



Amateur Souvenir of 1936 Returns to Scotland

The 1936 final of the Amateur Championship at Garden City Golf Club, Garden City, N.Y., between John W. Fischer, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Jack McLean, of Scotland, a member of the visiting British Walker Cup Team of that year, was one of the most exciting of all time. Fischer clinched the title at the 37th after finishing with three birdies.

A well-wisher intercepted the luckless McLean on the quayside as he was about to return to Britain and asked him to autograph a dollar bill as a memento. He signed his name and the date, Oct. 13, 1936.

Jack McLean turned professional, and a few years ago took up an appointment as pro at Gleneagles, Perthshire, Scotland.

This summer an American tourist, visiting Perthshire, changed a number of dollar bills into British currency at a nearby bank, among which was the one bearing McLean's signature. The former Walker Cupper was contacted and "bought back" the bill which is now among his treasured possessions.

Golf in Swing Time

So much has been written about slow play that it comes as a shock to find that the actual swinging time for a round of 76 strokes has been timed at only 58.4 seconds.

The man clocked was Ted Bickel, Sr., pro at the Springhaven Club, Wallingford, Pa.

He was further timed for all actions calculated to produce a good shot—studying the lie, reading the green, addressing the ball and completing the stroke. The total came to 11 minutes 54 seconds.

Start asking yourself where the other four hours go!

Freshmen in the Seniors

Around 340 golfers of 55 or more years young are competing in sectional qualifying rounds for the third USGA Senior Amateur Championship at the Ridgewood Country Club, Ridgewood, N. J. at the end of September. About thirty of these will be "freshmen" who have recently achieved the required span of eligibility.

Frederick J. Wright, of Watertown, Mass., the holder, is among four entrants who will be exempt from sectional qualifying. The others are J. Wood Platt, of Philadelphia, Pa., the 1955 Champion; J. Clark Espie, of Indianapolis, Ind., last year's runner-up; and former Amateur Champion, Charles Evans, Jr., of Chicago, Ill. They will join 116 others for a further elimination round at Ridgewood to determine the 32 match play places.

Family of Seniors

And talking of seniors, we hear that 85-year-old R. E. Baker, of Woodward, Okla., brought along his own family four to compete in the twenty-third Tri-State Seniors' Tournament (low age limit 50) at the Amarillo Country Club, Amarillo, Texas. His fellow family competitors were

his three sons, Dorsey, 59, of Portland, Ore.; Orié, 57, and Milo, 52, of Tulsa, Okla.

Lightning Precautions for Electric Carts

Lightning has taken further toll of golfers' lives this summer and has brought to light a fresh danger, the electric cart, though obviously a lightning stroke would go to the ground by flashing over the rubber tires.

Nevertheless, one golfer was killed and his two companions were injured when lightning struck their cart at the Lexington Country Club, Lexington, Ky.

With a view to obtaining safety precautions for such vehicles, we applied to the National Bureau of Standards. Here is their reply:

"We believe that reasonable lightning protection for the occupant of an electric golf cart may be secured by either of two methods:

"1. Providing a whip antenna, similar to that used on most passenger cars, of a length that will reach above the top of the rider's head. Alternatively, a non-collapsible tubular antenna of steel, copper or bronze could be used.

"2. Providing a metal top or canopy. A metal top will, admittedly, add considerably to the weight. On the other hand, it will provide weather protection in case of a sudden storm and, therefore, might be justified."

We would draw golfers' attention again to suggestions for "Protection of Persons Against Lightning on Golf Courses" in the Rules of Golf booklet. It is suggested that if there is a choice of shelter, one should choose in the following order:

1. Large metal or metal-frame buildings.
2. Dwellings or other buildings which are protected against lightning.
3. Large unprotected buildings.
4. Small unprotected buildings.

Keep away from:

1. Small sheds and shelters if in an exposed location.

2. Isolated trees.
 3. Wire fences.
 4. Hilltops and wide open spaces.
- Seek shelter in:
1. A cave.
 2. A depression in the ground.
 3. A deep valley or canyon.
 4. The foot of a steep or overhanging cliff.
 5. Dense woods.
 6. A grove of trees.

Do not raise golf clubs or umbrellas above the head.

