

# CARR AND DR. MONTEITH RECEIVE USGA AWARDS

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Joe Carr, of Sutton, Ireland, is a man who "would declare a penalty on himself on a dark night with no man as a witness," according to British golf writer Henry Longhurst.

The fine Irish amateur player became the first person not a citizen of the United States to win the Bob Jones Award at the 67th Annual Meeting of the United States Golf Association in New York City on January 28. The award is presented annually "in recognition of distinguished sportsmanship in golf."

One day earlier, Dr. John Monteith, Jr., received the first annual Green Section Award "for distinguished service to golf through work with turfgrass." This award was made during the annual USGA Green Section Educational Program.

The two awards, the election of USGA officers for 1961, the designation of committee chairmen, and actions by the Executive Committee to increase the prize money in both the Open Championship and the Women's Open Championship were highlights of the meetings.

## A Select Circle

Carr joined a select circle in golf in 1960 when he became the third man in history to win the British Amateur Championship three or more times; the others were John Ball and Harold R. Hilton. Carr was a semi-finalist in the British Amateur four other years.

Carr, a 38-year-old clothing manufacturer, has long been a dominating figure in British Amateur golf. He was twice low amateur in the British Open Championship.

He has been a member of every British Walker Cup team since 1947 and was on the teams representing Great Britain and Ireland in the two World Amateur Golf Team Championships in 1958 and 1960.

Wm. Ward Foshay, Chairman of the Bob Jones Award Committee, told the Annual Meeting audience that talent as

a player is but one of Carr's attributes. "Joe," Mr. Foshay said, "consistently demonstrates all the qualities we value in golf."

Mr. Foshay cited Carr for his "warm friendliness on and off the course," for "his infinite patience with autograph hunters," and for his "great respect for the game."

Carr's aplomb during competition was demonstrated during a 1959 Walker Cup match against Charlie Coe which he won although he putted with a 3-iron after a small boy in the gallery broke his putter.

Bob Jones, unable to attend the meeting, sent a message congratulating Carr and thanking him for making the trip to New York. "You have honored me and the award," said Jones "by coming over to receive it."

Carr paid a tribute to Jones in accepting. "The name of Bob Jones is synonymous with all that is good and great in golf," he said.

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

## A Pioneer in Turf Research

The Green Section Award to Dr. Monteith was made by John G. Clock, USGA President, and William C. Chapin, Chairman of the USGA Green Section Committee.

Now on the staff of the U. S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Dr. Monteith was on the staff of the U. S. Department of Agriculture for eight years. From 1928 to 1942 he was in charge of the USGA Green Section's program of advisory and educational service and research.

Dr. Monteith developed the first effective chemical control of destructive turf diseases—brownpatch, dollar spot, and snow mold. His remedies are still widely used.

He supervised a Green Section research program on grasses which continues to bring dividends. Among the strains found superior in these tests and which later came into general use for golf were Merion bluegrass and the Arlington, Congressional, Cohansy and Toronto strains of creeping bent. Two species of Zoysia grass were tested, for turf purposes, for the first time in the Green Section program.

A native of Chatham, N. J., Dr. Monteith is a graduate of Rutgers University where he earned the Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees. He received his Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Wisconsin.

In World War I, Dr. Monteith was a Major of Infantry. He received a citation from the War Department for "Meritorious Civilian Service" for his work during World War II with dust and erosion control of airfields and other Army installations. For more than 20 years he has served on the Highway Research Board of the National Academy of Sciences.

As is the case with the Bob Jones Award, the original Green Section Award will remain in "Golf House" at 40 East 38 Street, New York City. The handsome award is headed by a simulation of a hole at the Baltimore Country Club's Five Farms Course.

#### Prize Money Increased

Prize money for professionals in the 1961 Open Championship has been fixed at \$60,000. In 1960 the originally-scheduled total was \$50,000. Later, a 20% bonus was added.

First prize will be \$14,000 in the 1961 Championship at the Oakland Hills Country Club, Detroit, Mich., June 15-17. As before, all professionals who return scores for 72 holes will receive money awards, and the lowest will be \$250.

