



No Comment

"I only play to practice self-control."
"Then you ought to be a caddie."

Gratitude

The golf course superintendent is not always the forgotten man of golf, nor do the good deeds of golf clubs always lie hidden under the proverbial bushel.

August Hillmer, the devoted superintendent of the Interlaken Golf Club, Fairmont, Minn., since 1936, has made a trip to Germany with Mrs. Hillmer to visit his four brothers and sisters, and the whole thing was a gift from grateful club members who recognized long hours and faithful service.

British Open

Gary Player, the 23 year old South African, starting the final 36 holes eight strokes off the lead, won the British Open last month to become the youngest winner in the modern history of the event.

Player's 284 over the rugged course of the Honorable Company of Edinburgh Golfers, Muirfield, Scotland, site of the Walker Cup Match in mid-May, gave him a two stroke margin over Fred Bullock of England, the second round leader, and Flory Von Donck of Belgium, who tied for second place.

For the first time since World War II an American did not survive the cut for

the final day's play, and only four of the thirteen who entered could qualify for the Championship proper. The four qualifiers were: Willie Goggin, the PGA Senior Champion from San Jose, Cal.; Bob Sweeny of Palm Beach, Fla., the 1937 British Amateur Champion; Bob Watson, professional from Ardsley-on-Hudson, N. Y., and John Garrett of Houston, Texas, now stationed with the Armed Forces in Germany.

Stanford Course

The juniors arriving at Stanford University for the USGA Junior Amateur Championship this month found themselves in the position of the man who walked into the tiger's cage. For the Stanford University Golf Course is one of the "tigers" of the West Coast.

Constructed by the late Billy Bell in 1929, it was opened for play on January 1, 1930. As the juniors played it, it measured 6,665 yards, carried a par of 71 and called for all the shots.

As one of the preeminent examinations in golf, it has entertained the National Collegiate Athletic Association championship (in 1948), sectional qualifying competitions for several USGA Championships and a variety of collegiate and Northern California events. The competitive record is 64, shared by Charles (Bud) Finger, the Stanford golf coach, and E. Harvie Ward, Jr., twice USGA Amateur Champion. It has been played informally in 63 by Bud Brownell and Frank Zack.

Golf in Colleges

Golf ranks tenth in popularity among 59 different intramural sports featured at nation's colleges, according to the recent NCAA survey of its members. And, although tenth in actual number of students participating, golf ranks seventh in the number of schools offering intramural golf, nosing out bowling, swimming and tennis in this respect.

The survey showed that 15,417 male students in 241 colleges participate in intramural golf programs, an average of 64 per school.

Carts in Washington

According to a survey made by Merrell Whittlesey, of the Washington, D. C., Evening Star, twelve golf courses of the twenty-nine located within the Washington metropolitan area have a total of 145 carts in operation this season. Fees vary from \$6 to \$8 for two people and some clubs require that riders hire one caddie.

The clubs with carts and the number at each are: Argyle—10; Bethesda Naval—5; Burning Tree—10; Brooke Manor—15; Court House—6; Goose Creek—8; Indian Spring—20; Manor—12; Norbeck—16; Prince Georges—10; Westbriar—8; Woodmont—15.

PGA Hole-in-One Event

The annual PGA National Hole-in-One Contest is scheduled for Labor Day, Sept. 7.

On the last two Labor Days, some 250,000 golfers at 1,450 clubs and courses competed.

The 1957 winner was Dr. Fred W. Whittaker, who aced the 196-yard sixteenth at Penobscot Valley Golf Club in Bangor, Me. John Allen won in 1958 when he made a hole-in-one on the 215-yard seventh at Tascosa Country Club, Amarillo, Texas. Eleven other golfers also made holes-in-one, all of them on shorter holes, in 1957. Six other players scored aces in 1958. Where no actual hole-in-one was made, the player whose drive stopped closest to the hole was declared the winner at his club.

All golfers at clubs and courses employing PGA professionals are eligible to enter. There is no individual entry fee.

The professional enters his club and all its members by filing an official entry form and paying the \$5 fee. The entry deadline is July 31.

A "contest hole" of not less than 150 yards is established at each participating club. Each player will be permitted one shot at it during a regular 18-hole or nine-hole round.

Eagle-Birdie-Ace

Tony Manero looked like the Open Champion of old recently when he scored 2-3-1, an eagle, a birdie and an ace, on consecutive holes at the High Ridge Country Club, Poundridge, N.Y. An eagle 2 on the eighth hole was followed by a birdie on the par-4 ninth and a hole-in-one on the 145 yard tenth.

Manero won the 1936 Open Championship at Baltusrol. His 282 was a record score to that date.

Origin of the Swing



Conte Giuseppe Sabini, Secretary of the Italian Golf Association has sent us what he believes to be the first golf swing of this world. The above photograph of a detail of the gate of the Cathedral of Loreto in Italy shows Cain slaying his brother Abel. If the older son of Adam and Eve actually used the graceful swing attributed to him by the artist, we should perhaps wonder why more of us are not natural-born swingers.

