

THROUGH THE GREEN

In the Right Direction

After several unsuccessful attempts to play over a pond, a hapless golfer finally took a divot which flew over, leaving the ball behind. His caddie remarked:

"That's better, sir. You got a bit of something over!"

How A Senior Knows

Miss Margaret Curtis, of Boston, who has never made any bones about the fact that she is 74 years old, got to talking about senior golf and senior golfers the other day and suddenly dipped into her handbag and produced the following, which she read with zest and feeling which only one in her seventies could apply to the subject:

How do I know my youth has been spent?
 Because my get-up-and-go has got up and went.
 But in spite of all that I am able to grin
 When I think where my get-up-and-go has been.
 Old age is golden, I have heard it said
 But sometimes I wonder as I go to bed—
 My ears in a drawer, my teeth in a cup,
 My eyes on the table until I get up—
 'Ere sleep dims my eyes, I say to myself
 "Is there anything else I should lay on the shelf?"
 I am happy to say as I close the door
 My friends are the same as in days of yore.
 When I was young, my slippers were red,
 I could kick my heels right over my head.
 When I got older, my slippers were blue
 But I still could dance the whole night through.
 Now that I'm old, my slippers are black;
 I walk to the corner and puff my way back.
 So the reason I know that my youth is spent
 Is my get-up-and-go has got up and went.
 But I really don't mind when I think with a grin
 Of all the places my get-up has been.
 I busy myself with complete repetition;
 I get up each morning, dust off my wits,
 Pick up the paper and read the obits.
 If my name is missing, I know I'm not dead,
 So I eat a good breakfast, and go back to bed.

New USGA Executive



Robert C. Renner, of Pontiac, Mich., joined the staff of the United States Golf Association on September 1. He is serving as a tournament executive, engaged primarily in preparations for the eight national championships and four international team events sponsored by the USGA.

Mr. Renner formerly was National Tournament Director of the Ladies' Professional Golf Association and Assistant Sports Editor of the Fort Wayne, Ind., News-Sentinel.

Father and Son

When Dick Chapman and his son, Dixie, appeared for the Amateur Championship in San Francisco last year, there was a good deal of newspaper talk indicating that it was the first time a father and son had played in the same Amateur Championship.

The statement, of course, is not quite true, although the achievement is no less remarkable for that.

Since the Chapmans have entered again, it seems timely to put the record straight. Adrian C. McManus, of San Francisco, and his son, Roger, both played in the 1947 Amateur at Pebble Beach. (Roger went to the semi-final round last year.) Also, Emerson Carey, Jr., of Denver, now Treasurer of the United States Golf Association, and his son "Duke," both played in the 1950 Amateur at Minneapolis Golf Club. There may have been others, but we have no record of them at this writing.

How Many Will Join?

Is there any relation between club memberships and the population of a given area?

On a nationwide basis the Club Managers Association of America finds that 8/10 of 1 per cent, or 1 in every 125 people, represents a country club membership.

In arriving at this figure, the almost universal standard of a family membership was used: one membership includes the wife and dependent children. Mother and the children are counted individually in the population data but are included with the father in computing memberships.

Thus, assume three country clubs in a community of 200,000 people. Assume the total membership of these three clubs amounts to 1,300 members. A little arithmetic shows there are potentially 1,600 country club memberships in the community. A club has three choices:

(1) it can enlarge and absorb the remaining 300 who are statistically interested in joining a golf club;

(2) it can wait until the other two clubs accept these new members, or

(3) all three clubs can sit back and wait for the inevitable fourth club to be formed.

Wanted—

Back Issues of Journal

Does any reader have extra copies of the USGA Journal for Spring 1948, July 1949 and August 1949? If so, would you be good enough to forward them to the USGA for transmittal to the new Library of the Professional Golfers' Association of America.

Oversized Cups

There are a number of ways of getting the ball into the hole, and an unusual one has been introduced by an enterprising soul in the Pacific Northwest—namely, the use of holes $4\frac{3}{4}$ inches in diameter, or one-half inch wider than the law allows.

