



Not the Half of It

Mrs. Tom Angove, a South Australian State golfer, was practising at the Koo-yonga Golf Club, Adelaide. Her eight year old son was gallantly picking up the balls for his mother. When he had retrieved the balls several times he was told not to go far away, she was going to hit some half eights.

"But mother," queried the child, "why don't you use your No. 4?"

Age In The Open

The currents of history could come together at the Inverness Club, in Toledo, Ohio, this month.

When Ted Ray, the Englishman, won the Open Championship there in 1920, he was 43 years, 4½ months old. He was born on March 28, 1877, and the Championship was held on August 10, 11, 12 and 13, 1920.

No one so old has won since, or before for that matter. However, there are at least two older than Ray who are fully capable of winning as the Championship returns to Inverness.

Ben Hogan is 44 years, 10 months old. He was born on August 13, 1912.

Sam Snead is 45 years, 1 month. He was born on May 27, 1912.

Even the 46 year old Jimmy Demaret can not be over-ruled as a serious contender on his present showing.

But while golfers speculate on the older school, there is no youngster on the horizon

likely to upset the long standing record of Horace Rawlins, who won the first Open Championship in 1895 at the age of 19.

The following list of other young and aging champions prove that major events can be won from the teens to the fifties:

Miss Beatrix Hoyt, 16, U.S. Women's Amateur, 1896.

Miss May Hezlett, 17, British Women's, 1899.

Miss Nancy Jupp, 13, British Girls', 1934.

Tom Morris, Jr., 18, British Open, 1868.

John Beharrell, 18, British Amateur, 1956.

Louis N. James, 19, U.S. Amateur, 1902.

Harry Vardon, 44, British Open, 1914.

Jack Westland, 47, U.S. Amateur, 1952.

Hon. Michael Scott, 54, British Amateur, 1933.

John B. Beck to Take the Chair

John B. Beck has been nominated by the past Captains of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland, as Captain for the year 1957-58. He will play himself in in September.

Mr. Beck has been one of Britain's leading players and administrators for the past thirty-five years. He captained Britain's only winning Walker Cup Team in 1938 at St. Andrews and was chosen again to lead Britain in the first post-war matches in 1947. He played on the 1928 team which lost to the United States at the Chicago

NEW MEMBERS OF THE USGA

Regular

Antelope Valley Golf Association, Cal.
Berrien Hills Country Club, Mich.
Bradenton Country Club, Pa.
City Golf Club, Ore.
Clinton County Country Club, Mich.
Country Club of Peoria, Ill.
Dayton Meadowbrook Country Club, Ohio.
DeAnza Desert Country Club, Cal.
Dunedin Isle Country Club, Cal.
Elizabethtown Country Club, Ky.
Fort Bliss Golf Association, Texas
Fox Meadows Country Club, Tenn.
Golf Club of Wayne, N. J.
Graham Air Base Golf Club, Fla.
Hendersonville Country Club, N. C.
Itasca Country Club, Ill.
L. & N. Golf Club, Ky.
Lakeside Golf and Country Club, Okla.
Laurel Country Club, Miss.
Meadowbrook Country Club, Ohio
Moses Lake Golf Club, Wash.
North Conway Country Club, N. H.
Panama Country Club, Fla.
Portland Country Club, Ind.
Putnam Country Club, Texas
Riverside Country Club, Texas
Rock Creek Golf Club, D. C.
Rolling Hills Country Club, Colo.
Scranton Canoe Club, Pa.
Sedalia Country Club, Mo.
Sepulveda Men's Golf Club, Cal.
Spencer Golf & Country Club, Iowa
Top Notch Country Club, Colo.
Valley Country Club, Colo.

Associate

Brookfield Golf Course, Conn.
Carson City Golf Course, Nev.
Cherry Point Golf Course, N. C.
Dayton Golf and Country Club, Tenn.
Langhorne Golf Club, Pa.
Par 3 Golf Club, Fla.
Paskamansett Links, Mass.
Tahoe City Golf Course, Cal.

