

# USGA ANNUAL MEETING HONORS CHICK EVANS

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The United States Golf Association reviewed its operations of 1959 during the Annual Meeting held in New York, January 30, and then announced plans for the coming year.

The year under review showed an increase in Member Clubs, subscribers to the Green Section Visiting Service, attendance at most Championships, in the number of entries for Championships, and in several other phases of USGA endeavor.

One of the highlights of the 66th Annual Meeting came when Charles (Chick) Evans, Jr., of Chicago, was called before the gathering of 221 delegates from Member Clubs, officers, Committee members, and friends. He was presented with the 1960 Bob Jones Award for distinguished sportsmanship in golf.

Mr. Evans will be 70 years old on July 18. In presenting the Bob Jones Plaque, Wm. Ward Foshay, Chairman of the Bob Jones Award Committee, recalled Mr. Evans' great contributions to golf—as a player and as a stimulator for caddie scholarships.

Mr. Foshay reviewed Mr. Evans' career which includes participation in 47 Amateur Championships and the winning of both the Open and Amateur Championships in 1916. Mr. Evans again won the Amateur in 1920 and played on several Walker Cup teams.

During the height of his playing career Mr. Evans came to New York to make recordings describing the golf swing. Mr. Foshay told the Annual Meeting how Mr. Evans' speaking conflicted with the singing in the nearby studio booth of an opera star who was making recordings of his own.

The man next door was Enrico Caruso.

Mr. Evans and Mr. Caruso worked out an agreement whereby Mr. Evans would have a turn recording in quietitude and then he would remain still while Mr. Caruso put his vocal efforts into the wax.

During his speech after accepting the



Incoming President John G. Clock (left) of Long Beach, Calif., presented outgoing President John D. Ames of Chicago, a Certificate of service. The presentation was made during the Annual Meeting of the USGA in New York, January 30.

award, Mr. Evans deplored the lack of boy caddies at many clubs. He said the shortage would hurt golf—both in playing and in recruiting new players.

Previous winners of the Bob Jones Award were Francis D. Ouimet, William C. Campbell, the late Mrs. Mildred Dirrikson Zaharias, Mrs. Margaret Curtis, and the late Findlay S. Douglas.

Looking ahead, the task of trying to win back the Curtis Cup was given by the USGA to a team of seven ladies. Personnel for the team, captained by Mrs. Henri Prunaret, of Natick, Mass., as well as Curtis Cup team travel and other arrangements are outlined in the article, "Global Golf in 1960" on page eight of this issue.

## Election of Officers

The meeting at the Biltmore Hotel developed the election of John F. Clock, of Long Beach, Calif., as President. Mr.

Clock heads a slate of officers and Executive Committeemen nominated in October and approved at the Annual Meeting.

Other officers elected were Emerson Carey, Jr., Denver, and John M. Winters, Jr., Tulsa, Okla., Vice-Presidents; Clarence W. Benedict, White Plains, N. Y., Secretary, and Wm. Ward Foshay, New York, Treasurer.

Three new Executive Committeemen named were: Edwin R. Foley, of Oakland, Calif., Henry H. Russell, of South Miami, Fla., and A. Vinton Stegeman, Jr., of Fort Thomas, Ky.

Executive Committee members who were re-elected to serve in 1960 were: Fred Brand, Jr., of Pittsburgh, Pa., William C. Chapin, of Rochester, N. Y., Charles C. Clare, of New Haven, Conn., Harry L. Givan, of Seattle, Wash., Hord W. Hardin, of St. Louis, Mo., Harold A. Moore, of Chicago, Ill., and Bernard H. Ridder, Jr., of St. Paul, Minn.

Philip H. Strubing, of Philadelphia, was re-named General Counsel.

William McWane, of Birmingham, Ala., and Richmond Gray, of Richmond, Va., earlier made themselves unavailable for Executive Committee service in 1960.

In his speech as retiring President, Mr. John Ames, of Chicago, thanked officers, committeemen, and golf associations for their support during his two years in office. In turn Mr. Clock praised the accomplishments during Mr. Ames' administration.

Mr. Clock became a member of the Executive Committee in 1951 and he has served on the Finance, Amateur Status, Membership, Senior Championship and Bob Jones Award Committees in addition to performing other duties.

#### Committee Reports

Committee reports were presented to delegates at the Biltmore Hotel by: Mr. Winters on the Rules of Golf; Mr. Ridder on the Championships; Mr. Clock on Amateur Status; Mr. Benedict on Implements and Ball and the Museum; Mr. Chapin on the Green Section; Mrs. Henri Prunaret on the Women's affairs; Mr. Hardin on both Sectional Affairs and the Junior Championship; Mr. Gray on Handicap; Mr. Carey on both the Treasury and Public Links; Mrs. John Pennington on the Girls' Junior; Mr. Moore on the Seniors; Mr. Strubing on the General Counsel's

work, and Mr. Joseph C. Dey, Jr., Executive Director, on Membership.