Definition 15 of the Rules of Golf provides:

"The 'hole' shall be $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches in diameter and at least 4 inches deep. If a lining be used, it shall be sunk at least 1 inch below the putting green surface unless the nature of the soil makes it impractical to do so; its outer diameter shall not exceed $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches."

Scores made on a course with holes which do not conform with Definition 15 are not acceptable scores and may not be used for handicapping under the USGA system or any other system of which we are aware.

Challenge Ladder

To re-vitalize a golf club, abandon the A-B-C-D typing and call golfers with handicaps 0 through 7 expert amateurs, 8 through 14 good amateurs, 15 through 21 average amateurs, and 21 up sociable amateurs.

This is the advice of Dr. A. Lee Vollmer, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., who further advocates a challenge step-ladder system, with four miniature step-ladders on display at the club. Each step of each ladder will bear a golfer's name and handicap, as Dr. Vollmer suggests, in large enough print to be readable even

to viewers whose eye glasses are in the car at the time.

In the weekly or monthly contests, four names are picked out of a hat, one for each classification, to select a group of four to compete against others similarly chosen. Women may be included. Handicaps are used.

Each ladder is kept alive with challenges. Any player may challenge the golfer whose name appears above his on the steps. If the challenge is not accepted and played within fifteen days, the higher name automatically is replaced by the one who challenged him or her.

The challenge ladder is an inexhaustible source of properly handicapped players. The handicaps are proper because of their display in large print.

New rivalries and friendships will result. Cliques will be shaken up. New members will be attracted. New interest in golf will result.

Ball Out of Bounds

Penalties for balls out of bounds, lost and unplayable will be reduced for a one-year trial starting January 1, 1960.

The new penalty for a ball out of bounds will be loss of distance only. Previous penalties were:

1900-1919	loss of distance
1920-1946	stroke and distance (penalty stroke could be remitted by local rule)
1947-1951	loss of distance
1952-1959	stroke and distance

Special Privileges for Juniors

Three Connecticut cities joined the many communities which have authorized special privileges for junior golfers (junior and senior high school age students) playing their municipal golf courses.

Hartford, Waterbury and Meriden now permit juniors to play golf at half-price from Monday through Friday up to 4:00 P.M. and the response was reported as outstanding. In addition, Waterbury and Meriden have special arrangements for junior lessons with instructional emphasis on swing and golf etiquette.

Amateur Scene

Colorado is celebrating its "Rush to the Rockies" Centennial during 1959 and the Amateur Championship at the Broadmoor Golf Club is one of the calendared events. The Broadmoor course ranks as one of the most spectacular in the world. Sprawled at the foot of lofty Cheyenne Mountain and within the shadow of Pikes Peak, it presents a real challenge. It measures 6,975 yards and has a par of 71.

The original 18-hole course, built in 1918, was designed by Donald Ross. However, Robert Trent Jones was in charge of the reconstruction program which was completed in 1958. Broadmoor now has an 18-hole course, on which the Amateur will be held, and an additional nine-hole course.

The first important match was played on July 4 of that year between Jim Barnes, Broadmoor's first professional, and Chick Evans, the Amateur and Open Champion, against Jock Hutchison and Warren Wood. All admission receipts for the match went to the Red Cross.

Broadmoor since has been host to five Trans-Mississippi Amateur Championships, the Western Amateur, the Women's Western Open and two National Collegiate Championships. Each year the Broadmoor invitation tournaments for men and women, dating back to 1921, attract strong fields. As a result, many entrants in the Amateur are familiar with the site.

The Broadmoor course record of 63 is held jointly by Sam Snead, Lawson Little and L. B. Maytag, Sr., the latter an amateur and now General Chairman for the Amateur.

Ed Dudley is the summer professional. The year-around professional is Norman Larsen.

The Broadmoor clubhouse, which adjoins the Broadmoor Hotel, built originally in 1918, was completely renovated in 1957.