Posters bearing these precautions may be had free of charge from the USGA, "Golf House," 40 East 38th Street, New York 16, N. Y., for display on club notice boards.

Over the Years

One of the most prominent invitation tournaments in the West is that conducted by the Broadmoor Golf Club, in Colorado Springs, Colo. It attracts a great field, year in and year out.

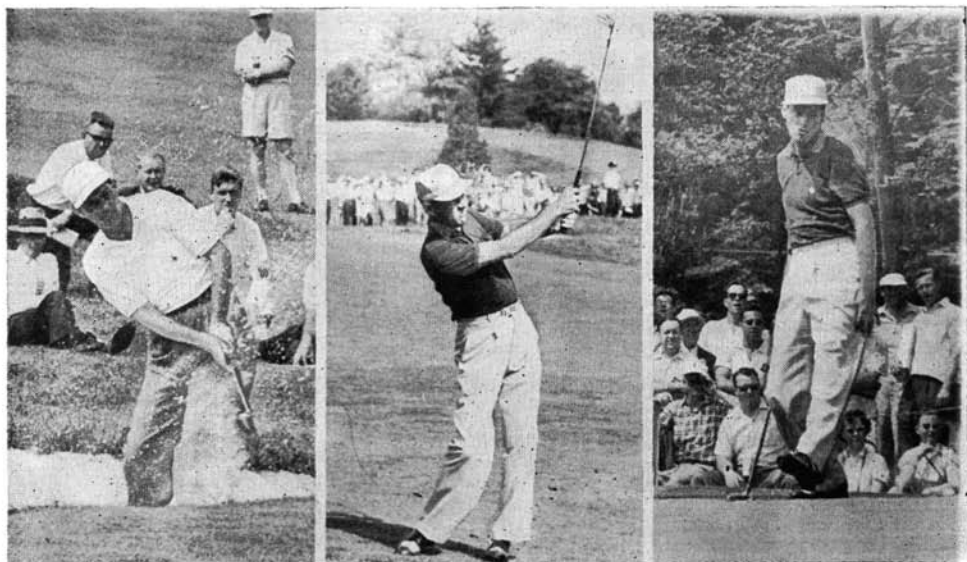
What, then, about the remarkable performance of that distinguished 53-year old left-hander, Howard Creel, of Colorado Springs, who has just won it for the third time? His previous victories came in—hold your hats—1926 and 1938!

Annual Meeting A Big Draw

The Western Pennsylvania Golf Association has a yearly headache when it comes to the Annual Meeting, but one with which it willingly copes. Its difficulty is not how to induce delegates to attend, but how to cope with the vast numbers who wish to participate.

This reversal came about when the Executive Committee decided to preface the dinner meeting with a golf event. That was in 1952. Now the meeting has reached such proportions that three courses had to be used to accommodate the 500 golfers who entered this year, 450 of whom stayed to attend the evening's functions.

Any golfing member from the sixty member clubs is eligible to participate and a very moderate fee covers golf, dinner, entertainment and prizes.



"Golf's Longest Hour" is the latest addition to the "Golf House" Film Library. It covers the closing stages of Cary Middlecoff's final, winning round in the 1956 USGA Open Championship at the Oak Hill Country Club, Rochester, N. Y., and the anxious waiting he endured as Ben Hagan, Julius Boros and Ted Kroll kept vainly shooting at his score. Filmed in color, with close-ups of the large gallery adding atmosphere to the scene, the presentation runs for 17½ engaging minutes. (For details see page 8).

Dark Horse Takes Western Title

The name of Dr. Ed Updegraff, the 1957 Western Amateur titleholder, may not be familiar to golfers outside the West and Southwest, but the 35-year-old medico, who practices in Tucson, Ariz., has long been reckoned good by those in the know. He qualified for the Amateur in 1954 and 1955 and each time gained the third round. His resounding 9 and 8 victory over Walker Cup player, Joe E. Campbell, of Knoxville, Tenn., in the final stamps him as a golfer of the highest potential.

What's Your Rules Handicap?

Roy Staton, a Rules Committeeman at the Great Southern Country Club, Gulfport, Miss., is a crusader for greater Rules knowledge, and to that end he is contributing an excellent series of articles to *The Southern Golfer*.