Golf Club, Wheaton, Ill.

He and his wife have set a precedent which may never be equalled. Mrs. Beck emulated her husband by captaining the last Curtis Cup team to visit this country in 1954, but she stole a march on him by being elected Chairman of the Executive Council of the Ladies' Golf Union in 1955.

She just stepped down from office this year. Now it is his turn to take the chair.

Skirts For Women's Open

The accent will be on decorum when the competitors in the Women's Open Championship tee off at the Winged Foot Golf Club, Mamaroneck, N. Y. on June 27-28-29.

Entrants have been asked to observe the Club's ruling that shorts will not be worn, and so for the first time in four years all competitors will step skirted onto the first tee.

The controversy over shorts has been raging now for twenty-three years, since a furor arose when a shorts clad competitor took part in a Metropolitan New York Women's event in 1934.

The USGA banned shorts in 1953 but withdrew the ban the following year. The USGA now has no clothing regulations of its own but always requests players to honor any such regulations in effect at Clubs where it is conducting Championships.

A Break With Tradition

The Country Club, Brookline, Mass., which this year celebrates its seventy-fifth anniversary, has broken with tradition surrounding its famous old championship course in order to provide a longer test and better facilities for the Amateur Championship.

When the qualifiers gather there for the match-play stages in September, they will be faced with a new, par-72 alignment measuring close on 6,700 yards, 300 yards longer than the old course which has played host to one Open, three Amateurs, two Women's Amateurs, one Girls' Junior and one Walker Cup Match.

The new course, which comprises the best features of the Club's three nine-hole units, will also afford additional parking space and a practice area near the clubhouse.

The Amateur was last held at The Country Club in 1934 when Lawson Little, Jr., won the title which he successfully defended the following year. It was there, too, that Francis Ouimet became the first amateur to win the Open, in 1913, when he streaked away to a clear-cut victory in

the play-off with Harry Vardon and Ted Ray. Yet despite the strong sway of sentiment, Ouimet himself was forced to admit that the change now is for the best.

Mrs. Vare's Portrait in "Golf House"

The USGA headquarters in "Golf House" is gradually acquiring a portrait gallery of golf's greats. Now, in addition to the canvases of Robert T. Jones, Jr. and Francis Ouimet, comes a striking picture of United States' six times Women's Champion, Mrs. Glenna Collett Vare.



One hundred and ninety-five of her golfing friends from Providence, R. I., to Philadelphia subscribed to a fund to sponsor this newest portrait in confirmation of the warm esteem in which Mrs. Vare is held. The Committee which obtained the funds comprised Mrs. Harrison F. Flippin, of Ardmore, Pa., Mrs. Warren B. Pond, of New York, N. Y., and Mrs. J. Albert Hayes, of Rosemont, Pa.

Through the good office of Erwin S. Barrie, of New York, Director and Manager of the Grand Central Art Galleries and member of the USGA Museum Committee, the well-known artist Frank C. Bensing was commissioned to paint the portrait. All who see it will agree that the choice was a happy one.

The work was done from a photograph taken in her championship days of the

young Miss Collett sitting on a bench at a golf course. She could have been waiting to tee off or watching others coming to the last green. The result is natural and alive and will recall for posterity the young woman who set an unprecedented record in women's competitive golf in the United States.

The picture now hangs at the top of the first flight of stairs. It was unveiled at a simple ceremony in "Golf House" in the presence of Richard S. Tufts, President of the USGA, and a small gathering of Mrs. Vare's close friends.

Champions Were Spring Brides

Our Women's Amateur Champion is now Mrs. J. Douglas Streit. The former Miss Marlene Stewart was married in April and will live in Toronto.

Miss Barbara Romack, Women's Amateur Champion in 1954, was also an April bride to Mr. Edward Wayne Porter. They have set up home in Sacramento, Cal.

USGA Insignia

The Association has taken the occasion during the winter to review its entire sartorial system of blazers, pocket emblems and neckties. As a result its committeemen will be modeling new insignia and regalia this summer.

