



### **Evans' Record**

With the assistance of Chick Evans and Bill English, of the Daily Oklahoman, we have compiled what we fondly believe is a corrected and up-to-date summary of the Grand Old Man's participation in the Amateur Championship over the years.

Evans has now entered 44 Amateur Championships. The first for which he filed entry was the 1907 event at The Euclid Club, in Cleveland, and he took a 12 on a hole which crossed street-car tracks and failed to make the 165 necessary to qualify for match play. He has entered in every year there has been a Championship since that time. If world wars had not caused the cancellation of six Championships, this would be his fiftieth.

Although Evans has entered 44 Championships, this will be only his 33rd appearance in match play. He failed again in his second try, in 1908, and missed out also on nine other occasions, in 1925, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941 and 1946. In the 1930 Championship, in which Bob Jones completed his Grand Slam, Evans missed a short putt on the first hole of the play-off. He failed by a stroke in both 1929 and 1931.

Evans has won 54 individual matches, including his first-round victory last year, and has been beaten 30 times. He won twice, in 1916 and 1920, was runner-up three times and a semi-finalist on five other occasions.

### **Live and Learn**

We have long preached the gospel that a knowledge of the Rules is one of the greatest stroke-saving devices in the game. Now Eddie Langert, of Memphis, Tenn., for one, believes us.

In the Amateur Public Links Championship, Eddie's ball lodged in a crotch in a cypress tree, and Eddie light-heartedly popped it out by using his club as if it were a billiard cue.

Unfortunately, the careless action cost him the hole, and he subsequently lost the match. Rule 19-1 requires that the ball be fairly struck at with the head of the club.

### **The Extra**

The quest for places on The Americas Cup Team added a tingle to the Amateur Championship this year. The third Match for this newest of our international team trophies will take place at the Club Campestre de la Ciudad de Mexico, in Mexico City, on October 27 and 28.

Obviously, performances at the Knollwood Club have had an important effect on the make-up of the seven-man Team which will play next month against the Canadians and the Mexicans.

The Americas Cup series was inaugurated in Seattle, Wash., in 1952 and was resumed at London, Ontario, Canada, in 1954. The United States won on both occasions, but not by very comfortable margins.

## TWO OLD MASTERS MEET



What a host of golfing history these two gentlemen represent! Gene Sarazen, left, and Bernard Darwin recently met again at Hoylake, England, scene of the 1956 British Open Championship. Sarazen, twice winner of the USGA Open Championship and one of this country's golfing greats, was again in England trying for his second British Open crown. Darwin, dean of England's golf writers, was formerly one of England's most outstanding amateur players. He celebrated his 80th birthday this month.

### *A Fine Example*

Of the specific violations of the Rules of Amateur Status, one of the most difficult to interpret is that of Professional Intent (Rule I-2). In many instances only the individual concerned really knows whether he violates the spirit of this rule.

It was this situation that prompted Cary Middlecoff to write the USGA in 1947, stating that he was about to become a professional and could not in good conscience further consider himself an amateur.

It was this situation that prompted William A. Booe, of Bridgeport, Conn.,

to write last month advising the USGA that he intended to become a professional.

"Only time will tell if I've taken the wise course," he wrote. "I do know that I'll be very happy playing the game I love so much. I also know one of the reasons golf is such a popular sport is that the line between professionalism and amateurism is clearly defined—and, therefore, I refuse to straddle the fence myself."

Such acts of sportsmanship and observance of the Rules of Amateur Status are in the best traditions of the game. They serve as a fine recommendation for the individual and the game.

## Junior Golf League

The junior golfers of the Columbia Country Club, Chevy Chase, Md., are the first champions of the District of Columbia's newly-organized Interclub Junior Golf League. The victors accumulated a total of 34½ points in winning the title. They were followed by teams representing the Congressional Country Club, District of Columbia, 20½ points; Kenwood Golf and Country Club, Bethesda, Md., 19½ points; and the Chevy Chase Club, Chevy Chase, Md., 15½ points.

