

# THE AMATEUR RETURNS TO A NEW BROOKLINE

*The Country Club  
Celebrates Jubilee Year*

**T**HIS is an auspicious year for The Country Club, Brookline, Mass., for two reasons. It is entertaining the Amateur Championship in this, its seventy-fifth jubilee year.

The Country Club members have long been championship-minded and are always delighted to welcome the nation's top line amateurs.

Throughout the past fifty-four years the Club has staged seven USGA Championships and the 1932 Walker Cup Match. This will be its eighth USGA Championship and fourth Amateur.

The Club was incorporated in 1882, but it was not until 1893 that the members appropriated \$50 to lay out a six-hole golf course. It was a modest beginning, but the following year, with the appointment of Willie Campbell as the Club's first professional and the aid of a further \$100, the course was extended to eighteen holes.

The year 1894 not only marked the extension of the golf course, it saw the founding of the United States Golf Association with The Country Club as a charter member.

### *Introduced by a Lady*

The Country Club's interest in golf can be traced back to a young lady who was visiting the family of Arthur Hunnewell, one of the original members of the then horse-racing Club, at his Wellesley, Mass., home. She had brought a set of clubs with her from Pau, France, the oldest club on the continent, and demonstrated their use to her host.

Mr. Hunnewell, his brother-in-law, R. G. Shaw, and his nephew Hollis Hunnewell, all ardent lovers of sport, were quick to recognize the attraction of the new game and eagerly adopted it.

These gentlemen induced the Executive

Committee of The Country Club to incorporate this sport in its activities.

The original home green was constructed on a lawn in front of the clubhouse in dangerous proximity to the front piazza and had later to be moved to a safer distance.

### *New Championship Circuit*

By 1927 the Club had three nine-hole circuits known as Clyde, Squirrel and Primrose. The traditional Old Course, a combination, has been revised for this Championship in order to bring it more into line



Francis Ouimet won the 1913 Open Championship at The Country Club as a slip of a lad of nineteen.



The victorious US Walker Cup Team of 1932. Squatting on the lawn at Brookline are from left to right: George Voigt, George T. Dunlap, Jr., Harrison R. Johnston, Maurice J. McCarthy, Jr., William R. Howell, Gus Moreland, Charles Seaver, Jess Sweetser, Donald K. Moe, Francis Ouimet, Captain; Jack Westland.

with modern requirements. The committee has incorporated three holes from Primrose at the expense of Clyde, which formerly formed the first nine of the Old Course.

The yardage of the reconstructed course, to be known as the Anniversary Course, is 6,845 yards with a par of 72.

The anecdotes originating from The Country Club are numerous and oft repeated. Perhaps the earliest is the one attributed to Arthur Hunnewell when he took part in the first exhibition match to be held on the course. He delighted the spectators by holing his first tee shot, but their disappointment was most marked when he failed to maintain this form on the following holes.

During the Walker Cup Match in 1932 Leonard Crawley won Britain's only point when he beat George Voigt on the last green after Crawley's ball had ricocheted back off the Walker Cup itself, denting it in the process. Crawley, who took part in three subsequent matches and is now golf correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph, is covering the Amateur for his British readers.

#### *Ouimet's Open Victory*

The man who did more to popularize golf in the United States than any other of his generation did so at The Country Club. The man, of course, is Francis Ouimet who, as a slip of a lad of 19 and an amateur to boot, tied with the great

Harry Vardon and Ted Ray in the 1913 Open and beat them soundly in the play-off.

It was here, too, that Lawson Little, having won the British Amateur of 1934 brought off the Little Slam, the first of his two consecutive Amateur titles.

British title-holder Reid Jack, with his Walker Cup compatriots is making an effort to match Little's feat.

The Country Club has contributed six presidents to the USGA. They are: Laurence Curtis, 1897-98; Washington B. Thomas, 1899-1900; G. Herbert Windeler, 1903-04, Herbert Jaques, 1909-10, the younger Herbert Jaques, 1933-34, and Harold W. Pierce, 1940-41.

The Country Club is located in the village of Brookline, which is entirely surrounded by Metropolitan Boston. It comes as a surprise to many visitors that this huge tract of land, devoted to golf, can exist in an area as congested as Boston. But the Club is there, in some respects very much as it was originally, with additions made entirely in keeping with the architecture of the first structure which may have been a gentleman's manor house. The rolling contour of the course, together with its beautiful trees and shrubbery are an inspiring sight.

The 1200 members, by being hosts to the 57th USGA Amateur Championship, are re-emphasizing their enthusiasm for tournament golf on the highest plane.