

## Banned Balls Now Conform

The USGA has made a new series of tests on ten brands of golf balls which earlier this year did not conform to Rule 2-3 of the Rules of Golf.

The latest tests reveal that in every case the former deficiencies have been corrected. The use of these balls, listed in the July issue of the *JOURNAL*, is now acceptable under the Rules of Golf.

In the earlier announcement, it was pointed out that the use of balls which do not conform to Rule 2-3 could, if unchecked, lead to a distortion of the playing values of American courses.

The cooperation of the manufacturers is appreciated in this matter, which is essential to the best interests of golf.

## Lead Tape on Clubs

Question periodically arises as to whether a metallic adhesive commonly known as "lead tape" may be applied to golf clubs without infringement of Rule 2-2. The purpose of applying "lead tape" is to alter the swing weight of a club.

Rule 2-2 provides in part as follows:

"a. The golf club shall be composed of a shaft and a head, and all of the various parts shall be fixed so that the club is one unit.

"b. MOVABLE PARTS PROHIBITED

"No part of the club may be movable or separable or capable of adjustment during a round of play.

"The player or other agency shall not

change the playing characteristics of a club during a round."

The USGA has ruled that if lead tape is applied to a club in such a way as to be virtually an integral part of the club, there would be no violation. This can be readily done by burnishing the edges of the tape into the club itself.

However, if the tape is readily removable the club does not conform with the Rule.

## Dawdling at St. Andrews

Americans are not alone in lamenting the demise of the three-hour round of golf. A recent letter to *THE CITIZEN* of St. Andrews, Scotland, indicates that slow play has become a matter of concern even at that citadel of the game.

The letter, written by "Short Driver," tells how 30 years ago it was common to hear that "the course was slow today—just over 2½ hours."

"Many of my generation," the writer continues, "must remember the four-ball match that was played once or twice a week by four gentlemen all over 70 years of age. Carrying their own clubs they went in 2½ hours, never longer unless held up by others.

"I would suggest we give all the support we can to bringing back the 2½ hour round of golf and the greater enjoyment of playing at such a pace and not the present dawdle."

## Crabs, Crows and Kangeroos

Now let's study the troubles of golfers elsewhere.

The city of Darwin perches on the northern rim of the Australian Continent. In many ways it is a rugged land and still a wild land.

So, apparently, can be the golf around Darwin.

"Balls may be lifted and dropped," says a Local Rule for the Darwin Golf Club, "without penalty from wallaby and bandicoot scrapes, crab holes, stone outcrops, tractor marks and genuine earth cracks."

The Club goes on to caution players that they may frequently be joined by wallabies and kangeroos as spectators, huge mangrove crabs that invade from nearby tidal swamps and by hawks and crows. The birds may make off with balls and the crabs may burrow holes big enough to swallow balls.

Members use the course six months each year but much of the remainder of the year must be spent repairing damages from monsoonal rains. Spear grass sometimes grows eight feet high.

And, to the south at Alice Springs and Tennant Creek, there is still another bother—dust storms.

## Books Reviewed

**Chipping and Putting, Golf Around the Green**, by Bill Casper, Jr. with Don Collett (The Ronald Press Co., \$5.00). A 114-page illustrated instructional book by the 1959 Open Champion.

**The Peripatetic Golfer, Volume 1-5**, a series of scrapbooks compiled by the late Ralph A. Kennedy. Clippings, photographs, letters, etc., detail his record of having played more than 3,000 golf courses. Presented to the USGA for the Museum and Library at "Golf House" by Dr. Robert H. Kennedy.

## Great Scots

William Coyle walked off the 5th green of the Lenzie Golf Course in Scotland in April, cut across two fairways, and clapped his brother-in-law, Sam Laurie, on the back.

"Congratulate me, Sam, I just had a hole-in-one," said Coyle.

"So did I," said Sam, "at the 11th."

## NEW MEMBERS OF THE USGA

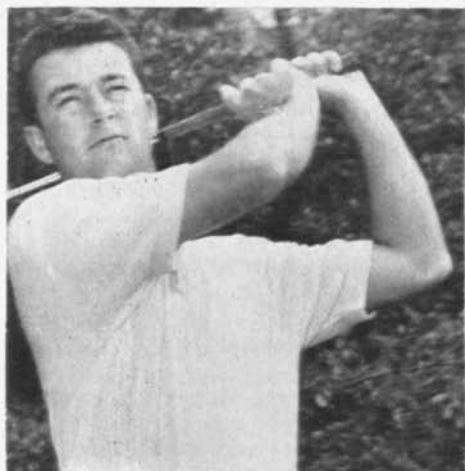
### ASSOCIATE

Calif.	Garden-Air Golf Association
Calif.	Yucca Valley Country Club
Fla.	Port St. Lucie Country Club
Mass.	Indian Meadows Country Club
Md.	Belair Golf and Country Club
Nev.	Tropicana Country Club
Ohio	Pebblebrook Country Club
Ohio	Tanager Woods Golf Club

