

## HONOLULU HOUSEWIFE HEADS PUBLIC GOLFERS

Men Have Chosen  
A Lady to Lead

**M**rs. Violet H. Goo, a little Honolulu housewife, has become an important cog in the future plans of the USGA because the Amateur Public Links Golf Championship will be held in Honolulu in 1960.

Mrs. Goo is barely five feet in her high heels, and she weighs only 95 pounds. She holds an 18 handicap and shoots in the 90s. Certainly she is not another Mrs. Jackie Pung.

However, she happens to be President of the Hawaii Public Links Golf Association, the organization which wooed and won the 1960 Championship for the Islands. She is the only woman to head a predominantly male public links association, as far as the records of the USGA disclose.

The Hawaii Public Links Association is an active organization founded by Thomas A. T. Ching ten years ago, with thirteen clubs as its original membership. Today it boasts sixty-three clubs and a membership of 3,500 golfers of all nationalities and walks of life.

Its headquarters is the Ala Wai Golf Course, where the Amateur Public Links Championship will be held in 1960. It is a mere chip shot from Waikiki Beach.

Mrs. Goo took up golf ten years ago, squeezing it in among her other activities which included running a household, being a wife and mother, volunteer community work and business and club leadership. A natural talent for management soon earned her the secretaryship of the H. P. L. G. A. and later the position of treasurer. She was awarded the presidency early last year.

Heading large organizations is not a new experience for Mrs. Goo, who gives credence to the saying that dynamite sometimes comes in small packages. She was in 1953 the second woman to be president of the 10,000-member Hawaii Chinese Civic Association. That organization has been in existence thirty-two years. She



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has also served as president of a finance company, the Chinese Women's Club, the YWCA Business Girls' Federation and a director of the YWCA.

In between these activities, Mrs. Goo does her own cooking and sewing and most of the housework.

A frequent commuter to the mainland, Mrs. Goo attended the Amateur Public Links Championship in Chicago last summer and she watched the Hawaiian team in the Harding Cup competition.

The decision by the USGA to accept the invitation from Hawaii culminated a campaign originated by the Islanders in 1954.

Hawaii's champions are by no means strangers to Amateur Public Links Championships. Hawaii has been represented in every Championship since 1933.

In 1934, at Pittsburgh, Arthur Armstrong, of Honolulu, went into the final.

## MRS. MILDRED D. ZAHARIAS TREE



An oak tree on the Hill of Fame at the Oak Hill Country Club, Rochester, N. Y., was dedicated last summer to the honor and memory of Mrs. Mildred Didrikson Zaharias during a ceremony in which Oscar D. Guilfoil, president of the New York Seniors, William C. Chapin, of the USGA Executive Committee, Martin T. Gullen, president of the Club, and Dr. John T. Williams, chairman of the Hill of Fame Committee, participated. The plaque on the tree reads: "Mildred D. Zaharias, woman athlete supreme, exemplar of high courage." Other trees on the Hill of Fame have been dedicated, among others, to Francis Ouimet, Ben Hogan and Charles R. Coe.

Several Hawaiians have reached the quarter-finals and one gained the semi-finals in the years following. The Hawaiian Team won the Harding Cup in 1957.

Before the HPLGA was born, the Territory's municipal golf champions either paid their own way to the Amateur Public Links Championship or were sent by friends, but since 1948 the HPLGA has been able to provide all expenses for its representatives with funds raised locally.

Ching and Mrs. Goo realize that sending a team away to compete is child's play compared to entertaining an Amateur Public Links Championship. They have already started the machinery for the 1960 Championship. Ching, incidentally, is a member of the USGA Public Links Committee.

## Books Received

LIFE WITH PAR, by Morie Morrison (Doubleday & Co., Inc., \$1.50) is a book of cartoons on golf.

GOLFING AMERICA, edited by Edward A. Hamilton and Charles Preston, text by Al Laney (Doubleday & Co., Inc., \$5.95) is a collection of photographs (some in color) of outstanding golf courses in this country. Mr. Laney's text points out interesting features about each photograph.

GOLF ON MY PILLOW, by George Houghton, (Stanley Paul & Co. Ltd., London, 12s6d.) This is an illustrated volume of humorous letters on golf, from the author, an addict, to a son.