Houston Again

It's a remarkable record the University of Houston has compiled in intercollegiate golf.

The team has now won the National Collegiate Athletic Association Championship four years in a row, having compiled a four-man score for 36 holes of 561 at the Eugene Country Club, Eugene, Ore. This broke the record by nine strokes.

The co-medalists were two boys from Houston, Bob Pratt and Jack Cupit. Pratt scored 70-66—136 and Cupit 69-67—136.

Then Richard Crawford, a sophomore from Jacksonville, Ark., gave the University of Houston its third successive individual title by defeating Jack Luceti, of San Jose State, in the final, 7 and 6.

Patty Berg's First Ace

One might have thought that Patty Berg had won the USGA Women's Open last month judging from the way she requested her third round card for permanent possession.

"That ace on the seventh was the only one I've ever had," she explained. It was made with a No. 5 iron on the 170 yard hole at Churchill Valley in Pittsburgh.

Twenty-four years ago Patty played in her first USGA event. A 17-year-old schoolgirl, she was runner-up to Mrs. Glenna Collett Vare in the Women's Amateur. The same spark that was so evident then has never diminished. A great competitor, a great sportswoman is Patty Berg. Golf is richer for her presence.

Aftermath of the Open

Westchester County, N. Y., which was the scene of the recent Open Championship, is sometimes referred to as a wealthy county and a stronghold of capitalists, but apparently there are some other fellows there who play on the county's five public courses.

On the Fourth of July week-end following the Open, play on these courses was the heaviest on record and, as one fellow said, "They were knocking their divots into each other's hip pockets." The total play on Friday was 2,221 golfers. The total play for the three days was 5,738 golfers.

"When they get around to accepting nominations for the 1959 Ben Hogan

Award (for golfers who play under a handicap)," wrote Guido Cribari in the White Plains (N.Y.) Reporter Dispatch, "we will submit the names of all 5,738."

Southern California Juniors

Southern California junior golfers, girls as well as boys, lead the country in national junior tournaments, according to the Junior Golf Association of Southern California, an interested party in the compilation.

There are three national junior tournaments for boys: the USGA Junior Amateur Championship, started in 1948; and the Junior Chamber of Commerce and Hearst tournaments, both instituted in 1946. In these events Southern California boys have won fourteen first and thirteen second places, more than the juniors from any other districts or states.

The total first and second places won in the three national tournaments by leading sections is:

	1st	2nd
S. California	14	13
N. California	1	3
Washington	4	2
Texas	3	4
Georgia	3	—

In every year except 1957 Southern California juniors have won at least one first or second place. In 1954 they made a clean sweep, winning first and second places in all three events.

The only national junior girls' tournament is the USGA event, which was instituted in 1949. Southern California's junior girls' record is as impressive as the boys'. They have won exactly half of the tournaments. The record of first and second places:

	1st	2nd
S. California	5	1
Washington	2	
Tennessee	2	
Oregon	1	
Ohio		2

The record of the Southern California juniors is, of course, largely the result of the junior golf program in that area which makes it possible for juniors who are interested to learn and to play. Those who qualify for a national championship have been through many, many tournaments and are able to stand up under fire.

Something in Common

The USGA Open and Women's Open Champions of 1959 are not only Californians, but both are from San Diego. —Bill Casper and Miss Mickey Wright—

Unbeatable Club Champion

From time to time we learn of some outstanding golf records which we take pleasure in publishing. The latest to come to our attention is that of Mrs. Julia T. Siler of the Paramount Golf Club, St. Louis, Mo., who has won her club's championship for twenty-seven consecutive years, 1931 through 1957.

We have previously mentioned the fine records of Joe E. Bernoflo, Jr., who won the club championship at The Country Club, Salt Lake City, Utah thirteen times in thirteen attempts; Frank D. Ross of Wampanoag Country Club, West Hart-

ford, Conn., who won his club's title sixteen times in nineteen efforts, and Stephen W. Berrien, of the Upper Montclair Country Club, Upper Montclair, N. J., who won the club's title nine times over a span of thirty-five years.

Necrology

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

W. Willis Mackenzie, Edinburgh, Scotland, member of the first British Walker Cup Team in 1922, and again in 1923, and Amateur Champion of Scotland in 1924 and 1928.

C. K. Robinson, Pittsburgh, Pa., co-founder of the Pennsylvania Golf Association's Caddie Scholarship Program.

Robert White, Myrtle Beach, S. C., first president of the Professional Golfers' Association of America.

THE INTRIGUING TWELFTH AT STANFORD



This twelfth hole on the Stanford University Golf Course is one of the most challenging on the West Coast, and perhaps anywhere. Viewed here from the tee, it measures 450 yards and plays as a par 4. The generous fairway is not only guarded right and left but divided in dead center by two spreading trees, so that the driver has to choose his route with the greatest care and execute it with the greatest courage. A normal drive down the middle will carry the first tree, but the second shot will be blocked by the second tree. There is a smart way to play the hole, and in the recent USGA Junior Championship the smart juniors found it.