

MINIKAHDA WILL WELCOME A YOUNG BRITISH TEAM

Venerable Club
Hosts the
Walker Cup

A young British Walker Cup Team will fly into Minneapolis, Minn., this month like a refreshing wind from the east.

The slate of veterans has been wiped clean of all but the 35-year-old evergreen Joseph B. Carr, of Co. Dublin, Eire, who is making his sixth successive appearance, and 34-year-old Philip F. Scrutton of Hampshire, England, who played on the 1955 Team.

Dr. Frank W. G. Deighton, a 30-year-old medico from Glasgow, Scotland, has again been selected, but in 1951 he watched the matches from the sidelines.

The Team, under the wise and veteran eye of Gerald H. Micklem, of Sunningdale, England, is leaving London Airport on August 13 to fly direct to Winnipeg, Canada, where it will take part in the Canadian Amateur Championship at the St. Charles Country Club from August 19 through 24.

From there, the Team will cross the border for a week's practice at the picturesque Minikahda Club, Minneapolis, Minn., above the blue waters of Lake Calhoun in rolling, wooded parkland.

An Historic Club

The pages of history of this venerable Club have been turned for us by one of its elder statesmen, Henry C. Mackall.

It was a happy accident of an August bicycling picnic that persuaded C. T. Jaffray, in 1898, to thwart visionary hopes for suburban development and organize a group of Minneapolis businessmen to undertake the creation of a golf club on a site he felt to be full of great natural possibilities for his favorite game.

It was an imaginative and creative move on Mr. Jaffray's part, but even he could not have envisioned, for all his enthusiasm, in the open prairie lying beyond the borders of this growing city, this present club.



Gerald H. Micklem, non-playing captain of the British Walker Cup Team, played in the 1947, 1949, 1953 and 1955 Matches.

Then the approach to the property was through a narrow land (now Excelsior, Boulevard) known as "Kitty Ging" Hollow. Ice houses stood on the land strip between Lake of the Isles and Lake Calhoun. When the clubhouse was designed, part of the original planning included, of necessity, a beautiful rustic stairway down to the Calhoun shore and a boat house, for most guests came to Minikahda across the lake in a launch. Horse-and-carriage was a slower means of transportation, and bicycling, after a game, was used only by the most vigorous. Even so, the first Board of Governors seemed never to have doubted the success of their undertaking and before the Club was ready to open in the summer of 1899, the entire membership of 600 had been secured and there was already a waiting list of more than 50.

Architectural Changes

In 1906 the full course was finally laid out. Then in 1917 it was redesigned by



All this and Lake Calhoun too! This view of the Minikahda course from the eighth tee gives an excellent idea of the wooded, rolling terrain on which the 6,550 yards, par 71, Walker Cup venue is laid out.

Donald Ross, and so kept through the playing of the Amateur in 1927 won by Robert T. Jones, Jr. The following two years additional changes were made. Several greens were rebuilt and a utilitarian pipe was substituted for a picturesque stream that fell victim to the uses made upon it by a growing city. After nearly three decades, this fall will see another casualty when the trees along Excelsior Boulevard on the west give way to the demands of increasing traffic.

But these are the hazards of a country club lying in the heart of a city less than 15 minutes from downtown offices, and it is remarkable that the sixtieth anniversary of Minikahda next year will see the Club still inhabiting its original building — changed and expanded of course beyond easy recognition — and still looking down on the bright waters of Calhoun as if the city were far away.

Host to Many Events

The Club has played host over the years to all of the Minnesota state tournaments, the Amateur, Open, Women's and Junior.

In 1904 both the Trans-Mississippi Golf Association Amateur and the first Women's Trans-Mississippi were held here. The Trans-Mississippi came again in 1916 and 1923. In 1910 it had the privilege of holding the Western Amateur, which was won by Mason Phelps with Chick Evans runner-up.

Then in 1916 Minikahda entered the national field, and for the first time the Open was held west of Chicago with Chick Evans winner. In 1927 came the Amateur, for the first time north and west of Chicago, with Robert T. Jones, Jr. winning.

Today the presence of the Walker Cup Match confers upon Minikahda its greatest golf recognition. It is pleasant to realize that it comes as a climax to a long history of earlier honors.