During the series of meetings related to the Annual Meeting which were held in New York during the last week of January, the USGA system of course rating, as a basis of handicapping, was revised. The object was to increase national uniformity in ratings.

The principal change is that yardage determines preliminary ratings, and such preliminary ratings are in twentieths of a stroke. Heretofore preliminary ratings have been in round numbers.

Yardage rating charts for both men and women have been adopted. Based on these charts, holes of the same length will have the same preliminary ratings no matter where located. Then adjustments in ratings will be made for such significant factors as hazards, slopes, fairway width, prevailing wind, width and depth of putting green, and normal conditions of the turf.

There are no significant changes in the ultimate rating factors; the main amendment is the introduction of yardage charts

## When Champions Meet



J. Clark Espie, Jr., of Indianapolis, the Seniors Champion, and Jack Nicklaus of Columbus, Ohio, the Amateur Champion, visited "Golf House" during the week of the Annual Meeting. They came to New York to receive awards during the Metropolitan Golf Writers' Dinner.

as a uniform starting point for course rating. This principle has been used by the Chicago District Golf Association in its fractional par rating chart. The USGA chart uses a new scale designed to reflect the playing ability of the modern scratch golfer.

The new USGA course rating methods will be published in detail later. Present ratings will be valid until the new system is established in any district or until the end of 1961, whichever is earlier.

There has been no change in the USGA system of computing handicaps.

Revision of the course rating methods was under the direction of William O. Blaney, Boston, retiring Chairman of the USGA Handicap Procedure Committee. He was succeeded by Mr. Herman M. Freydberg, of New York.

The USGA accepted two invitations for 1962 women's events. Curtis Cup matches will be at Broadmoor Golf Club, Colorado Springs, Colo., and the Women's Amateur Championship at the Country Club of Rochester, N. Y.

The current national amateur champions of countries belonging to the World Amateur Golf Council will be invited to compete in the 1960 USGA Amateur Championship and will be offered exemption from sectional qualifying. The Championship will be played at the St. Louis Country Club, September 12-17. ?

The World Amateur Team Championship of the World Council will be played September 28-October 1 at the Merion Golf Club, Ardmore, Pa.

Prize money for the 1960 Open Championship will be \$50,000, with \$12,000 going to the lowest scoring professional. In addition, \$100 will be given to the lowest professional scorer in each of 13 Sectional Qualifying Championships.

A handicap limit of 36 was established for the 1960 Girls' Junior Championship at The Oaks Country Club, Tulsa, Okla. Not more than 120 players will be in the field.

### Green Section Meeting

At the Fourth Annual Green Section Educational Program on January 29, a panel of turf specialists discussed "The Use of Water on the Golf Course." The program was conducted by William C. Chapin, Chairman of the USGA Green Section Committee, and Edwin Hoyt, Northeastern District Chairman of the

USGA Green Section Committee.

The morning session was devoted to the topic "Mechanics of Applying Water." Alexander M. Radko, Eastern Director, USGA Green Section, was moderator. Water supplies and the merits and drawbacks of different sources of supply were discussed by Edmund B. Ault, Chairman, Green Committee, Indian Spring Country Club, Silver Springs, Md., and James M. Latham, Jr., Southeastern Agronomist, USGA Green Section.

Edward J. Casey, Golf Course Superintendent, Baltusrol Golf Club, Springfield, N. J., and E. R. Steiniger, Golf Course Superintendent, Pine Valley Golf Club, Clementon, N. J., and William R. Riley, Course Superintendent, Essex Fells, Country Club, N. J., reported their views on the relative merits of cast iron, steel, plastic and asbestos pipes, and practical pump capacities and working pressures of water distribution systems.

Relative initial costs, efficiency and maintenance costs of various sprinkler types were discussed by William Beresford, Golf Course Superintendent, Los Angeles Country Club, Edward A. Dunn, President, Seattle Golf Club, and T. T. Taylor, Northeastern Agronomist, USGA Green Section.

The afternoon session was moderated by William H. Bengeyfield, Western Director, USGA Green Section. The topic was "Water Requirements of the Golf Course."

Dr. Ralph E. Engel, Associate Research Specialist in Turf Management, Rutgers University, N. J., and Dr. Marvin H. Ferguson, Mid-Continent Director and National Research Coordinator, USGA Green Section, presented the agronomic point of view. They discussed such points as water in the soil, drainage, how fast should water be applied, frequency of application, and the role of water in plant growth.

Two prominent amateur golfers, William Hyndman, III, member of the 1959 Walker Cup team, and William P. Turnesa, USGA Amateur Champion in 1938 and 1948, and British Amateur Champion in 1947, gave the golfer's point of view on how firm putting greens should be kept, what effect moisture had on the roll of the ball, and relation of irrigation to the height of cut on greens and on fairways.