



THROUGH THE GREEN

Beman's Status Clarified

In view of inquiries received by the USGA, Deane R. Beman, the 1960 Amateur Champion, has satisfied the Association that he personally pays expenses for golf competitions and exhibitions.

Question as to Beman's expenses arose from a statement attributed to him recently in a magazine article to the effect that he receives a "golfing expense account of some \$6,000 per year" from his business partnership.

The Rules of Amateur Status basically prohibit an amateur golfer from:

"Accepting expenses, in money, or otherwise, from any source other than one on whom the player is normally or legally dependent but excluding an employer, to engage in:

- "a. A golf competition or exhibition.
- "b. A personal appearance as a golfer, including radio and television broadcasts, testimonial dinners and the like."

There are certain exceptions to this Rule which do not pertain to Beman's case, including membership in USGA international teams, participation in the USGA Amateur Public Links Championship, and certain college, school and military events.

Beman has further satisfied the USGA that he conforms with the following USGA ruling:

"Business expenses: It is permissible to play in a golf tournament while on a business trip with expenses paid provided the golf part of the expense is

borne personally and is not charged to business. Further, the business involved must be actual and substantial, and not merely a subterfuge for legitimizing expenses when the primary purpose is golf competition."

British Open Penalty

Quite a few inquiries have been received as to the Rule under which Arnold Palmer was penalized in the 1961 British Open when his ball, in a bunker, moved during his backswing.

Rule 27-1d governs in such a situation by providing: "If a ball in play move after the player has addressed it, he shall be deemed to have caused it to move and shall incur a penalty stroke, and the ball shall be played as it lies." Under Definition 1, a player in a bunker has "addressed the ball" when he has taken his stance preparatory to making a stroke.

Open Exemptions Broadened

Exemptions from all qualifying in the Open Championship will be available to the ten leading money-winners in the official list of the Professional Golfers' Association of America based on play for one year ending with the PGA tournament nearest the close of Open Championship entries. For the 1962 Open, entries will close May 2.

This is an extension of the principle adopted last spring when the USGA exempted the three leading money-winners of the 1961 PGA tour as of May 21.

As in the past, exemptions from all qualifying will be available to the ten lowest scorers and any tying for tenth place in the 1961 Open, exclusive of any of the last five individuals to win the Championship, who are also exempt.

The Championship will be preceded by two series of qualifying rounds. For the first series of Local Qualifying, the twenty leading money-winners on the PGA official list will be exempt, as in recent years.

The 1962 Open Championship will be played at the Oakmont Country Club, Oakmont, Pa.

Rotan and Ruth

Pine Valley, that marvelous New Jersey course where some of the greens appear as oases against a sea of troubles, has a par of 70 that is known to be almost inviolate.

When George Rotan, an amateur, scored 70 there in 1922, he set a course record that endured five years longer than George Ruth's record of 60 home runs. Professional Ed Dudley lowered the course record to 62 in 1939.

Tom Jamison, therefore, must have pondered the likelihood of a new amateur record that would stand for 40 years or so when he holed out at Pine Valley with a 69 on July 8 of this year. To do so he had to play the second nine in 31 after starting his round 6-5, the former a result of four putts.

Jamison quickly learned that his record, far from being a monument, did not even exist. Already in at Pine Valley on the same day was George Rowbotham with a 67.

This all took place in the first round of the club championship, a 36-hole stroke play competition in which the back tees are used. Rowbotham scored 73 the next day to tie Craig Wood's 36-hole course record of 140 set in 1938.

The record-breaking cards:

Par	4 4 3	4 3 4	5 4 4	4-35
Jamison ...	6 5 3	5 3 3	5 4 4	4-38
Rowbotham	4 4 3	3 3 4	5 4 4	4-34
Par	3 4 4	4 3 5	4 4 4	4-35-70
Jamison ...	3 3 3	4 2 4	4 4 4	4-31-69
Rowbotham	2 3 4	4 4 5	3 4 4	4-33-67

Necessity—The Mother?

Golf may eventually rival the automobile as an inspiration for gadgets, gimmicks and varied appurtenances. Two recent inventions are offered as examples of what the golfer-who-has-everything might expect to find in his stocking next month:

(1) A Michigan inventor has noticed that golfers who smoke tend to lay their cigars and cigarettes on the ground when they address the ball. This, he believes, is not only unsanitary but subjects them to possible poisoning by fertilizers and weed-killers.

