



To Wit, a Wit

Gary Player, a delightful young South African professional who finished second in the USGA Open Championship last month, was praising Tommy Bolt, the new Champion, at the presentation-of-prizes ceremony.

"Tommy's a wonderful fellow," said Gary; "in fact, there are only a few of us left."

Policy on Gambling

The USGA's opposition to organized gambling in connection with golf tournaments, which has been a matter of public record since 1949 and a matter of conviction far longer than that, is still a subject of prime importance.

In 1956 the Executive Committee resolved that:

"The United States Golf Association disapproves of gambling in connection with golf tournaments because of the harm it can do to the best interests of the game.

"Golf is a game to be played primarily for its own sake, especially amateur golf. When it is played for gambling motives, evils can arise to injure both the game and individual players.

"Therefore, the United States Golf Association urges its Member Clubs, all golf associations and all other sponsors of golf competitions to prohibit gambling in connection with tournaments."

This refers to all forms of organized gambling, including Calcutta auction pools, pari-mutuel betting, lotteries and other devices.

The voluntary response which this

resolution has engendered has been very gratifying, and it is hoped that the USGA will continue to have the cooperation of its Member Clubs and of other associations in support of these principles.

Hill Of Fame

The Oak Hill Country Club, Rochester, N.Y., has dedicated another oak tree on its Hill of Fame to the memory of a great golfer.

This year's choice has fallen to the late Mrs. Mildred D. Zaharias, former Women's Open and Amateur Champion and Olympic hurdler and javelin thrower.

The dedication ceremony took place during the annual meeting of the New York Seniors, who sponsored it.

Mrs. Zaharias is the first woman to be so honored. She will take her place on the Hill of Fame alongside President Eisenhower, Robert T. Jones, Jr., Walter Hagen, Cary Middlecoff, Ben Hogan and Charles Evans, Jr.

1960 Open in Denver

The 1960 Open Championship will be held at the Cherry Hills Country Club, Englewood, Colo., June 16-17-18. The 1959 Open will be held at the Winged Foot Golf Club, Mamaroneck, N.Y., June 11-12-13.

R. and A. Captain-Elect

Lord Morton of Henryton, a Lord of Appeal, has been nominated by the past Captains of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland, as Captain-elect for 1958-59 to succeed John B.

Beck. He will play himself into office at the Autumn Meeting of the Club in September.

PGA Hole-in-One Contest

The Professional Golfers' Association will conduct its second National Hole-in-One Contest Labor Day, September 1.

All golfers at clubs and courses employing a PGA professional are eligible to enter.

Last year's winner was Dr. Fred W. Whittaker, of Penobscot Valley Golf Club, Bangor, Me., who holed out at the 196-yard 16th, the longest ace recorded on Labor Day, 1957.

Statistics Prove Golf Boom

The number of golf courses in the United States is steadily climbing back towards the all-time pre-war high of 5,727 in 1934. As of April 1, 1958, the figure stood at 5,686, with a further 267 courses under construction, according to the National Golf Foundation. Statistics relating to projects in the planning stages and additions to existing courses also show increases on previous years.

College and university golf courses have reached the record total of 128 and this category is still growing.

Wm. Ward Foshay

Joins Executive Committee

Wm. Ward Foshay, of New York, N.Y., has been elected by the USGA Executive Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Gordon E. Kummer, of Milwaukee, Wis., last April.

Mr. Foshay, who has served as General Counsel since 1956, will continue to serve in that capacity this year.

A Junior Golf Program

The USGA Junior Championship Committee has prepared a 16-page booklet entitled "A Junior Golf Program for your Club and District." It is intended to furnish assistance in organizing and developing such programs for both boys and girls.

Copies have been sent to all member clubs. A limited number of additional copies are available, free of charge, from "Golf House," 40 East 38th Street, New York 16, N.Y.

No Worries for Father!

The Southern Hills Country Club, Tulsa, Okla., was very thorough in its preparations for the Open Championship. Not only were courtesy cars and air-conditioned buses placed at the disposal of contestants but a nursery was provided in a nearby school for contestants' children and a baby sitters' agency was alerted to provide help where needed.