Interclub play, fostered by Frank Emmet, Director of the Junior Golfers of Washington and a member of the USGA Junior Championship Committee, was held in three age groups: 16 and 17, 14 and 15, 13 and under. One point was awarded for each singles and best-ball victory, with a total of nine points at stake in each match. Each team played the other league members once during the season, concluding play with a round robin tournament.

Jackie Holzberg, Jr., and Carl MacCartee, Jr., representing Columbia Country Club in the 14 and 15 age group, accounted for 15 of their club's winning total by winning all of their matches. Manly Parks, playing in the 16 and 17 age group, contributed seven and one-half points to the Chevy Chase total by going undefeated.

High scorer for Congressional Country Club was Andy Moore, with five points. Dick Gambatese led Kenwood, with four and one-half points. Both played in the 14 and 15 age group.

## Norman Wins Canadian Amateur

Moe Norman, of Kitchener, Ont., defeated Gerry Magee, of Toronto, 5 and 4, to win the Canadian Amateur Championship at Edmunston, N.B., last month. In winning the event for the second straight year, Norman became the first Canadian to accomplish the feat in the past 25 years. His victory came in convincing fashion after leading only 1-up after the first eighteen holes. He held a lead of 4-up at the end of 27 holes and closed out the match on the 32nd hole.

## SPORTSMAN'S CORNER

Lee Marttila is a 10 year old Detroit golfer with a man-sized knowledge of the rules of sportsmanship.

Playing in a recent Junior Golf School Tournament sponsored by a local paper, Lee finished his round and walked to the scoreboard to see where he stood. On the scoreboard he was listed with a score of 57, good enough to win a trophy in his division.

However, Lee knew the scoreboard was incorrect. He had finished with a 65, not good enough to win a trophy. Without hesitation, he informed officials of the error.

Lee Marttila went home that day without the trophy he had tried so hard to win, but he took something with him that he knew meant a great deal more.

## Hogan to Try Again?

Ben Hogan, according to news reports, has decided to seek his fifth Open Championship title in the 1957 USGA Open Championship at the Inverness Club, Toledo, Ohio. Following an exhibition benefit match at Ridgewood Country Club, Paramus, N. J., he indicated to reporters that he expects to embark on a full schedule of exhibition appearances next Spring, leading up to the Open Championship.

## Foote Wins Western Junior

Dick Foote, of Santa Ana, Cal., won the Western Junior Golf Championship last month by defeating Deane Beman, of Bethesda, Md., 3 and 1, at Ann Arbor, Mich. The new champion, a semi-finalist in the 1955 USGA Junior Championship, was one down at the 29th hole, but rallied with three birdies in the final seven holes to win.

## PGA Official Resigns

Ray O'Brien, Tournament Supervisor for the Professional Golfers' Association, has announced his resignation from that position, effective September 30, 1956.

In a letter to the USGA, Mr. O'Brien announced that he will resign to accompany a group of seven professional golfers on a tour of Europe this October. The group, including Chick Harbert, Jimmy Demaret, Vic Ghezzi, Jim Turnesa, George Fazio, Bob Toski and Al Besselink, will open the European tour by playing in the Spanish Open Championship, in Barcelona, Spain.

## ***Trouble on the Old Course***

All is not well in St. Andrews, Scotland, home of the world renowned Old Course. In the town where golf is considered a family matter, criticism of the condition of the course has become commonplace. The Old Course, often termed one of the world's most difficult courses, is reportedly showing signs of wear and an alarming tendency to retreat in the battle against nature.

Maintenance of the course has never been a small problem. Consider the fact that an estimated 60,000 rounds of golf were played on the course last year (47,000 rounds were actually counted) and the maintenance problem can be viewed in its proper perspective.

Center of the criticism are the fairways, bare in large areas and endangered by a rapid growth of weeds. Driving is complicated by bare, uneven teeing grounds, and bunkers, in addition to inherent hazards, are weed-infested and bordered by uncommonly high grass.

To the hardy, devoted golfers of St. Andrews, the conditions are assuming disastrous proportions. In a community whose citizens often rise early in the morning to play a round of golf before work, the Old Course is considered more than an ordinary public course. It is a community center, a Mecca for golfing devotees throughout the world and a tourist attraction. Consequently, welfare of the venue has become a matter of personal concern to citizens of St. Andrews.