"It is an odd fact," Mr. Staton points out, "that this is the most neglected phase of and the weakest link in the game of most golfers."

He goes on to point out that there is no easy way to learn the Rules and lists as the

three necessary steps: "Read and re-read the Rules book, learn to use the index, and dig, as a prospector for gold, into Section II, 'Definitions.'"

"One further suggestion: Commence with an open mind. The Rules are written in the English language, and each word means exactly what it says, but not necessarily what you may have thought it means."

Thirteen Times Champion

Joe E. Bernalfo, Jr., a mining engineer who plays at the Country Club, Salt Lake City, Utah, has recently won his club championship for the thirteenth time out of thirteen attempts.

This may be a record for consecutive victories. Who knows of more?

As we published in our September, 1954 issue, A. D. S. Duncan, of Wellington, New Zealand, won his club championship 23 times over a span of 38 years. T. Val Bermingham, a member of the Wykagyl Country Club, New Rochelle, N. Y., playing in 26 consecutive championships, won 20 and reached the final on another occasion.

NEW MEMBERS OF THE USGA

Regular	
Bass Rocks Golf Club	Mass.
Castlewood Country Club	Cal.
Center Golf Club	Md.
Columbia Country Club	Mo.
Crawfordsville Country Club	Ind.
Fresh Pond Golf Club	Mass.
Green River Golf & Country Club	Wash.
Happy Valley Golf Club	Mass.
Lenoir Golf Club	N. C.
Needham Golf Club	Mass.
Oakbourne Country Club	La.
Pauls Valley Golf & Country Club	Okla.
Sherwood Forest Country Club	La.
Spruce Pine Golf Club	N. C.
Sunset Hills Country Club	Ga.
Tequesta Country Club	Fla.
Torrington Country Club	Conn.
Visalia Country Club	Cal.
Winding Hollow Country Club	Ohio
Women's Golf Club of Recreation Park	Cal.
Associate	
Jamestown Municipal Golf Course	N. Y.

A Fund is Born

The Philadelphia Section of the PGA is justly proud of its Caddie Scholarship Fund, it being the only branch of the PGA to sponsor such a fund.

So far it has only one beneficiary in college, but through several tournaments already scheduled and others which it hopes to instigate, the Chapter is anxious to set up the scheme in no uncertain manner.

Meanwhile, the very flourishing Evans Scholars' program, sponsored by the Western Golf Association, will have more than 350 caddie scholars in college during the 1957-1958 school year, as compared with 304 last year.

Cleaning Out Your Locker?

The worn pair of golf shoes, the shirt, sweater or windbreaker you are thinking of discarding from your locker may yet have a use.

Maynard Garrison, of San Francisco, suggests that provision be made to collect such items of apparel for donation to worthy organizations. Many of the items no longer considered of value to the club

member can be used by these organizations. Mr. Garrison suggests that clubs consider the possibility of requesting club members to clean out their lockers and deposit unwanted items in a basket provided for that purpose.

Rees' Ryder Cup Record

The twelfth Ryder Cup contest will be held next month at Lindrick Golf Club, near Sheffield, Yorkshire, England. The series now stands at 9-2 in favor of the United States.

The respective captains will be Jack Burke, Jr. (US), who will be playing in his fourth successive match, and Dai Rees (GB), who will establish a record for either country by making his seventh appearance.

Rees played in his first match in 1937 at Southport and Ainsdale, England, when he beat Byron Nelson in the singles. He has since played in every post-war encounter and captained the 1955 Team at the Thunderbird Country Club, Palm Springs, Cal.

Rees and Burke clashed in the 1953 singles at Wentworth, England, when Burke ran out the 2 and 1 winner.

Muirfield to Host Walker Cup

The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland, has announced that the 1959 Walker Cup Match will be played at Muirfield, Scotland, May 15 and 16.

Held by many to be the stiffest test of golf in Britain, Muirfield, on the southern shores of the Firth of Forth, has hosted many Open and Amateur Championships and the Curtis Cup Match of 1952. This will be the first time that it has housed the Walker Cup.

Manley Loses Amateur Status

According to information he has furnished to the United States Golf Association, Hobart L. Manley, Jr., of Savannah, Ga., accepted expenses in connection with the 1952 British Amateur Championship and has thus forfeited his amateur status.