The field for the Open Championship will be determined by two series of qualifying competitions, as in recent years. In the second series, at 13 locations, the prize money for each event has been increased from \$100 to \$600: the lowest scoring professional will receive



Dr. John Monteith, Jr., holds a replica of the USGA Green Section Award presented to him as first recipient at the Green Section's annual Educational Program. The award was presented by John G. Clock (left), USGA President, and William C. Chapin (right), Chairman of the Green Section Committee.

\$300, the second place professional \$200, and the third place professional \$100.

With 13 Sectional Qualifying Championships, this means that a total of \$7,800 will be awarded. Thus, the total prize money for all phases of the Open Championship will be a record-breaking \$67,800. The entry fee will be increased from \$10 to \$15.

Prize money for professionals in the Women's Open has been increased from \$7,200 to \$8,000. The number of professionals to receive prize money has been increased from 15 to 18. The 1961 Women's Open Championship will be played June 29-30 and July 1 at Baltusrol Golf Club, Springfield, N. J.

#### **Handicap Requirement for Seniors**

A handicap limit of 10 strokes has been restored to the eligibility requirement for the 1961 Senior Amateur Championship, which will be played at Southern Hills Country Club, Tulsa, Okla., October 2-7. The Defending Champion, Michael Cestone of Montclair, N. J., will be exempt from qualifying at the Championship site.

#### **Election of Officers**

The USGA Annual Meeting at the Biltmore Hotel witnessed the re-election of John G. 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 are Clarence W. Benedict, White Plains, N. Y., and John M. Winters, Jr., Tulsa, Okla., Vice-Presidents; Wm. Ward Foshay, New York City, Secretary; and Bernard H. Ridder, Jr., St. Paul, Minn., Treasurer.

Two new Executive Committeemen are Edward L. Emerson, Boston, Mass., and Eugene S. Pulliam, Indianapolis, Ind.

Executive Committee members re-elected are: Fred Brand, Jr., Pittsburgh; William C. Chapin, Rochester, N. Y.; Edwin R. Foley, San Francisco; Harry L. Givan, Seattle; Hord W. Hardin, St. Louis; Robert K. Howse, Wichita, Kans.; Harold A. Moore, Chicago, and Henry H. Russell, South Miami, Fla. Philip H. Strubing of Philadelphia, was again named General Counsel.

Mr. Clock, who began his second one-year term as President at the Annual Meeting, became a member of the Ex-

ecutive Committee in 1951. He later served on the Finance, Amateur Status, Membership, Senior Championship and Bob Jones Award Committees.

#### **Committee Reports**

Committee Reports were presented to the delegates by: Mr. Winters on Rules of Golf; Mr. Ridder on both Championships and the Treasury; Mr. Benedict on Implements and Ball; Herman Freyberg, New York, on Handicap Procedure; Mr. Chapin on the Green Section; Mrs. Henri Prunaret, Natick, Mass., on Women's Affairs; Mr. Hardin on Sectional Affairs; P. J. Boatwright, Jr., Assistant Director, on the Junior Championship; Mr. Brand on the Public Links Championship; Mrs. John Pennington, Buffalo, on the Girls' Junior Championship; Mr. Foley on Membership; and Mr. Moore on the Senior Championship and the Museum.

#### **Club Facing Experiment**

Mr. Benedict told of an interesting experiment now being conducted by the Implements and Ball Committee.

It has long been accepted that rough facings help to give backspin to a golf ball. The Rules of Golf prohibit lines, dots, or markings with sharp or rough edges on club "for the purpose of putting additional spin on the ball."

At this early stage of the experiment, the Committee has found no difference in the amount of backspin by rough or smooth faces. Mr. Benedict said that high-speed photography will be used during 1961 to confirm or deny the Committee's observations of shots hit with both smooth and rough-faced clubs by professionals.

#### **Green Section Program**

The entire Green Section Educational Program was devoted to "The Golf Course Worker—Training and Management." Ten papers dealing with various phases of the topic were presented by as many experts. Excerpts from these will be printed in later issues of USGA JOURNAL AND TURF MANAGEMENT.

The moderators of the Educational Program, divided into morning and afternoon sessions, were Edwin Hoyt of New Canaan, Conn., Northeastern District Chairman of the Green Section Committee, and Martin F. McCarthy of Chevy Chase, Md., Mid-Atlantic District Chairman.