Henry Longhurst, golf writer for the British magazine *Golf Illustrated*, recently advanced the theory that limitation of play is the only solution to the problem. The St. Andrews Citizen, local weekly paper, has issued an appeal for immediate action to correct the situation. It remains to be seen what steps will be taken, but golfers everywhere share the hope that the Old Course will soon be restored to proper condition.

## **NEW MEMBERS OF THE USGA**

### **Regular**

Anthony Country Club, N. M.  
Bryn Mawr Country Club, Ill.  
Cedardell Golf Club, Ill.  
Clinton Country Club, Iowa  
Crystal Lake Country Club, Ill.  
Edgewood Country Club, Ind.  
Hillmoor Golf Club, Wis.  
Hillview Country Club, Ind.  
Huntington Beach Men's Golf Club, Cal.  
Jacksonville Country Club, Texas  
Madison Country Club, Conn.  
Madison Golf and Country Club, Ohio  
McHenry Country Club, Ill.  
Pekin Country Club, Ill.  
Port Arthur Country Club, Texas  
Silver Lake Golf and Country Club, Fla.  
Teugega Country Club, N. Y.  
Thorngate Country Club, Ill.  
Waccabuc Country Club, N. Y.

### **Associate**

Lake Hefner Golf Course, Okla.  
Oxon Run Golf Course, D. C.  
Wharton Country Club, Texas  
Whiteface Inn Golf Club, N. Y.

## ***Golfer's Pledge***

How do you rate as an etiquette-wise golfer?

Unfortunately, those who pay strict and devoted attention to the fortunes of their game are often less than attentive to the way they play it.

Lionel F. Callaway, of Lakewood, N. Y., in a letter to the USGA, presented his plan for renewing and sustaining individual interest in the observance of golf etiquette.

Noting that many golfers were seemingly unaware that they were violating golf etiquette, Mr. Callaway composed a "Golfer's Pledge" which he feels is one approach to the problem. The pledge, designed to place the individual on his honor to observe the rules, lists the common breaches of etiquette which the player pledges not to commit knowingly. Printed on a card small enough to be carried by the player, Mr. Callaway feels that the pledge will serve to inform and remind the player of the code of conduct by which the game should be played.

The pledge has already been distributed to a limited number of golfers and, according to Mr. Callaway, has been met with enthusiasm and marked improvement. He is hopeful that wide-spread use of the "Golfer's Pledge" will result in continued improvement.

### **'Links'—A Changing Concept**

The hardy Scots who developed the game of golf are largely responsible for the concurrent development of the game's vocabulary. Over the years these words have crossed the ocean with the game, but the original meaning has, in some instances, been obscured or replaced by a twentieth century concept.

For instance, the word "links" has been freely used to describe many American golf courses. The terms "golf course" and "links" have tended to become synonymous in America. This usage of the term "links" could conceivably include any of the courses of this country, with their rolling fairways, neatly kept greens and landscaped grounds.

The word meant quite a different thing to the Scotchmen who first went down to the "links" to engage in the sporting challenge of the game. An old Scots word for sand hills, the word "links" is applied to the sand dunes found in abundance along the shore. It was on this terrain, pounded for centuries by wind and sea, grown heavy by grass and swordlike reeds, dotted by mounds, pits and pools, that golf originated—on quite a different kind of "links" than most Americans are accustomed to playing.

### **Necrology**

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

ALBERT E. SHARP, former golf editor of the Atlanta Constitution, Atlanta, Ga. Prior to joining the Atlanta Constitution, Mr. Sharp was a golf writer for the Chattanooga Times, Chattanooga, Tenn.

### **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).
- THE RULES OF AMATEUR STATUS, a page. No charge.
- USGA GOLF HANDICAP SYSTEM FOR MEN, containing recommendations for computing Basic and Current Handicaps and for rating courses. Booklet, 25 cents. Poster, 10 cents.
- 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.
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