



THROUGH THE GREEN

Weather Belongs

A Connecticut schoolboy selected "The Effect of Weather on Sports" as the topic for a report. His letter to the USGA asked what could be done to overcome weather problems in golf.

The reply pinpoints one of the game's distinctive and challenging characteristics:

"We do not know of any practical thing which would aid in providing constant weather conditions for golf. As a matter of fact, weather has always played an important part in golf. The quality of a golfer is often judged by how well he can play under many sorts of weather conditions. As evidence of this, an American player generally gains much prestige, if, in addition to winning a United States Championship, he is able to win a Championship in Great Britain, where weather conditions and playing conditions are entirely different."

Last N.Y.C. Club May Go

The lone remaining member-owned golf club in New York City, the Richmond County Country Club on Staten Island, is engaged in a legal battle for survival.

The club has recently rejected an offer from the City which seeks to acquire the golf course and then operate it as a public course. Newbold Morris, Commissioner of Parks, claims that the inevitability of higher real estate taxes will force the club to sell soon.

Mr. Morris says that the City's acquisition of the course will assure that the

property will remain open by obviating the possibility of sale to land developers.

The club contends vigorously that it will be able to handle any tax increases. To counter the City's argument, the club has offered to write into its covenant a clause that would permit the sale of the course **only** to the City at any time in the future. Further, the price would be set as the current assessed valuation of \$2.5 million and not the valuation at the time of sale.

Mr. Morris has rejected this offer, claiming that he cannot be sure that the City will have either the means or the inclination to buy the course in the future.

The City's next step is to have the Board of Estimate institute condemnation proceedings. The club has engaged an attorney to state its case before the Board.

59 Years At One Club

Jimmy Roche has retired after 59 years of distinguished service as the professional at the Elkridge Club, Baltimore, a record perhaps unequalled in this country.

Elkridge Club members honored Jimmy at a party in April. A congratulatory message from the USGA said: "It would be impossible to assess properly the extent of the influence you have exerted, but its quality surely must have been excellent. You should be deeply gratified in the knowledge that you have taught not only golf but sportsmanship."

Handicap Form Revised

The USGA Handicap Record Form has been revised for 1961. It is available at \$3 per 100 at the USGA Headquarters, 40 East 38th St., New York 16, N. Y.

The new form is designed so that when more than 25 scores are posted it will be easier than formerly to pick out the lowest 10 of the last 25 differentials. Another change makes it possible to list 75 scores, 25 more than the old form permitted.

Other USGA materials pertaining to handicapping include USGA Golf Handicap System for Men, a booklet, 25¢; USGA Slide Rule Handicapper, 25¢; The Conduct of Women's Golf, a booklet, 35¢; Course Rating Report, a form, \$7.50 per 100; Handicap Differential Chart, poster, 15¢; Course Rating, poster, \$3.50 per 100; and Handicapping the Unhandicapped, a reprint of an article, no charge.

Two Beat Their Age

The names of H. H. McCain, of Hammond, La., and Fred L. Riffin, Sr., of Port Huron, Mich., have been added to the growing list of golfers who have matched or bettered their ages on the golf course.

Mr. McCain, who will be 72 this month, recently had a par-71 at the Oak Knoll Country Club, Hammond, La. Mr. Riffin beat his age by 2 strokes when he scored a 73 at the Tamarac Golf and Country Club, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Somewhere, U.S.A.

The USGA was happy to forward a letter postmarked Southern Rhodesia that was recently delivered to "Golf House." It was addressed to "Gary Player, Esq., Somewhere in America, U.S.A."



—Photo by Bill Mark

The William D. Richardson Trophy was awarded to Joseph C. Dey, Jr., (left), Executive Director of the USGA, by the Golf Writers Association of America during the Masters Tournament in April. The trophy, named for the late golf writer of The New York Times, is presented annually for outstanding contributions to golf in the United States. Mr. Dey is pictured above holding the plaque that accompanies the award. Merrell Whittlesey (center) of the Washington Star, retiring President of the Golf Writers Association, holds the trophy. At right is Charles Bartlett of The Chicago Tribune, long the Association's Secretary. It marked the second time that a USGA official has received the award. Richard S. Tufts, then Secretary and later President of the USGA, was so honored in 1951.

