

## THROUGH THE GREEN

### An Ice Skating Golfer

A golfer ice skated into the Olympic Stadium at Squaw Valley, Calif., last February, carrying the Olympic torch to the Winter Games.

The ice skating golfer was Ken Henry, who serves as a professional at the West Bend Country Club, Wisconsin. He is a former Olympic speed skating champion.

### Pravda on Golf

The exact origin of golf always has been confusing—who started it, where, when and how?

Now the Soviet Union has further complicated the picture.

The Communist Party daily newspaper, Pravda, has recently filed a claim that golf was played "with enthusiasm almost 1,000 years ago" by Caucasian shepherds.

Until Pravda came out with the claim, golf was not considered respectable by the comrades. It has been called in the Moscow press, in Soviet encyclopedia and other publications "A bourgeois waste of time."

"Pravda" means "Truth" in the Russian language.

### Golfers to Wed

Two of Britain's best known young golfers have become engaged to be married. They are Miss Veronica Anstey, a member of the 1956 Curtis Cup team, and John Beharrell, the 1956 British Amateur Champion.

### Loyalty Day — May 1

The Congress has designated and President Eisenhower has approved May 1 as Loyalty Day.

The purpose of the Day is to rededicate and to reaffirm our loyalty to our American heritage.

American organizations and associations are calling the attention of their membership to Loyalty Day, and the USGA is pleased to take a part in this worthy observance.

### American Ball in Britain

A two-in-one experiment is planned in British golf this summer.

August traditionally is "Holiday Month" when everyone who can do so takes as long a trip as possible. Big golf tournaments rarely are scheduled in the London area in August.

But this year a new professional tournament will be played August 18-20 at Wentworth Club in the suburbs of London, and the American size ball will be used. The British size ball is 1.62 inches in minimum diameter and the American size is 1.68.

Wentworth's West Course, called "The Burma Road," is a fine inland course—long and a thorough test. It was the site of the 1953 Ryder Cup Match and the 1956 Canada Cup event. The smaller British ball was used exclusively in each.

## USGA Officer Changes

Clarence W. Benedict, of White Plains, N. Y., has been elected a Vice-President of the USGA to replace Emerson Carey, Jr., of Denver, who resigned in February due to personal business affairs.



Clarence W. Benedict

Treasurer. The elections were made by the Executive Committee.

Mr. Ridder is serving as an officer for the first time.

John G. Clock of Long Beach, Calif., is President and John M. Winters, Jr., of Tulsa, Okla., is a Vice-President.

Mr. Benedict is Chairman of the Implements and Ball and the Handicap Committees. He has been on the Executive Committee since 1956. Mr. Foshay is Chairman of the Bob Jones Award Committee. He joined the Executive Committee in 1958.

Mr. Ridder is Chairman of the Championship Committee and has been on the Executive Committee since 1958.



Bernard H. Ridder, Jr.



Wm. Ward Foshay

## Industrial Golf

About 100 industries now have their own golf facilities for the use of their employees.

One of the first to have its own course was Oneida, Ltd., of Oneida, N. Y., which opened its original nine-hole course in 1896.

An excellent example of the growth of golf facilities within an industry is E. I. duPont de Nemours & Co., Inc. of Wilmington, Del., which opened a nine-hole, sand green facility in 1923 and now has 63 holes of industrial golf.

## Italia

The Italians have taken a page from the American book—they've built a first class golf course just where you would not expect to find one.

The Italian course is on The Lido, a low lying, sandy island near Venice. The Italian Open Championship will be there this summer.

Thousands upon thousands of tons of top soil were gathered on the mainland, shipped across Venice Harbor to The Lido and spread thickly about. Soon grass was growing and now the course is one of Europe's finest.

## 12-Year-Old Caddies

The New York State Legislature has passed a bill lowering the minimum age for caddies from 14 to 12 years.

If the bill becomes law, all 12 and 13-year old caddies would be restricted to carrying one bag of clubs and to 36 holes each day. The bill also would require the caddies to have written permission from their parents.

## Necrology

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

Mrs. Temple Dobell, Wirral, England, who as Gladys Ravenscroft won the 1913 USGA Women's Amateur Championship and the 1912 British Championship.

Ray O'Brien, Miami, Fla., former PGA Tournament Director and recently director and rules chairman for television's All-Star Golf matches.

Udo Reinach, Scarsdale, N.Y., former Vice-President and Treasurer of the Westchester County (N.Y.) Golf Association and co-founder with William P. Turnesa of a fund for education of Westchester caddies.

## Wanted Golfer

John William Meese, an avid golfer, is being sought by the FBI on the basis of a Federal warrant issued at Albuquerque, New Mexico, September 14, 1959, which charges that he violated conditions of his probation.

If you receive any information concerning the whereabouts of Meese, you are requested to immediately notify the nearest office of the FBI.

Meese had been sentenced on June 6, 1957, at Albuquerque following his guilty plea to passing interstate fraudulent checks. On March 25, 1958, he was released on probation from the Federal Correctional Institution, La Tuna, Texas. He was last known to be in Albuquerque in August, 1959.

Meese was born February 21, 1923, in Covington, Kentucky. He is white; 6' 3" tall; 225-240 pounds; large and heavy build; brown eyes; graying-brown hair which is slightly wavy; ruddy complexion. He has a scar on his right wrist; an operation scar on the right side of his neck; a burn scar on the back of his left thumb; and a pitted scar on his right forearm. In the past he has worked as a salesman, truck driver and golf caddie.



## New Officers

New officers have been elected by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America and the Club Managers Association of America.