How Old is New

A visitor to St. Andrews, Scotland, had a round over the New Course during the course of which he commented to his caddie on the quality of its layout.

"Ay," said the caddie, "it'll be a guid course when it gets established."

"When was it constructed?" inquired the visitor.

The old caddie thought for a moment and scratched his head. "Ah, weel," he said, "it was opened for play in 1895!"

Veteran Memberships and Club Dues Tax

The Bureau of Internal Revenue Ruling 58-188 amplifies previously rendered opinions by providing that a club membership granted for a definite period of years is not a life membership even though the period of years may cover the prospective life of the recipient, and since the membership terminates at the expiration of the period it is not subject to the club dues tax on life memberships.

In the particular case, a club granted 20-year non-dues-paying memberships to persons who had been members for 20 years and who had reached 70 years of age.

Revenue Ruling 55-198 holds in part that honorary memberships which are granted for a definite period of time and are in fact terminated at the expiration of that period and are not renewed are not considered life memberships and are not subject to the tax provided no dues or membership fees are paid.

Vandals Trouble Oak Hill

Many clubs are seriously disturbed by constant acts of vandalism which are causing loss and damage to the course at considerable annual expense.

At the Oak Hill Country Club, Rochester, N.Y., for example, hedges bordering the courses have been removed or burned. A 1,000-foot hedge enclosing a compost heap was completely destroyed. Flags, ball washers, memorial benches and plates and bamboo poles for retrieving balls from water have been stolen. Golf balls by the hundreds have disappeared from the practice range. Fairways have become tracks for drag racing by hot rodders while other vandals find humor in turning on sprinklers to the detriment of the sod.

The only satisfactory solution now appears to be to build a fence round the entire property, a factor which may run the Club into an expense of nearly \$50,000.

852 Courses in 62 Countries

Carl E. Dietze, a semi-retired income tax attorney from Milwaukee, Wis., is a golfer hard on the heels of John B. Ryerson, of Springfield Center, N.Y., and A.O. Nicholson, of Dallas, Texas, as far as playing new courses is concerned.

As of December 31, 1957 Ryerson's total had climbed to 1,112. Nicholson, as of November last year, stood at 1,059. Dietze claims 852 courses, but has the added distinction of having played them in 62 different countries. His one regret on his return from his last overseas trip was that he had missed out in Albania, Yugoslavia and Turkey.

Mr. Dietze, who is President of the North Hills Country Club, Menomonee Falls, Wis., and secretary and treasurer of the Wisconsin Senior Golf Association, started to play at the age of 40; took to the game seriously at 50 and now, aged 71, devotes two vacations a year to travel and golf.

The record number of courses played, which is unlikely to be equalled for years to come, is held by Ralph A. Kennedy, of New York, N.Y., who put away his clubs when he played his 3,165th course.

Public Links

— Private Ownership

The Silver Lake Golf Club, Orland Park, Ill., site of the USGA Amateur Public Links Championship this month, is somewhat different from the usual

venues, for it is a public course under private ownership, the third of its kind to entertain the event. Salisbury Plains Golf Course, in Long Island, N.Y., was owned by John J. Lannin when the Championship was held there in 1925, and the Ridgewood Golf Links, in Cleveland, Ohio, was a privately owned fee course when it housed the 1927 Championship.

Silver Lake is owned and operated by John R. Coghill, the second generation to follow this unusual vocation. The family's introduction to the business side of golf dates back to 1927 when John's father,



JOHN R. COGHILL

Bert F. Coghill, designed and built Cog Hill, a 36-hole golf course near Lemont, Ill. Ten years later he purchased Silver Lake Golf Club, a course laid out in 1928 as a public links.

Adjacent to Silver Lake was another course, the Euclid Hill Club, originally designed by architect Leonard Macomber for a Masonic order in 1927-28, but since defunct. This, too, came under Coghill ownership in 1939, and the two courses were redesigned to make a correlating 36-hole lay-out with one central clubhouse.

