

# DEL PASO AGOG FOR WOMEN'S AMATEUR

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**T**HE year 1956 was an auspicious one for the Del Paso Country Club, Sacramento, Cal. We saluted the past and, in celebrating our fortieth anniversary, toasted the future and particularly the USGA Women's Amateur Championship which will be held at our course this month.

The area in which the Club is located was originally part of an old Spanish land grant known as Rancho Del Paso and was the only other white settlement in the Sacramento Valley besides the now historic Sutter's Fort.

During our forty-one years of existence, Del Paso has been handsomely developed. It is picturesque and enjoys a gay atmosphere in keeping with our western style of living and our course is held in high regard. Our very popular professional, Frank Minch, who has served us extremely well for thirty-two years, summed it up when he said: "It's cagey, and similar to a sleeping tiger, once aroused it's rarin' to fight."

One's first inclination is to underestimate the course's worth. The fairways are fairly wide and look serene and quiet in their tree lined borders. The greens give the appearance of being easy to hit even though they are well bunkered, and there is little trouble existing from tee to green. What is it, then, that makes its women's par of 74 so difficult to match?

The answer is that you have to be long and accurate. One slip and Ol' Man Bogey steps in.

The last three champions will be forward to seek another title, Mrs. J. Douglas Streit, better known as the former Miss Marlene Stewart, who will defend; Miss Pat Lesser, the 1955 winner; and yours truly who will have the pleasure of playing in her home town. Another notable and welcome entry comes from Miss Jeanne



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Bisgood, of Bournemouth, England, a former British Curtis Cup player.

This will be the fourth time the event has been held in California. The Los Angeles Country Club, played host in 1930 and the Del Monte Golf and Country Club in 1940 and 1948.

Del Paso has been host to the Northern California Amateur, the California State Open, won in 1953 by Lloyd Mangrum, and was a qualifying site for the USGA Amateur in 1954. Now, we will host the USGA Women's Amateur, the most coveted title and most cherished accomplishment in the world of women's amateur golf.

Each and every one of our 650 members is enthusiastically waiting to welcome the fine international entry that will comprise the Championship field. We are proud and grateful for this occasion which will add prestige to our city of Sacramento and the Del Paso Country Club.