Elder Statesman



Frank Emmet

Francis X. (Frank) Emmet is recognized as the father of Junior Golf in the Washington, D. C. area. Under his guidance junior golf has been developed to such an extent that it is used as a pattern in many localities throughout the United States and Canada.

Frank's devotion to junior golf is completely unselfish. He does not receive compensation for his services. His entire vacation is spent each year in conducting junior tournaments and acting as a chaperon to junior golfers when they go out of town to compete in tournaments.

Here is a list of some of Frank's activities:

Prepares a schedule of competition for approximately 40 high school teams each spring; confers with high school coaches as to the personnel of the teams, and arranges with the officials of the clubs for the play of the matches;

Makes arrangements for the entire junior schedule for play during the summer, which includes such tournaments as the Championships of the Maryland State, the Middle Atlantic and the District of Columbia Golf Associations;

Assists boys to participate in such important tournaments as the USGA Junior Amateur and Western Junior Championships;

Accepts entries, makes pairings and purchases prizes for all junior tournaments.

Is Chairman of the Rules Committee for junior golf in this area and personally takes charge of these tournaments.

For 35 years Frank has been at the head of this vital junior program. Since 1950 he has also served on the USGA Junior Amateur Championship Committee. He has helped in the development of many fine golfers. Among these are Deane Beman, U. S. Amateur Champion in 1960, and Bobby Brownell and Ralph Bogart, three-time winners of the Anderson Four-Ball Tournament.

We salute Frank Emmet.

—Ray Lawrenson, Member
USGA Handicap
Relations Committee
Adelphi, Md.

Ladies' Golf School

The University of Michigan will be host to the second Golf School of the Ladies' Professional Golfers Association of America during August 7-11.

The sessions include both playing instruction and the techniques of teaching. Tests will be given to those applying for professional membership in the LPGA.

Miss Barbara Rotvig, of the University's department of Physical Education for Women, is chairman of the school. Her staff includes Les Bolstad and the Misses Patty Berg, Marilynn Smith, Shirley Spork, Ellen Griffin and Mrs. Peggy Kirk Bell.

A Country Club First

The Pinehurst Country Club, Littleton, Colo., has received one of three First Awards for outstanding food service facilities in the 15th annual Food Service Contest sponsored by INSTITUTIONS magazine.

It is the first time in the history of the competition that a Country Club has won such a prize. The thousands of entries include those from restaurants, hotels, clubs, cafeterias and other food service institutions.

Amateur Status Reminder

A recent query from the West Coast prompts us to print this reminder for those who wish to preserve their amateur status: Amateur Status is forfeited by one who sells golf merchandise in a golf shop at a place where golf is played, practiced or taught.

Bon Mot by M. Demaret

Donald Cherry is an admirer of the verbal needles of James Demaret even when Jimmy's quips are directed at Don.

During the Masters at Augusta Don came chuckling off the course after a bad round. "That Demaret!" he expostulated. "He said I looked like a tree surgeon who has just fallen out of his patient."

What Do You Think?

The March issue of "Golf Fixtures," the official English Golf Union monthly calendar, reprinted the following comment from Louis T. Stanley in "Golfing" under the heading "Pardon My Stutter:":

"There are indications that the E.G.U. is about to try the experiment of giving readers of their Golf Fixtures what they

themselves think they think they want, instead of what the E.G.U. thinks they think they think they want."

The E.G.U. editorial comment was "That's what he thinks."

Necrology

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

Mrs. H. Arnold Jackson, USGA Women's Amateur Champion in 1908 (as Miss Katherine Harley) and 1914 and a semi-finalist in the Women's Amateur in 1903, 1904 and 1912. Mrs. Jackson was a member of the USGA Museum Committee.

