



Slow?

"Slow? I took 126 for a round. Stroke for stroke, I was playing much faster than you were!"

How True!

Claude Harmon, professional at the Winged Foot Golf Club, in Mamaroneck, N. Y., looked out his window this spring and commented.

"Look at that West Course. Iving there like a treacherous old crocodile.

"It's not making a move now, but just wait until we tee up for the Open Championship. Then it will be showing its sharp teeth and lashing out with that long tail."

New Leaders

Our congratulations, belatedly, to Elmer G. Border and to Daniel M. Layman, who have been elected to the presidencies of two sister associations for which we have the highest respect and affection.

Mr. Border, superintendent of the Las Posas Country Club, Camarillo, Cal., is the new president of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, succeeding Bob Williams of the Bob O'Link Golf Club, Highland Park, Ill.

Mr. Layman, manager of The Union League of Philadelphia, is the new president of the Club Managers Association of America, succeeding Royce Chaney of the Northwood Club, Dallas, Texas.

Additionally, the Golf Course Superintendents Association, which now has

1,339 members, has chosen Dr. Gene C. Nutter as its new executive director, succeeding Agar M. Brown. Dr. Nutter has been assistant turf technologist in the Department of Ornamental Horticulture at the University of Florida.

British Amateur

The British Amateur Championship, held from May 25 through 30, at the Royal St. George's Golf Club, Sandwich, England, had a qualifying entry of 362 who competed for 175 places in the Championship proper. The field of 200 was completed by inclusion of exempt players, among them, six members of the United States Walker Cup Team, and the British Walker Cup Team.

The United States Walker Cup Team members who entered were: Thomas D. Aaron, Gainesville, Ga.; Deane R. Beman, Silver Springs, Md.; Charles R. Coe, Oklahoma City, Okla.; William Hyndman, III, Abington, Pa.; Jack Nicklaus, Columbus, Ohio, and William J. Patton, Morganton, N. C.

The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland, also granted exemptions to Peter M. Grant, Jr., of Phoenix, Ariz., and John J. Penrose, Jr., of Miami, Fla.

Other American entries were: 1st Lt. Robert W. Magee, U. S. Army, Germany; Capt. Ernest M. Vandeweghe, Jr., U.S.A.F., Germany; Truman F. Connell, Jupiter, Fla., and Kenneth G. Foster, Jr., Atherton, Cal.

Never-Win Tournament

Cherry Hills Country Club, in Denver, Colo., concludes the women's golf season with a Never-Win Tournament. At the beginning of the season each lady purchases ten keys to an Italian jewel chest and its contents. All season the keys change hands as they compete for them in various summer events. Only one of the hundreds of keys will fit the chest. At the final event, each lady will try her keys in the lock. The successful keyholder wins both chest and cache.

What Does A Member Pay?

Study of a survey conducted by the Club Managers' Association of America brings to light information on individual members of clubs. For example, an individual member pays \$212 dues per year as a national average, varying from \$163 in the South to \$239 in the North Central area. He eats or entertains at his club 81 times a year. He spends an average of \$3.84 per person served each time, on food and beverage.

1960 Senior

The 1960 USGA Senior Amateur Championship will be held at the Oyster Harbors Club, Osterville, Mass., on Cape Cod, in September. It will be the sixth USGA Senior and the first in New England.

Washington Juniors

The Interclub Junior Golf League in Washington, D. C., has added five more clubs since we last discussed this thriving young organization in the April and June, 1958 editions.

There are now seventeen clubs operating in four divisions. Bethesda Country Club won the league title in 1958, taking the division play-off at the Burning Tree Club, a neutral course. Columbia Country Club had been the winner in 1956 and Kenwood Golf and Country Club in 1957.

The late Lt. Gen. Floyd T. Parks was chairman of the league and his position will not be filled for the time being. Joseph M. Gambatese is secretary and now carries out the chairman's duties.

A new championship trophy, to be named in honor of General Parks, will be given to the winning club each year for

permanent possession. The Frank M. Pace trophy will continue to be awarded on a rotating basis.

Caddies Win \$1.25 Minimum

The New York State Industrial Commissioner, Isador Lubin, has signed an order increasing wages in the state-wide amusement and recreation industry, effective March 1. The order raises the minimum from 75 cents to \$1 an hour until Oct. 1, when it will become \$1.05.

Special rates were set for golf caddies of \$1.25 for each bag carried up to nine holes, and \$2.25 for 10 to 18 holes.

Bethpage Plant

One of the great public golf plants of the world is the Bethpage State Park Golf Course in Farmingdale, N.Y., where more than 236,000 rounds were played on five 18-hole golf courses during 1958. Play for 1957 was 215,000 rounds. Bethpage added its fifth 18-hole course in May, 1958. All facilities have been built at no cost to the taxpayer.

