

GLOBAL AMATEUR GOLF IN 1960

Curtis, Americas,
Eisenhower Cups
this year

This is IGY—International Golf Year. Three international golf competitions for amateurs will be played in 1960 and each will be in a different country.

First meeting on the international amateur calendar will be the match between the ladies of the United States and the British Isles for the Curtis Cup. The Lindrick Golf Club near Worksop in Nottinghamshire, England, will be the site on May 20-21.

Second will be the Americas Cup matches between Canadian, Mexican and United States men teams at the Ottawa Hunt and Golf Club, Ottawa, Canada, August 11-12.

Third will be the growing, healthy baby of international competitions—the World Amateur Team Championship for the Eisenhower Trophy. The Merion Golf Club at Ardmore, Pa., will be the site September 28-October 1 and about 35 nations are expected to send four-man teams.

The task of trying to win back the Curtis Cup which has been in British hands for six of the past eight years was entrusted by the USGA Executive Committee and the Women's Committee to a team of seven players. Five of them are 23 years old or younger.

Members of the team, their ages and home cities are:

- Miss Judy Bell, 23, Wichita, Kansas
- Miss Judy Eller, 19, Old Hickory, Tenn
- Miss Joanne Goodwin, 23, Haverhill, Mass.
- Miss JoAnne Gunderson, 20, Kirkland, Wash.
- Mrs. Ann Casey Johnstone, 37, Mason City, Iowa
- Miss Barbara McIntire, 25, Lake Park, Fla.
- Miss Anne Quast, 22, Marysville, Wash.

Mrs. Henri Prunaret, of Natick, Mass., chairman of the USGA Women's Committee, has been named to lead the Cur-

tis Cup team to England as non-playing captain.

The team flies by jet aircraft from New York the night of May 13 and reaches London the following morning. A bus will take the players from London airport to Lindrick where practice sessions will be held through May 19.

The three foursomes over 36 holes will be played May 20 and the six singles over 36 holes will be played May 21.

The team returns to London May 22 for relaxation and sightseeing. Many of the players are expected to compete in the British Women's Amateur Championship at Royal St. David's Golf Club, Harlech, Wales, May 30-June 2, before returning to the United States or going on to European holidays.

Alternates for the team are Miss Barbara Williams, of Richmond, Calif., Mrs. Paul Dye, Jr., of Indianapolis, and Mrs. Mark A. Porter, Jr., of Westmont, N. J.

Actually, the British Women's Championship forms a fourth event on the international list of interest to American golfers.

However, the first piece of business is assigned to the Curtis Cup team. British teams won the Curtis Cup at Muirfield, Scotland, in 1952, and at Prince's Golf Club, Sandwich, England, in 1956. The two teams tied at Brae Burn Country Club, West Newton, Mass., in 1958 but the British retained the cup because they held it before the tie. The United States team won at Merion Golf Club, Ardmore, Pa., in 1954.

Professional women's golf in the United States has failed to attract as many young amateurs as it did during the early 1950s.

Only one winner of the Women's Na-



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tional Amateur Championship since 1954—Miss Barbara Romack—has turned professional. Meanwhile, the last three Women's National Amateur Champions will be on the Curtis Cup team. They are Miss Gunderson, the 1957 Champion; Miss Quast, the 1958 Champion, and Miss McIntire, the present holder.

The stimulating effect that the National Girls' Junior Championship has on women's golf is apparent. Three former National Girls' Championship finalists are among the seven Curtis Cup players—Miss McIntire, Miss Gunderson and Miss Eller. In addition, Miss Quast and Miss McIntire were medalist or co-medalist for Girls' Championships. Miss Eller won the event in 1957-58.

There is little women's professional golf in the British Isles and British Curtis Cup teams have not been affected by candidates leaving amateur golf.

Lindrick, was the scene of the only loss in 25 years by American men professionals in Ryder Cup play. The Americans lost to the British there in 1957.

The course is inland and not one of the seaside courses where most Curtis Cup and Walker Cup matches in Britain have been played. It is of 6,471 yards, some fairways are bordered by hedges, and the test of golf is a searching one.

United States teams for the Americas Cup and Eisenhower Cup matches will be announced during the summer. The Americas Cup is up for the fifth playing and the Eisenhower Cup for the second.

In the inaugural of the World Amateur Team Championship at St. Andrews, Scotland, in October, 1958, Australia was the winner after a tie with the United States. In the play-off the three best Australian scores (under the rules the fourth score on each team is not counted) totaled 222 while the three best American 18-hole scores totaled 224.

Twenty-nine teams competed at St. Andrews in one of the most impressive launchings any competition ever received.

The United States won the last Americas Cup matches with 30 points to 17 for Canada and seven for Mexico.

All three cup competitions this year are bi-annual. The only major amateur international event not on the calendar this year is the Walker Cup Matches. They will be played next on September

1-2, 1961, at the Seattle Golf Club, Seattle, Wash.

American amateur as well as professional golfers have been active in international competition since the 1920's.

A team of American men amateurs went to Hoylake, England, in May, 1921, and defeated a British team 9 matches to 3. The event was so successful that George H. Walker, a former USGA President, gave a silver trophy to be played for and the following year a British team came to the National Links on Long Island.

Against Mr. Walker's wishes the event was named The Walker Cup Matches.

The first Curtis Cup match was held at Wentworth, near London, in 1932, and the first Americas Cup match at the Seattle Golf Club, Seattle, Wash., in 1952.

Lunch Stop

Handicap Decision 59-7

Reference: Men: Sect. 4-1

Women: Sect. 14-1

Q: How strictly should Rules 37-6 and 37-7 (re discontinuance of play and undue delay) be applied in recording scores for handicap purposes? It is not unusual for some players to play nine holes, take time out for lunch, and then play the last nine holes. Should scores so made be recorded for handicap purposes—or should they be posted as "No Card" so that the handicap will still be based on the best 10 of the last 25 rounds played—or should they be omitted from the handicap records as not being part of an 18-hole round?

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A: Technically, the taking of time out for lunch between the playing of the first and last nine holes constitutes a violation of the discontinuance of play and the undue delay Rules of Golf. However, to eliminate such scores from players' scoring records might mean loss of a considerable number of scores which undoubtedly contribute to a better picture of their playing ability. Accordingly, we recommend that such scores be accepted for handicap purposes only.