

Cosmopolitan Golfing Terms

The game of golf, though now universal, has delved into three languages in the past for its terms and expressions.

One of the first was the *bisque*, a French word meaning odds which had previously been used with regard to tennis, lawn tennis and croquet. *Bisques*, though never officially recognized and seldom used today, were introduced during the latter half of the last century.

The *gutta*, as the old *gutta percha* ball was called, got its name from the Malayan word *gëtah*, meaning gum.

The verb to *foozle*, lifted from the German language, is more widely used in Britain than in the United States but is devastating apt for a fluffed approach.

It is perhaps too far a cry to claim the Indian name *Schenectady*, as Walter J. Travis' infamous putter was so called only because it had been introduced by a Mr. A. W. Knight, of *Schenectady*, N. Y.

Services Commemorated at Saucon Valley

The Board of Governors of the Saucon Valley Country Club, Bethlehem, Pa., has agreed to commemorate the services of two of its members by naming its new 18 hole course and halfway house after them.

The course will be known as the Grace Course in honor of Eugene G. Grace, honorary Chairman of the Board, who over the past six years has supervised the construction of the course to the smallest detail.

His "Chief of Staff," Vincent J. Pazzetti, Jr. Vice President of the Club, will give his name to the "Villa Pazzetti" between the 9th and 10th holes.

Gunning for the Captain!

The ceremony of "playing-in" as Captain of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland, is one of golf's oldest traditions.

The scene is the first tee on the Old Course, the time, 8 a.m. on a September morning, always nippy and often damp from sea mist.

The townsfolk line the railing, the local caddies spread out down the fairway, for tradition has it that the caddie retrieving the ball will be rewarded with a golden sovereign.

The Captain emerges from the clubhouse and steps onto the "stage." There is no question of a *Mulligan*, for as the shot is struck the sound-effects man will fire the cannon and the annual ceremony will be over.

The cannon has stood sentinel over the first tee for 99 years. It was once manned by seamen of the 1,200 ton sailing vessel *Sutlej*, which was commandeered by the Government during the Crimean War and saw action at *Balaclava* when she sought to carry supplies to troops besieging *Sebastopol*. On the last leg of her homeward run to her native port of *Dundee*, she foundered on some rocks in *St. Andrews Bay* and was wrecked on April 1, 1858.

The cannon was among the gear sal-

vaged from the vessel. It was bought in a public auction and presented to the Pro-vest of St. Andrews, since when it has guarded the municipal links.

Champion Runner-Up

If there were an annual award for the most deserving runner-up golfer, the 1957 candidate would surely be Mrs. Ann Casey Johnstone, of Mason City, Iowa.

She reached the final of the North and South at Pinehurst, N. C., in March, only to be beaten 3 and 2 by Miss Barbara McIntire, of Toledo, Ohio.



Mrs. Ann Casey Johnstone eyes the Women's Amateur trophy, one of the four which eluded her this season.

Four months later Mrs. Johnstone won her way to the final of the Women's Western Amateur Championship at Omaha, Neb., but fell 2-and-1 victim to the Collegiate Champion, Miss Meriam Bailey, of Evanston, Ill.

Mrs. Johnstone had reason for third-time-lucky optimism when she gained the final of the USGA Women's Amateur Championship at Sacramento, Cal., in August. However, her touch deserted her on the vital day and Miss JoAnne Gunderson came through to win, 8 and 6.

Jokingly Mrs. Johnstone told the gallery at the USGA prize-giving that she would go home and arrange a tournament just for herself so she would be sure to win. But the ex-school teacher is determined, and back she came the following month to the Trans-Mississippi Championship at Las Vegas, Nev., where she yielded by 5 and 3 in the final to Mrs. James Ferrie, of Gardena, Cal.

Two Titles in the Family

Dr. George M. Trainor and his wife, Jean, have set a precedent by being the first married couple to hold the two Club Championships concurrently at the Oak Hill Country Club, Rochester, N. Y.

Dr. Trainor is a member of the USGA Sectional Affairs Committee; Mrs. Trainor serves on the USGA Girls' Junior Committee.

Britain Takes Ryder Cup

Congratulations to Dai Rees and the British Ryder Cup Team on their magnificent comeback to win the trophy at the Lindrick Golf Club, England, after a lapse of 24 years.

Britain, for the first time, now holds two of the international trophies having won the Curtis Cup at Prince's Golf Club, England, in 1956.

Sixteen Times Champion

In our September issue mention was made of the fine record of Joe E. Bernalfo, Jr., in winning the club championship of the Country Club, Salt Lake City, Utah, 13 times in 13 attempts.

In Connecticut, it develops, Frank D. Ross, of the Wampanoag Country Club, won his club championship 16 times in 19 efforts. The US Seniors' Golf Association Champion of 1953 also won the Connecticut Amateur Championship twice and the New England crown once during a colorful career.

This year Mr. Ross was named captain of the Connecticut team, an honor he held on 10 other occasions.



Mrs. Lynn Creason, of Harrisburg, Pa., who alternates between producing children and winning golf championships, proudly presents her large family. On her lap is baby Elizabeth; in line are David, 12; John, 10; Richard, 9; Robert, 8; Mary Lynn, 6; Jimmy, 5 and Billy, 2. See story below, "Family No Hindrance to Golf Titles."