George Von Elm, USGA Amateur Champion in 1926 and runner-up in 1924. Later, as a professional, he was runner-up in the 1931 Open Championship.

USGA PUBLICATIONS OF GENERAL INTEREST

THE RULES OF GOLF, as approved by the United States Golf Association and the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland. Booklet 25 cents (special rates for quantity orders, more than 500).

USGA GOLF HANDICAP SYSTEM FOR MEN, containing recommendations for computing USGA Handicap and for rating courses. Booklet 25 cents. USGA Slide Rule Handicapper 25 cents. Poster 15 cents.

THE CONDUCT OF WOMEN'S GOLF, containing suggestions for guidance in the conduct of women's golf in clubs and associations, including tournament procedure, handicapping and course rating. 35 cents. USGA Slide Rule Handicapper 25 cents. Poster 15 cents.

USGA HANDICAP RECORD FORM, revised in 1961, provides for the listing of 75 scores. It is designed for ease in determining the last 25 differentials from which to select the lowest 10 when more than 25 scores are posted. \$3 for 100.

A GUIDE FOR GREEN COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF GOLF CLUBS, a 16-page booklet compiled by William H. Bengeyfield from correspondence, articles and speeches by Green Committee Chairmen, Golf Course Superintendents and USGA officials. 25 cents.

COURSE RATING REPORT, a form for rating a course hole by hole; for association use, size 4¼ x 7 inches. 10 cents, \$7.50 per 100.

COURSE RATING POSTER for certifying hole by hole ratings to a club; for association use, size 8½ x 11 inches. 5 cents. \$3.50 per 100.

HANDICAPPING THE UNHANDICAPPED, a reprint of a USGA Journal article explaining the Callaway System of automatic handicapping for occasional players in a single tournament. No charge.

TOURNAMENTS FOR YOUR CLUB, a reprint of a USGA Journal article detailing various types of competitions. No charge.

PREPARING THE COURSE FOR A COMPETITION, a reprint of a USGA Journal article. No charge.

COSTLY FIRES IN GOLF CLUB PROPERTIES, reprint of a USGA Journal article by T. Seddon Duke. No charge.

THE RULE ABOUT OBSTRUCTIONS, a reprint of a USGA Journal article by Joseph C. Dey, Jr. No charge.

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AGAINST LIGHTNING ON GOLF COURSES, a poster. No charge.

HOLE-IN-ONE Awards. No charge.

LETTER AND SPIRIT OF THE AMATEUR CODE, a reprint of a USGA Journal article by Joseph C. Dey, Jr. No charge.

GAMBLING IN GOLF TOURNAMENTS, a reprint of a USGA Journal article by Richard S. Tufts. No charge.

WORK OF A CLUB GREEN COMMITTEE, a reprint of panel discussions conducted by the USGA Green Section Committee. No charge.

HOW TO MEET RISING COSTS OF GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE, PARTS I & II, reprints of panel discussions conducted by the USGA Green Section Committee. No charge.

WATER USE ON THE GOLF COURSE, a reprint of talks delivered at the 1960 Educational Program conducted by the USGA Green Section Committee. No charge.

MISTER CHAIRMAN, a reprint of a USGA Journal article outlining the duties of the Chairman of the Green Committee. No charge.

ARE YOU A SLOW PLAYER? ARE YOU SURE? A reprint of a USGA Journal article by John D. Ames. No charge.

A JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAM FOR YOUR CLUB AND DISTRICT, a 16-page booklet on organizing and developing junior golf programs at different levels by the USGA Junior Championship Committee. No charge.

USGA JOURNAL AND TURF MANAGEMENT, a 33-page magazine published seven times a year. \$2 a year.

These publications are available on request to the United States Golf Association, 40 East 38th Street, New York 16, N. Y. Please send payment with your order.