PGA Championship

Bob Rosburg won the PGA Championship last month at the Minneapolis Golf Club, in Minn. Trailing Jerry Barber, the third round leader, by six strokes, Rosburg rallied with a final round 66 for a total 277. Barber finished at 278 and was tied for second place with Doug Sanders.

Rosburg was runner-up in the recent USGA Open, finishing one stroke behind Bill Casper. In 1946 he was a member of the Stanford University golf team, winner of the Intercollegiate Championship. The following year he reached the quarter-finals of the USGA Amateur, losing to Skee Riegel who went on to win the Championship.

Assistant Professionals' School

An intensive course of instruction for assistant professionals has again been scheduled by the PGA of America for early next year. Harold Sargent, president of the PGA, announced that the fourth annual PGA Assistant Training and Business School will be conducted

January 10-16, 1960 at Clearwater, Fla. A total of 361 assistants have completed the course since it was established in 1957.

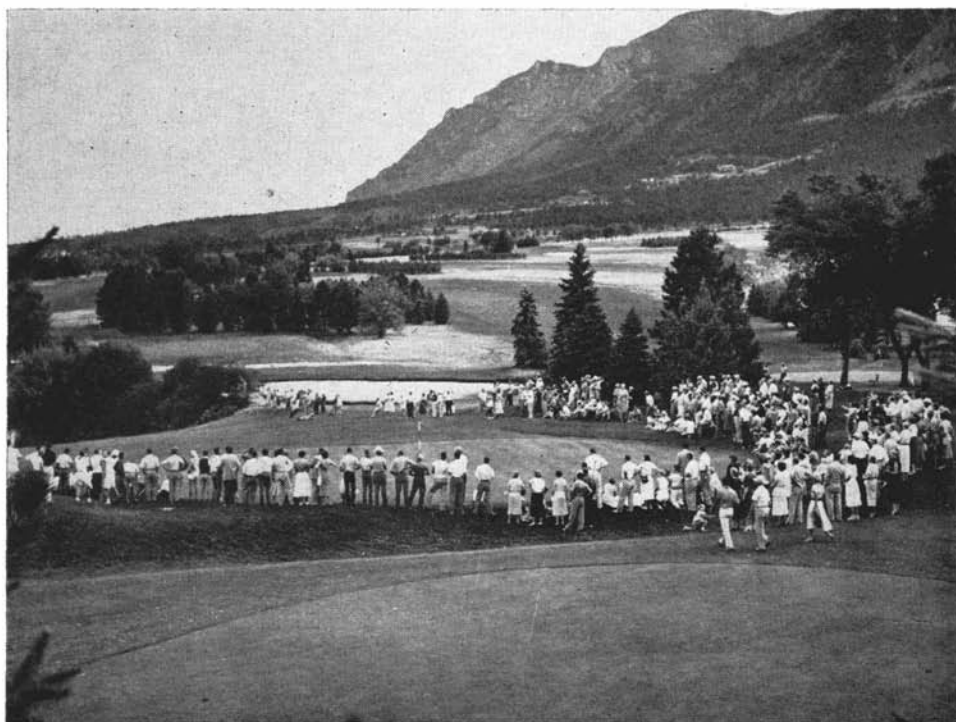
Courses in teaching, public relations, buying, selling, club repair, and related subjects will make up the curriculum. The school is financed through the PGA Educational Fund by funds realized from National Golf Day, the nation-wide competition for all golfers, sponsored each year by the PGA of America.

Necrology

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

Edward L. Cheyney, Rancho Santa Fe, Cal., member of the USGA Executive Committee from 1935 through 1943.

THE SPRAWLING COURSE AT BROADMOOR



A scene of the Broadmoor Golf Club course, in Colorado Springs, Colo., site of the fifty-ninth Amateur Championship. The sprawling course is viewed here from the clubhouse, looking over the eighteenth green. Cheyenne Mountain is visible in the background. The Amateur is being played September 14-19. Charles R. Coe, of Oklahoma City, Okla., is the defending Champion.