Construction is now underway on additional locker space and increased parking space. When completed, there will be about 1,000 lockers (80 per cent for men) and parking space for 680 automobiles. Green fees are, weekdays, \$1.75; weekends, \$2.75. Students play for 75 cents on weekdays only.

"Right Hands" Honored

The Lotos Club, in New York,, established an attractive precedent with a party for members' secretaries, "as an expression of gratitude for the assistance so frequently and generously given the Club by members' secretaries."

Women's Open

The Women's Open Championship at the Churchill Valley Country Club, in Pittsburgh, Pa., on June 25, 26 and 27 will be the first USGA Championship to be hosted by that club. Many of the women, however, will not find the course a strange one, as the Ladies' PGA Championship was held there last year. The course will have a special appeal to Miss Mickey Wright, the USGA Women's Open Champion, for it was at Churchill Valley that she captured the first leg of her famous "big double" by winning the 1958 LPGA Championship.

Another Old Cup

Another old golf trophy has come to our attention recently and should be added to the record which was published in the USGA Journal of June, 1953.

It is the Barstow Cup, which has been in competition at the Reservation Golf Club, Mattapoisett, Mass., since 1899 and is still in competition. For the last thirty



The Barstow Cup

years golfers have competed for this cup by qualifying at stroke play, the low sixteen qualifiers then continuing at match play with handicaps.

The oldest trophy still in competition of which we have knowledge is the Hunter Medal, which has been in continuous competition at the Richmond County Country Club, Staten Island, N. Y., since 1895.

The inscription on the Barstow Cup

reads: "Reservation Golf Club, Mattapoisett, Men's Tournament." (The name "Barstow Cup" must mean that it was donated by a person named Barstow, a name prominent in the town of Mattapoisett.)

It was first won by a Thomas P. Batelle on September 2, 1899. Dates and names on the cup and silver bands show that it was competed for from 1899 through 1906, 1919 through 1941 and 1946 through 1958, a total of forty-four years.

The original cup stands approximately eight inches high. Through the years two pedestals with silver bands have been added, and the cup now stands approximately eighteen inches.

Fee Courses Increase

There are at present more than 1,900 privately owned, profit-motive daily fee courses in the United States, as against 700 in the early 1930s. This indicates that a golf course can be a good investment. The most rapid growth has been in this type of golf-course operation.

Just Thirty Years

New Yorkers, and especially Winged Footers, would be taken back with a jolt if they could peruse one of the rare copies of the Souvenir Book published by the Winged Foot Golf Club, Mamaroneck, N. Y., in connection with the 1929 Open Championship.

Among the advertisers were the Hickory Golf Shaft Association, Stutz and Franklin cars and the 75c ball.

Autoists, in that era before parkways, were advised to take the following route from New York to the Club: Grand Boulevard and Concourse to Boston Post Road, follow to Fenimore Road, Mamaroneck.

Or one could take the now extinct Westchester and Boston Railway.

Charles C. Nobles was president of the Club and general chairman for the Championship. Fred E. Williamson was vice-president, Edward A. Arnold, secretary and William T. Barrington, treasurer. Mike Brady was the professional, William A. Austin, manager, and John Elliff was superintendent.

And, as everyone knows, Bob Jones was the winner, beating Al Espinosa by 23 strokes in the 36-hole play-off. Jones tied Espinosa at 294 only by holing that

Officers of American Society of Golf Course Architects



During its annual meeting in Point Clear, Ala., this spring, the American Society of Golf Course Architects elected the above officers for 1959: J. Press Maxwell, Dallas, Texas, vice-president; David W. Gordon, Doylestown, Pa., president; and William B. Langford, Chicago, secretary-treasurer.

"impossible" 12-footer on the last green.

Jones' six Championship rounds on the West Course were: 69-75-71-79-72-69.

The course measured 6,786 yards and carried a par of 36-36—72.

Necrology

It is with deep regret that we record the deaths of:

George Holmes, Hamilton, Bermuda, president of the Bermuda Golf Association, a founder and past president of the Bermuda Senior Golfers' Society and vice-president of the Bermuda-Canada-United States Golfing Society.

John G. Jackson, New York, N. Y., President of the United States Golf Association in 1936 and 1937 and Chairman of the USGA Rules of Golf Committee from 1931 through 1935. As a President

and later as an ex-President he exercised a most constructive influence on the game of golf.

Eugene L. Larkin, Bronx, N.Y., member of the USGA Green Section Committee and a past president of the Westchester County Golf Association.

H. B. (Dickie) Martin, New York, N. Y., member of the USGA Museum Committee, author of the definitive history of the Old Apple Tree Gang under the title "St. Andrew's Golf Club, 1888-1938" and later "Fifty Years of American Golf," and prominent golf writer and promoter.

Clifford E. Wagoner, Indianapolis, Ind., a member of the USGA Sectional Affairs Committee until 1955 and for many years secretary of the Indiana Golf Association and the Indianapolis District Golf Association.