The Executive Committee will continue to wear the familiar navy blue blazers and blue, silver and scarlet regimental neckties. However, the blazers will bear a new pocket emblem, the official seal of the Association. Retired members henceforth will wear their years of service below their pocket emblems.

Committees which conduct competitions—the Public Links, Junior Championship, Girls' Junior, Senior Championship and Sectional Affairs—will wear a brand-new tan blazer bearing an equally brand-new pocket emblem featuring the American eagle, with a tan and green regimental necktie.

Other committees are authorized to wear the necktie but not the blazer.

The Walker Cup Team will continue to wear the traditional green blazers but will display a new pocket emblem and

necktie, both featuring the American eagle with a silver background. The Americas Cup Team, next year, will wear exactly the same regalia, rather than the brown blazers of the past. Only the words encircling the pocket emblem will distinguish the two teams' regalia.

The Curtis Cup Team, next year, will continue to wear the traditional white blazers, but they will bear the new pocket emblem of the other international teams.

Calling All Caddies

Metropolitan Golf Association's recently published "A Manual of Caddie Instruction" is really a companion piece to "Caddie Management and Control" which was published a year ago. The 1956 booklet was addressed to Caddie Committees at golf and country clubs, whereas the present one is addressed to the Caddies.

Written in a down-to-earth vein and profusely illustrated with comic sketches from the pen of Tom Paprocki, of the Associated Press, it will be easily understood by caddies of any age. The table of contents includes chapters on Rules Which Affect Caddies, Often-used Terms, Advice and Instruction from Tee to Green, Carrying Double and many more. Boys are given such rudimentals as, how to watch and locate a ball, how to help a younger and less experienced caddie and what benefits they may expect from caddying.

Orders in lots of ten copies at \$3.00 the lot may be sent to Metropolitan Golf Association, 40 East 38th Street, New York 16, N. Y.

National Golf Day

The two Open Champions, Cary Middlecoff and Mrs. Kathy Cornelius, are devoting Saturday, June 8 to playing the nation's golfers on National Golf Day. Middlecoff is playing at the Inverness Club, Toledo, Ohio, site of the Open Championship the following week. Mrs. Cornelius will be competing in the Women's PGA Championship at Churchill Valley Country Club, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sponsored by the Professional Golfers' Association for many worthy golfing projects and charities, not least among them

turf research and education which has benefited by \$47,700 in the past five years, golfers will have the opportunity of pitting their full handicap strength against the reigning champions during the week commencing June 2 and "investing" \$1 for the good of the game.

Patty Likes Winged Foot

Miss Patty Berg has been over the East Course of the Winged Foot Golf Club, Mamaroneck, N. Y., in preparation for the Women's Open. Here are her comments and predictions:

1. It's a great course.
2. The gal who wins will have to be a mighty fine iron and sand player.
3. The last three holes are great, and the Open will be won on those last three holes.
4. Spectators will see two of the biggest hitters in the game in Miss Mickey Wright and Miss Betty Dodd.

PGA Liaison Officer

Marty Cromb, president of the Northern Ohio Section of the Professional Golfer's Association of America, has been appointed by the PGA as its liaison with the USGA Championship Committee in matter relating to the Open Championship at the Inverness Club, Toledo, Ohio.

Golf's "Queen Mother" Passes Away

A few weeks ago a little old lady of seventy-nine passed quietly away at her home in Elmsford, N. Y., where she had lived for over fifty years.

She has been known to few golfers, yet her donation to the game will be talked of for generations to come.

Her name was Anna Antonia Turnesa; her gift, her six golfing sons, Willie, Jim, Phil, Joe, Mike and Doug.

She has been aptly referred to as the "Queen Mother" of golf's "Royal Family," yet she was just as proud of the many local achievements of her boys as of the Walker and Ryder Cup honors accorded Willie and Jim.

Hers had been a life of self-sacrifice, and because of that a happy one.