The two circuits are known as the North and South courses. The North, the longer, measuring some 6,856 yards, was the one chosen for the Amateur Public Links Championship.

NEW MEMBERS OF THE USGA

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| Columbus Park Golf Club, | Ill. |
| Country Club of Keswick, | Va. |
| Eagle Haven Golf Course, | Va. |
| Green Valley Golf Association, | N. C. |
| Humphreys County Country Club, | Miss. |
| Klinger Lake Country Club, | Mich. |
| Park Lane Country Club, | Iowa |
| Shaw Air Force Base Golf Club, | S. C. |
| Springlake Country Club, | Ill. |

John Coghill has been bred in the golfing world, and at the age of 42 nothing would wean him from it. He has three sons and his hope is that one or other will follow in his footsteps.

The Babe's Memorial Fund

The Babe Didrikson Zaharias Cancer Memorial Fund of Galveston, Texas, which in the past three years has raised nearly \$100,000 for cancer control projects at the Universities of Texas and Florida, has been transferred, with the consent of George Zaharias, to the American Cancer Society and will henceforth be known as the Babe Didrikson Zaharias Memorial Fund of the American Cancer Society.

It was felt that the parent body was better equipped to give the Fund added momentum and to continue to enlist the help and support of sportsmen and women in this most worthy project.

Carr Takes Second Title

Joseph B. Carr, the Irish amateur with the longest post-war golf record on the other side of the Atlantic, won his second British Amateur Championship at St. Andrews, Scotland, when he defeated fellow Walker Cup player Alan Thirlwell, 3 and 2, in the 36-hole final. Carr won his previous title in 1953.

The feature of the final was Carr's spectacular eagle 2 at the thirtieth, where he drove the green, a distance of 360 yards, and holed a curly 60-foot putt.

Small Ball Disapproved in United States

It has been brought to notice that some golfers are using the British type ball (diameter not less than 1.62 inches) as opposed to the United States ball (diameter not less than 1.68 inches).

It is important to the welfare of golf that the American standard be used in the United States, and the cooperation of golfers is sought in adhering to the USGA standard ball.

Miss Grace Lenczyk a Bride

Miss Grace Lenczyk, of Newington, Conn., Women's Amateur Champion in 1948 and a member of the 1948 and 1950 Curtis Cup Teams, was recently married to Robert J. Cronin, of Pawtucket, R.I.

Books Received

GOLFERS AT LAW by Geoffrey Cousins (Stanley Paul, London, 12s. 6d.) This examination of the Rules of Golf, from their evolution and development up to the present international code, embraces the history of the game itself in an easy flowing narrative.

FUN IN THE ROUGH (Prentice-Hall, Inc., \$2.95). The cream of the humor which has appeared in *Golf Digest* has been gathered together by the editor, Howard Gill, into a mirthful volume.

GOLF FOR INDUSTRY. Eighty-five industrial plants now operate golf courses as employee facilities, according to the National Golf Foundation's latest publication, edited by Ben Chlevin. This planning guide is a "must" for all recreation directors who operate industrial courses.

THE TRUTH ABOUT GOLF ADDICTS by George Houghton (Museum Press Ltd., London, 12s.6d.). Mr. Houghton has a delightfully light and humorous touch without descending into the realms of farce. His latest book contains several entertaining chapters on his golfing experiences in the United States.

HOW TO TEACH YOURSELF THE EXPERT GOLF SWING by Leigh Walsh (A.M. Regan, San Francisco). Mr. Walsh seeks to illustrate the science of the modern upright swing as evolved by the modern tournament professional.

GOLFING TECHNIQUE IN PICTURES, edited by Tom Scott (Pitman Publishing Corp., \$6.50). A series of illustrated instruction chapters contributed by leading British professionals.

GOLF AT A GLANCE, by Bud Gaskill (Arco Publishing Co., Inc., \$1.00). A booklet calculated to spoon-feed the beginner, reducing instruction to the lowest common denominator of "Do's and Don'ts."