Minikahda's Own Contributions

In return for these recognitions Minikahda members like to feel they have made their own contributions to the golf of the United States. In 1909 C. T. Jaffray was elected to the Executive Committee of the United States Golf Association and served

in that capacity for two years. Mr. Jaffray died last year at the age of 91, a colorful figure to the last.

In 1927 Henry C. Mackall was made a member of the Executive Committee for two years. Harrison R. (Jimmy) Johnston succeeded him in 1929 and served until 1936. More recently Totton P. Heffelfinger became a member of the Executive Committee in 1942, and completed his association there with two years as president of the USGA in 1952 and 1953.

The golfers of Minikahda have also won top honors. Harrison R. (Jimmy) Johnston won the Amateur in 1929 at Del Monte Golf and Country Club, Del Monte, Cal. In the year previous he had won the Western Amateur in one of the most extraordinary finishes on record. In the final match against Albert Seckel with four down and five to go, he shot five successive birdies to go one up and take the title. He also won the Minnesota State Amateur Championship seven times in succession, and the State Open twice.

C. T. Jaffray won the Minnesota State Championship as far back as 1905 and the Trans-Mississippi in 1906. Harry G. Legg, one of Minikahda's two greatest golfers, won the Trans-Mississippi Championship five times and the Minnesota State Championship twice that number.

The members take justifiable pride in their Club, and because of that pride and the honor that has been bestowed upon the Club, they extend a warm and hearty welcome to their British visitors.

The British Team are:

MICHAEL F. BONALLACK, 22, a car-body builder, winner of the Boys' Championship in 1952. This year he won the 72 holes Berkshire Trophy and reached the quarter-finals of the English Championship. He is engaged to Curtis Cup player Miss Angela Ward and lives in Essex, England.

ALAN F. BUSSELL, at 20, is the youngest of both Teams. A Scot, domiciled in Nottingham, England, where he is apprenticed to the hosiery trade, he reached the semi-finals of the 1957 British Amateur. He was Boy Champion in 1954 and won the British Youths' Championship in 1956.

JOSEPH B. CARR, 35, married, needs little introduction, having played on every post-war Walker Cup Team. He has a remarkable record in the British Amateur, having won in 1953 and reached the semi-finals in 1950, 1951, 1952 and 1954. He is the present Irish Champion and the only Irishman on the Team. He lives in Sutton, Eire, and is a clothing manufacturer.

DR. FRANK W. G. DEIGHTON, an M.D., was selected for the 1951 Team but did not play. Last year he reached the quarter-finals of the British Amateur and won the Scottish Championship. He is 30, married and practices in Glasgow, Scotland.

R. REID JACK, 33, a stockbroker, is the British Amateur Champion. He was a semi-finalist in 1956 and Scottish Champion in 1955. He is married and lives in Dunbartonshire, Scotland.

PHILIP F. SCRUTTON, 34 and married, is chairman of a stevedoring firm and played on the 1955 Team. He reached the semi-finals of the British Amateur in 1955 and the fifth round this year. He won the English Open Amateur Stroke Play Championship in 1952, 1954 and 1955. He lives in Hampshire, England.

DOUGLAS SEWELL, 27 and single, is employed by British Railways and lives in Surrey, England. He reached the semi-final of the English Championship this year and won the Stroke Play Championship. He was the 1956 Artisan Champion.

ALEC E. SHEPPERSON, 21, is a law student at Oxford University. He was Boy Champion in 1953 and this year won the President's Putter, beating Mr. Micklem in the final.

ALAN THIRLWELL, 29 and single, won the English Championship in 1954 and 1955. He reached the fifth round of the British Amateur this year. He is an accountant from Northumberland, England.

GUY B. WOLSTENHOLME, 26 and single, won the English and German Championships in 1956, and the 1957 Golf Illustrated Gold Vase with a record aggregate of 138. He also reached the semi-final of the French Amateur this year. He is a knitwear manufacturer in Leicestershire, England.



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2. Alan F. Bussell

3. Joseph B. Carr

4. Dr. Frank W. G.
Deighton

5. R. Reid Jack

6. Philip F. Scrutton

7. Douglas Sewell

8. Alec E. Shepperson

9. Alan Thirlwell

10. Guy B. Wolstenholme