He has therefore patented a golf smoke tee to be carried in the pocket. The player is meant to poke the tee into the turf and lay his cigarette on a groove provided in the top of the tee.

(2) Two Floridians, one a golf professional and the other a stone mason, have designed a putter that boasts a marble head. The stone mason says "You can't imagine how much more beautiful it is on the working end of a 20-foot putt."

The creators may be missing a bet in their advertising. The following alternate use might strike a responsive chord: "Readily convertible into a small but tasteful tombstone for those of a self-destructive bent after three-putt greens."

Interlachen's Anniversary

The Interlachen Country Club at Minneapolis recently celebrated its 50th anniversary. The USGA is pleased to add its greetings to a club which has contributed bountifully to the best interests of golf.

Among the historic deeds performed at Interlachen was Bob Jones' victory in the 1930 Open as part of his Grand Slam.

Interlachen was also the site of the 1935 Women's Amateur Championship and Mrs. Glenna Collett Vare's sixth triumph in that event. Miss Patricia Ann Berg, an Interlachen member competing in her first USGA Championship, went to the final round that year. USGA President Prescott Bush said at the presentation ceremony to the 17-year-old girl: "Patty, I don't know whether to call you a great kid or a noble woman." History has proved him right in both estimates.

An Army Game

Staff Sgt. Jack R. Lawrence of Richards-Gebauer Air Base, Mo., qualified for the all-Army tournament in September by playing a sub-par round at his home course.

In the opening round of the competition at Fort Jackson, S. C., tournament officials were somewhat puzzled when Staff Sgt. Jack R. Lawrence scored "something over 90."

A bit of checking was done. The Army then revealed, with no little embarrassment, that it had issued orders and shipped the wrong Jack R. Lawrence to Fort Jackson for the tournament.

"Turf Management" Revision

The book "Turf Management," out of print recently, has been revised and will soon be reissued. Written by Professor H. Burton Musser and sponsored by the USGA, the book is a complete and authoritative guide in the practical development of golf course turf.

Orders may be placed through the USGA, 40 East 38th Street, New York 16, N. Y.; the USGA Green Section Regional Offices; the McGraw-Hill Book Co., 330 West 42nd Street, New York 36, N. Y.; or local bookstores. The cost is \$10.

The author, Professor Emeritus of Agronomy at Pennsylvania State University, has recently been named Consultant Agronomist for the American Society of Golf Course Architects.

Tah-Ha-Ga-Su

A new course was opened at the Osage Indian Agency reserve at Pawhuska, Okla., this fall. Its name is "Tah-Ha-Ga-Su" which, in the Osage language, means "hits the ball with a club."

NEW MEMBERS OF THE USGA

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Texas	Lone Cedar Country Club
Va.	Springfield Golf and Country Club

FOREIGN SUBSCRIBER

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Like The Old Days

A local rule at the Bolarum Golf Club, Hyderabad, India reads, "(Hazards) Stones which obstruct a stroke in hazards (usually thrown there by herdsmen accompanying cattle grazing over the course and children playing in and around bunkers) may be removed free of penalty, and in this case treated as Loose Impediment under Rule 18 . . . (Free Picks) A ball lying on any of the footpaths, catcha roads, cattle and cart tracks, in runnels adjoining them, in hoof marks or dung on the course, may be lifted and dropped without penalty."

PGA Honors Padgett

Don Padgett has been named the 1961 PGA Golf Professional-of-the-Year. The award, first suggested by former USGA President Richard S. Tufts, is made on the basis of all-around ability and contributions to the game of golf.

Padgett is the pro at the Green Hills Golf and Country Club, Selma, Ind. He was three times President of the Indiana Section of the PGA, is a member of three national PGA committees, and has been very active in the conduct of junior golf programs.

Necrology

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

Ed (Porky) Oliver, of Wilmington, Del., a leading professional golfer since 1939 who was runner-up in the 1952 Open Championship. He played in three Ryder Cup Matches—in 1947, 1951, and 1953.

Clinton F. Russell, of Duluth, Minn., one of the founders of the United States Blind Golfers' Association, who won the world championship for blind golfers in 1941 and 1948. He was awarded the Ben Hogan Trophy in 1957 by the Golf Writers' Association of America for the example he set in overcoming his disability.

Colin Simpson, of Los Angeles, Calif., a former President of the Southern California Golf Association and of the Los Angeles Country Club. He served on the USGA Green Section Committee during 1948-57 and on the Senior Championship Committee during 1959-60.