Family No Hindrance To Golf Titles

Mrs. Lynn Creason, of Harrisburg, Pa., (pictured above) is a remarkable woman. Not only has she produced a fine, strapping family of eight, but at the same time has been winning local golf titles galore.

Six weeks after the birth of baby Elizabeth, she defended her title in the Harrisburg District Championship which she has held for the past three years, only losing in the semi-final. Over the past seventeen years she has won the club championship of the Colonial Country Club on no less than ten occasions, and has also held the Central Pennsylvania title.

Her husband, no doubt in self defense, has an equally impressive record, having held the Harrisburg district title on four occasions, the Central Pennsylvania three times, the South Florida Amateur once, and been runner-up twice in the Pennsylvania Amateur.

Mayer Voted Tops by PGA

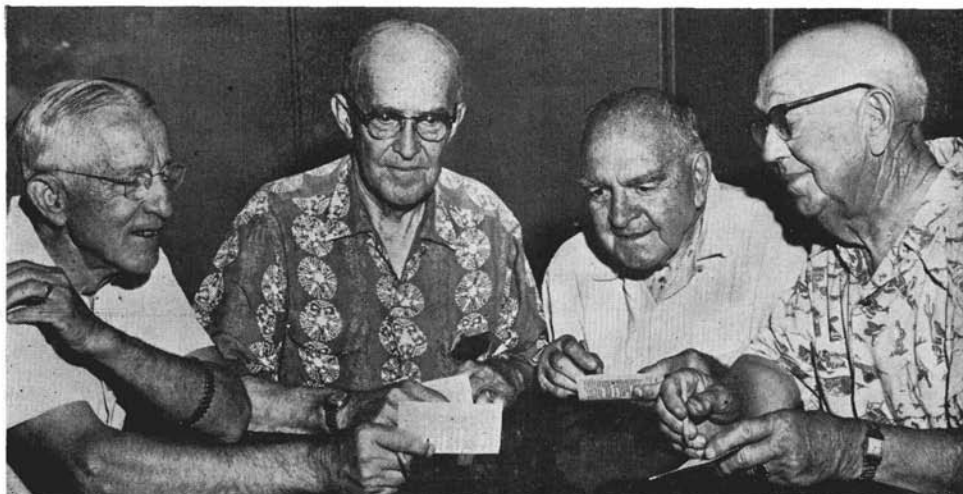
Dick Mayer, 1957 USGA Open Champion and winner of the Tam O'Shanter "World Championship," was voted PGA "Professional Golfer of the Year" for 1957 by an overwhelming margin in the nation wide ballot.

The St. Petersburg, Fla., professional amassed 532 votes, the highest total ever recorded in the ten years history of the award. Runner-up 488 votes behind was Don Finsterwald, followed by Sam Snead, Doug Ford and Jimmy Demaret.

The award for "Golf Professional of the Year" has gone to 48-year-old Dugan Aycock, of the Lexington Country Club, N. C.

Drastic Step by British PGA

The British PGA has suspended Harry Weetman from competition for a year for complaining about his treatment as a member of the 1957 British Ryder Cup Team.



This Denver, Colo., quartet, who have played together for 28 years, are still as keen as mustard although they aggregate 314 years. They are from left to right: Walter Beans, 74; R. E. Spencer, 78; Fred L. Andrews, 84, and LeRoy Lynch, 78. See story "2,250 Rounds—Same 4-Ball" below.

Weetman has been barred from playing in tournaments in which about \$84,000 in prize money will be at stake.

2,250 Rounds—Same 4-Ball

Four gentlemen from Denver, Colo., members of the Lakewood Country Club, have played in the region of 2,250 rounds together over the past 28 years and vow their one desire is to continue to do so twice a week.

They are Fred L. Andrews, 84; Walter Beans, 74; R. E. Spencer, 78, and LeRoy Lynch, 78.

In order to keep playing the year 'round, they pack their bags each March and hie themselves off to Phoenix, where they play at the Arizona Country Club.

Some time back Walter Beans, the youngster of the quartet, considered buying an electric cart, but, thinking better of it, decided that they still enjoyed the exercise as well as the fun.

Turfgrass Scholarships Allotted To Penn State University

Two scholarships of \$100 each have been placed by the Golf Course Superintendents' Association Scholarship and Research Fund at The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Penn., for the

Turfgrass Management Winter Course to be offered under the College of Agriculture.

The complete Turfgrass Management Course consists of two eight week terms in the 1957-1958 school year, a Placement Training Period of six months with employment in a specialized turfgrass field from April 14 to October 18, 1958, and two eight week terms for the 1958-1959 school year.

Placing of these two Scholarships by the Golf Course Superintendents Association Scholarship and Research Fund is part of a continuing program for personnel and turf improvement. Other activities of the Fund include a \$400 Scholarship at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., and a \$500 Research Grant placed at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Books Received

TIMING YOUR GOLF SWING by Robert Winthrop Adams, (The Citadel Press, \$3.95). Mr. Adams, an engineer by profession, stresses the importance of rhythm in the mechanics of the golf swing. Incorporated with the book is a 45 rpm disc designed to achieve good timing through waltz time.

TO H— WITH GOLF by Fred Beck, (Hill & Wang, \$2.75).