### REGULAR

Ala.	Decatur Country Club
Ark.	Meadowbrook Country Club
Calif.	Almaden Men's Golf Club
Calif.	Belmont Country Club
Calif.	Bermuda Dunes Country Club
Calif.	California Country Club Men's Association
Calif.	Deauville Country Club Men's Club
Calif.	El Rivino Golf Club
Calif.	Green River Golf Association
Calif.	Kiote Hills Golf and Country Club
Calif.	Mesa Verde Country Club Men's Golf Club
Calif.	Mesa Verde Country Club Women's Golf Club
Calif.	Salinas Golf and Country Club
Calif.	Women's Auxiliary of the California Country Club
Colo.	Brush Golf Club
Colo.	Kissing Camels Golf Club
Fla.	East Bay Country Club
Fla.	Lake Region Yacht and Country Club
Fla.	Martin County Golf and Country Club
Fla.	North Dade Men's Golf Association
Fla.	Tamarac Golf and Country Club
Fla.	Temple Terrace Golf and Country Club
Fla.	Winter Park Country Club
Ill.	Shady Oaks Country Club
Ind.	Indian Lake Country Club
Ind.	New Albany Country Club
Iowa	Ames Golf and Country Club
Ky.	Iroquois Golf Club
La.	Houma Golf Club
Mass.	South Shore Country Club
Mich.	Atlas Valley Country Club
Mich.	Manistee Golf and Country Club
Mich.	Spring Lake Country Club
Minn.	Hastings Country Club
Minn.	Marshall Golf Club
Minn.	Ortonville Men's Golf Club
Mont.	Cut Bank Golf and Country Club
Nev.	Paradise Valley Country Club
N. J.	Scotch Plains Country Club
N. M.	Paradise Hills Golf and Country Club
N. Y.	Windsor Golf Club
Ohio	Rosemont Country Club
Ore.	La Grande Country Club
Pa.	Frosty Valley Country Club
Pa.	Indian Valley Country Club
Pa.	Sewickley Heights Golf Club
Tenn.	Sparta Golf and Country Club
Tenn.	Tullahoma Golf and Country Club
Tenn.	Woodmont Country Club
Texas	Coronado Country Club
Texas	Oak Ridge Golf Club
Texas	Riverlake Country Club
Wash.	Port Gardner Golf Club
W. Va.	Riviera Country Club
Wyo.	Goshen Country Country Club
V. I.	St. Croix Golf Association

## SPORTSMAN'S CORNER



**Ken Venturi**

Ken Venturi's tee shot nestled in an earth crack on the fifth hole in the second round of the 1961 Texas Open Championship.

Venturi consulted fellow-competitors Jimmy Demaret and Tommy Bolt who confirmed Ken's belief that he was entitled to relief without penalty.

"The ball was below ground level," Venturi said. "There was no way I could play it. In previous tournaments I had played in, relief was always given for earth cracks. So I dropped out and shot 69."

In the final round, Ken hit a drive to the edge of another earth crack—on the seventh hole this time.

Turning to Don Fairfield, Ken said: "Well, Don, I don't think this would be considered an earth crack, would it?"

Fairfield answered, "No, but it would make no difference anyway. In this event, they are not giving relief for earth cracks." Venturi hit the ball onto the green but missed a two-foot putt for a par.

"I missed the putt by a foot," Venturi said. "Then I told Fairfield there was no way I could sink it because I was upset. He asked me why and I told him what had happened.

"I disqualified myself. The incident happened because of my ignorance of the rule. Had I not driven my ball where I

did on the seventh hole of the last round, the matter might never have come to light. If it did after the tournament, I would have returned the money."

PGA officials estimated that Venturi, had he not notified the Committee of the incident, would have won at least \$600 and perhaps as much as \$1,000 in the tournament.

### 1962 Women's Open Site

The 1962 Women's Open Championship will be held at the Dunes Golf and Beach Club, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The dates for the Championship will be June 28-30.

The Championship will be the first USGA event ever held at the Dunes Golf and Beach Club and the second in South Carolina. The 1955 Girls' Junior Championship was played at the Florence Country Club.

Miss Mickey Wright won the 1961 Women's Open with a 72-hole score of 293 at the Baltusrol Golf Club, Springfield, N. J.

A complete list of 1961 USGA Competitions, the dates, and the sites is printed on the Index Page of this issue.

### Necrology

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

**Paul A. Dunkel**, of Hackensack, N. J., a member of the USGA Senior Championship Committee.

**Charles W. Littlefield**, of Montclair, N. J., who was President of the USGA during 1946 and 1947. He became a member of the Executive Committee in 1938 and was Vice President from 1942 until 1945.

**Willie Macfarlane**, of Miami Beach, Fla., USGA Open Champion in 1925. Tied at the end of 72 holes with Bobby Jones at 291, he won the Championship after again tying Jones at 75 in an 18-hole play-off. Their second playoff ended with Macfarlane scoring 72 to Jones' 73.

**Jack McClean**, of Gleneagles, Scotland, who was the runner-up to John W. Fischer in the 1936 USGA Amateur Championship. He played for Britain in the 1934 and 1936 Walker Cup Matches.