

EDUCATION MIXES WITH GOLF FOR THE JUNIOR MISSES

Mary Lowell
wins title
at Seattle

"Sir, what is an agency?" the keen-eyed girl asked.

The official was momentarily stymied.

"An agency?" he repeated. "Oh...do you mean an 'outside agency'?"

"Yes, that's it," she replied. "I know what 'outside' means, but just what is an 'agency'?"

The official found Definition 22 in the Rules of Golf book and the girl read it. But he couldn't restrain an urge to try to teach a bit more. "You know," he said, "you could find things like this for yourself by looking in the Rules Index."

"Oh, I know," the girl replied, "but I hate indexes."

And that was emphatically that.

This little colloquy took place during the USGA's 13th Girls' Junior Championship last month at the Broadmoor Golf Club in Seattle, Wash. It pointed up the eagerness of young people to learn about things which interest them, and the appeal which can be made through golf to their sense of fair play and of playing by rules.

The Real Meaning

The real meaning of the 1961 Girls' Junior Championship is not that the Glenna Collett Vare Cup was won by Mary Lowell, of Hayward, Calif., but that 69 young ladies from 18 States and Canada had deepened experiences of friendship and sportsmanship. Anyone who was privileged to see the event must have been profoundly impressed with the good manners, the eagerness to do things right, and the joyous zest of the players. On the course, they were intensely serious, for the most part; off the course, they were normal teen-agers, from 11 through 17 years of age.

Of all the services which the USGA renders to golf, none has more significance in true values than the Girls' Junior and the boys' Junior Amateur Championships. Tremendous credit is due



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to the USGA Girls' Junior Committee, with Mrs. John Pennington, of Buffalo, as Chairman; these volunteer workers do great good for girls and for golf.

Little Girls in the 70s

Members of a host club for the Girls' Junior Championship are always amazed by the skill of those who qualify for the Championship flight of 32. It is humbling to see little slips of girls get around a 6270-yard course in the upper 70s, as a number of the players always do. It is striking proof of the virtue of timing in the golf swing, as distinguished from mere physical strength. Just because of their good timing, many girls get relatively much more from their physical attributes than do most adults.

The Girls' Championship is a most win-

some event, and Broadmoor's members took the players to their hearts. Many players were house guests of members. One gentleman whose guest was Margaret Martin, the runner-up, confessed that it had been 20 years or more since he had walked as much as nine holes without a club in his hand—but he couldn't be kept off the course as Maggie Martin kept winning.

Some Broadmoor members confessed to advance trepidation over what damage the girls might thoughtlessly do to the course. "But," said one, "they left the course better than they found it. We'd love to have them back at any time." And how can anyone be opposed to sweet young girlhood?

Broadmoor and its members were unstinting in their hospitality. Especial thanks go to Mrs. E. F. Ristine, who served wonderfully as General Chairman, and W. H. Scates, the Club President.

A Straight-A Champion

Mary Lowell, an auburn-haired young lady of 17, was playing in the Championship for the last time—next year she will be 18 and thus over age—and her victory was particularly gratifying, for this was her fifth attempt. She is a high school senior and a straight-A student.

Mary won the final by 1 up over Margaret Martin, another 17-year-old, from St. Clairsville, Ohio. Maggie was playing in the National Championship for the first time. She is an honor student and enters DePauw University this month.

Mary was never behind in the final match. She was 3 up after the 7th hole, but Maggie rallied to win the next two holes.

The 10th, 11th, and 12th holes were halved. Mary again went 3 up with a birdie on 13 and a par on 14. Back came Maggie to win the 15 and 16 and again cut the lead to 1.

The last two holes were halved in par. Mary, after watching her opponent miss a putt for a birdie that would have sent the match into extra holes, rolled in a putt of three feet to tie the hole and win the Championship.

In the semi-finals, Maggie won by 1 up from Jeannie Thompson, of Tulsa; while Mary Lowell scored by the same mar-

gin over Judith Torluemke, of St. Louis.

Co-medalists at 78 were Ann Baker, of Maryville, Tenn., and Mary Lou Daniel, of Louisville, Ky.

The tournament format enables all entrants to qualify for a flight of match play. Final-round results were:

Second flight (16)—Wendy Moberry, LaGrande, Ore., defeated Treasure Sullivan, Lakeview, Ore., 2 and 1.

Third flight (16)—Susan Gregory, Pine Bluff, Ark., defeated Barbara Hyde, LaGrande, Ore., 7 and 6.

Fourth flight (5)—Candy Howard, LaGrande, Ore., defeated Judy Caggiano, Tacoma, Wash., 5 and 4.

In a stroke play consolation for all first-round losers, Suzy Williams, of Monongehela, Pa., played the Sand Point Country Club course in 80 to win low gross. The low net prize went to Deanna Kirkes, of Tacoma, Wash., with 94—20—74.

PAST AND PRESENT

(Author Unknown)

I remember, I remember
The links where I began
To love the game which still I love,
Though now a frail old man.
The weather then was always right,
No round was then too long;
But now nine holes are quite enough,
And the wind seems always strong.

I remember, I remember,
The daisies pink and white;
How deftly I beheaded them
With iron flashing bright!
The bits of shell the larks had left
I cleanly swept away;
Alas! my hand and eye are not
So accurate to-day.

I remember, I remember,
The fir-trees dark and high:
I used to think that o'er their tops
My loft would always fly.
I'm wiser grown with age, perhaps.
But still I can't enjoy
The thought that I don't drive so far
As when I was a boy.