



THROUGH THE GREEN

What's in a Name?

To the list of appropriate names for golf clubs and courses, such as Dubs-dread, we can now add another from our list of new members: the Truth or Consequences Municipal Golf Course, in Truth or Consequences, N. M.

The Passing Scene

Tommy Bolt, the champion, was in remarkably high spirits when he came to the first tee for his final round in defense of his title at the Winged Foot Golf Club, Mamaroneck, N. Y.

His scores in the first three rounds were 75-73-77, and his chances had gone a-glimmering, but he came out merrily for the wind-blown fourth, belted a drive a bit too high into the teeth of the gale and quipped when it fell to earth in unusual proximity to the tee:

"Looks more like a two-iron shot, doesn't it!"

He played them all out for a 76 and a total of 301, nineteen strokes behind Billy Casper, Jr.

Reward Deferred

John Cleary, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who teaches at the Flatbush Driving Range and occasionally has joined the professional tour, disqualified himself with a spectacular piece of honesty during the Long Island Local Qualifying for the Open Championship and found that, al-

though honesty is rewarded, the reward is sometimes deferred.

Conditions on the day of play prompted the committee to permit cleaning the ball on the greens.

On the fifteenth tee, Cleary broke open a new package of No. 3 balls, teed one up and played it successfully to the green. Once there, he marked his ball and tossed it to his caddie for cleaning.

The caddie wiped the ball, but the one he tossed back was a No. 4, which Cleary had been playing through the first fourteen holes. Cleary noticed the change, tossed it back and asked for the right one. The caddie tossed back another ball, Cleary put it in play, holed out and walked to the next tee. There he noticed that ball also bore the No. 4.

After finishing with a 72, he reported the incident to the committee and, of course, learned that he had disqualified himself under Rule 21-3 by not holing out with the right ball. Had he returned and holed out with the right ball before playing the next tee, he would have incurred a penalty of only two strokes.

It was a most unusual application of a Rule whose basic purpose is generally unquestioned, and it was, of course, an expensive demonstration of the maxim: "When a question arises, don't make a move until you read the Rule."

Two competitors in the Local Qualifying Round at Minneapolis, Minn., were involved in another, equally distressing incident—and earned equally measurable respect for their integrity.

John Myers, assistant professional at

the Interlaken Golf Club, and Robert Nordstrom, an amateur from the Hiawatha Golf Club, inadvertently played from the wrong teeing ground at the fifth hole in the morning round. There are two teeing grounds at different levels on this hole at the Minikahda Club and their mistake was in playing from the upper level when the tee markers designated for the competition were on the lower level.

When they came to the hole again in the afternoon, they discovered their mistake and, at the conclusion of the round, reported it to the committee. The committee decided it had no alternative under Rule 13-2 but to disqualify them,

since the error, again, had not been corrected.

This was painful not only to the players, for Myers had apparently scored 150 and earned one of the six qualifiers' places, but also to the committee. Alfred W. Wareham, president of the Minnesota Golf Association, was as sympathetic as anyone but could only comment: "I admire him tremendously. That's the sign of a real golfer."

Cameron Eddy

Cameron Eddy of Wilmette, Ill., has at last been honored, richly if belatedly, at a testimonial dinner attended by Western and Chicago District Golf Associations.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PUBLIC LINKS CHAMPIONS



The Rancho Golf Course, in Los Angeles, Cal., lost two great friends in Harry Packham and Charlie Lacey but it has never lost two of the qualities they left with the course—an abiding popularity and a crop of skillful players. Here is the Rancho Golf Club team which has held the Southern California Public Links Team Championship for two years: Tom Beck, Don Thornton, Bob Howe, Chuck Brenkus, Dick Ries and (kneeling) Captain Ed Korylak. They are, of course, represented in the USGA Amateur Public Links Championship at Denver, Colo., this month.

The highlight was the unveiling of the Cameron Eddy Trophy, to be awarded to the medalist in the 72-holes of qualifying required in the Western Amateur Championship.

As an official at golf tournaments on a non-remunerative basis, Cam Eddy has few peers. Since 1937 he has officiated in 52 Western Championships and since 1946 hasn't missed a day of a Western event. In attending WGA Championships, he has traveled more than 70,000 miles, equal to approximately three times around the world. He has spent a total of a year or more at tournament sites.

A WGA officer since 1941 and currently a Vice-President, Eddy also has participated in the recent growth of the Evans Scholars program.

Naturally, the USGA has not been unaware of Cam's capabilities and loyalties. He is also a member of our Sectional Affairs Committee.

Winged Foot's Rugs

Spectators at the Open Championship at Winged Foot Golf Club, Mamaroneck, N. Y., saw at least one novel appointment—handsome green rugs laid off several greens. The rugs, round in shape, were made to cover iron manhole tops which are part of the club watering system. They were put down to prevent stray-balls which hit them from taking crazy bounces.

Heyday Recalled

The playing of the USGA Amateur Public Links Championship at the Wellshire Golf Course, in Denver, Colo., this month recalls pleausrably the happy heyday of that event—and of all USGA events—in 1946, when 3,586 filed entry for the same Championship at the same course.

Never before or since had so many filed entry for any USGA Championship. The winner over this tremendous field was, incidentally, Smiley Quick, who went on to the final of the Amateur Championship, to the Walker Cup Team—and eventually to professional golf.

That 1946 Championship was the personal project of N. C. (Tub) Morris, of Denver, long the USGA Public Links Committeeman there, and so is this 1959 Championship.

The Championship continues to fill a

real need on the golf calendar and is most popular and worth-while. However, the trend to private-club golf, especially in the East and South, has reduced the number who now enter, and the entry this year is a fairly normal 2,448.

Grainger President

The Board of Governors of the United States Seniors' Golf Association elected Isaac B. Grainger president at its annual meeting held in conjunction with the Association's Championship at the Apawamis Club, Rye, N. Y., last month. Mr. Grainger is a former USGA president, having held that office in 1954 and 1955.

Other officers elected were: James H. Ackerman, Princeton, N. J., first vice-president; Franklin G. Clement, Lake Forest, Ill., second vice-president; Mason B. Starring, Jr., New York, N. Y., secretary, and James D. Miller, New York, N. Y., treasurer.

1961 Open

The USGA has accepted an invitation from the Oakland Hills Country Club, Birmingham, Mich., to entertain the Open Championship in 1961. It will be Oakland Hill's fourth turn as host.

The 1960 Women's Open Championship will be held at the Worcester Country Club, Worcester, Mass., July 21 through 23. Worcester Country Club was the scene of the 1925 Open Championship.

Necrology

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

James F. Blair, Minneapolis, Minn., golf professional at Minikahda Club, Minneapolis, Minn., for 30 years.

Joseph Flynn, White Plains, N. Y., member of the USGA Green Section Committee.

Tirso de Mesa, Los Angeles, Cal., member of the USGA Senior Championship Committee.

Joe T. Parkinson, Tulsa, Okla., member of the USGA Sectional Affairs Committee since 1955, a member of the USGA Green Section Committee from 1952 through 1954, and secretary-treasurer of the Oklahoma State Golf Association.

USGA OFFICER EARNS AWARD



John G. Clock (center), of Long Beach, Cal., a vice-president of the United States Golf Association, was given the annual Merit Award of the Southern California Section of the Professional Golfers' Association last spring and is shown here accepting. The Award is given for "interest and unselfish service rendered to the game of golf, with no thought of personal achievement or financial gain." On the left is Guy Bellitt, incoming president of the SCPGA, and on the right Bud Oakley, retiring president.