace are cherished memories. Playing in a club tournament a few years ago, he and his partner, Mr. John W. Roberts, 1955 U.S. Senior G.A. Champion, were trailing by two strokes at the 17th hole of the final round. At this point Mr. Rankin negotiated the distance from tee to hole in one shot, alleviating the scoring situation. The team went on to win the event.

On another occasion Mr. Rankin was asked to participate in a hole-in-one contest sponsored by a local newspaper. He agreed and wasted no time in holing his first shot.

### THE SPIRIT OF GOLF

The spirit of golf is not found in a low score. Instead, it is found in honorably striving for it. It is found in meeting the challenge of an opponent, of the course and of par. It is found in the sportsmanship, honor and fair play traditionally associated with the game. It is also found in the Rules of Golf.

—Ralph Miller, Los Angeles, Cal.

## Necrology

It is with deep regret that we record the passing of:

MR. ROBERT P. JONES, father of Robert T. Jones, Jr., in Atlanta, Ga.

The elder Mr. Jones was instrumental in starting his son in the game of golf. In subsequent years, when Bobby Jones was on his way to becoming one of golf's all-time greats, his father accompanied him on many of his golfing triumphs.

MR. HARRY A. ROWBOTHAM, of Llanerch, Pa., a former President of the Philadelphia Golf Association. Mr. Rowbotham was an active senior golfer in recent years. He teamed with his son, George, to win the annual Father and Son Golf Tournament of Philadelphia on several occasions.

MR. GEORGE A. DIXON, Treasurer of the United States Seniors' Golf Association, in New York City. Mr. Dixon was a competitor in many golf tournaments, including the 1933 French Amateur Championship when he was a finalist. He was a founder-member of the National Golf Links of America, Southampton, N. Y., and a member of the Garden City Golf Club, Garden City, N. Y.

MR. WILLIAM B. TORRANCE, of Edinburgh, Scotland, a member of the first British Walker Cup Team in 1922. Mr. Torrance, a retired insurance manager, was a member of the team that lost to the United States 8 to 4 at the National Golf Links of America, Southampton, N. Y. As a competitor he lost to Robert A. Gardner in singles 7 and 5. He and C. V. L. Hooman lost 3 and 2 to Bobby Jones and Jess Sweetser in foursomes.

MR. JOHN J. KINDER, of South Plainfield, N. J., golf professional at the Plainfield Country Club, Plainfield, N. J. Mr. Kinder was President of the New Jersey Professional Golfers' Association at the time of his death. He was New Jersey State Open Champion three times and won the state P.G.A. title on four occasions.