James E. Thomas, course superintendent at the Army-Navy Country Club, Arlington, Va., was elected President of the Superintendents Association. Officers to serve with Mr. Thomas are L. E. Lambert, of the Prairie Dunes Country Club, Hutchinson, Kansas, Vice-President, and Sherwood A. Moore of the Winged Foot Golf Club, Mamaroneck, N. Y., Secretary-Treasurer.

Kenneth Meisnest, manager of the Washington Athletic Club, Seattle, Wash.,

was elected President of the Club Managers. Officers to serve with Mr. Meisnest are John T. Brennan, manager of the Birmingham Country Club, Birmingham, Mich., Vice-President, and John W. Bennett, manager of the San Francisco Commercial Club, San Francisco, Calif., Secretary-Treasurer.

## Anniversary Year

This summer brings anniversaries for two of the most notable amateur players in American golf—Bob Jones and Chick Evans.

Thirty years ago Bob Jones compiled his Grand Slam.

Chick Evans was born 70 years ago on July 18th.

Mr. Jones's Slam was put together with these victories in these places:

British Amateur Championship, St. Andrews, Scotland, May 26-31.

British Open Championship, Hoylake, Cheshire, England, June 18-20.

U. S. Open Championship, Interlachen Country Club, Minneapolis, July 10-12.

U. S. Amateur Championship, Merion Cricket Club, Ardmore, Pa., Sept. 22-27.

Mr. Jones was only 28 on Grand Slam year—30 years ago.

Mr. Evans won the U. S. Amateur Championships in 1916 and 1920 and the U. S. Open Championship also in 1916.

## Cherry Hills Painting

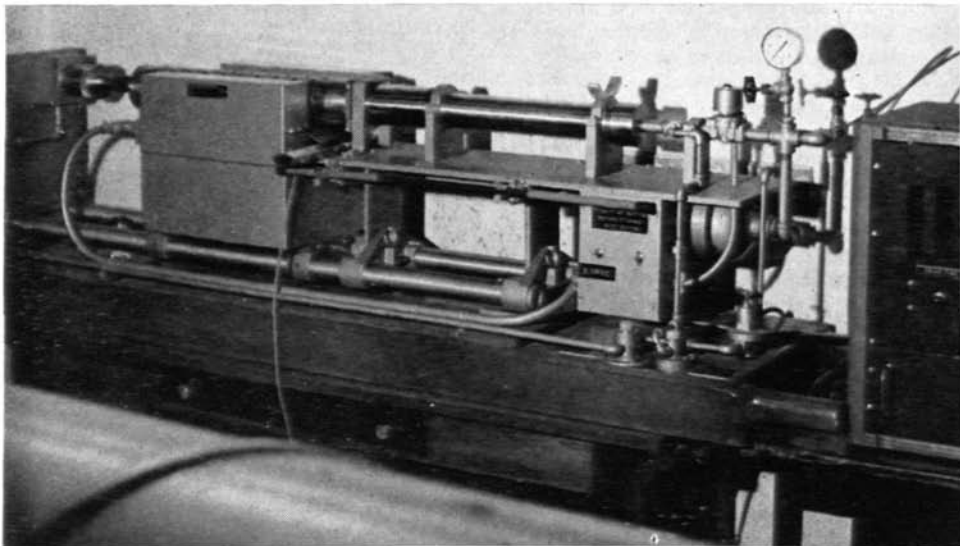
The final hole at Cherry Hills, site of the 60th Open Championship, was the subject of the most recent oil painting given to "Golf House."

The donor was the MacGregor Co., of Cincinnati, Ohio, and the artist was Ralph C. Reynolds. The painting was used by the MacGregor Company on its Christmas Cards and, as tradition dictated, it was presented to the USGA to continue the series of oils of holes where Open Championships were played.

Seven oils are in the series and each now hangs in "Golf House."

Mr. Reynolds is a well known landscape artist. He is a native of Richmond, Ind., and has studied and worked in Cincinnati, Chicago, Detroit and Dayton.

## KEEPING BALL AND COURSE RELATED



The new USGA ball testing machine measures "coefficient of Restitution"—a scientific way of saying, Resilience.

In a half century the length of championship golf courses in many cases has increased by one-sixth—17 per cent.

In 1910 the Philadelphia Cricket Club's 5,956-yard course was adequate for holding the Open Championship. This year the 7,004-yard course of the Cherry Hills Country Club at Denver will be the site of the Open.

The expensive lengthening of courses has been made necessary primarily by the increased liveliness of the ball. Many courses which once were considered fine tests, are today inadequate.

Thus the lengthening of the game has had several undesirable effects: (1) the relation of the ball to the course has been distorted; (2) the cost of golf has increased as courses have been stretched, for this has required more land, more taxes, more maintenance; (3) the game has been slowed as the time required for a round has increased.

The USGA has long been concerned with limiting the distance qualities of the golf ball, as one element to control. Since 1942 the USGA Rules have specified not only size and weight restrictions but also maximum velocity at impact. A test machine in "Golf House" measures velocity.

Now the USGA has a new device for testing the resiliency of balls. It is the result of several years of research by Arthur D. Little Inc., scientific consultants in Cambridge, Mass.; Dr. William E. Gordon headed the team which designed the new machine.

The machine gives basic data on the resilience properties of the golf ball. The device acts very much like a golf stroke in certain important respects.

However, it functions in reverse: the "club," instead of moving, is initially stationary, and the ball is shot against it from an air gun. The ball's speed before it hits the "club" (or target) is clocked by an electric-eye device; then, when it bounces back through the same set of light beams, its speed is clocked again.

The ratio of the two speeds is used to calculate the so-called "coefficient of restitution," the scientific term for resilience.

A unique feature of the new device is the cancellation of errors; no calibrations are needed, and the result can always be relied upon.

The USGA has not yet determined a change in Rule based on tests possible with the new device.