

WORLD RULES UNIFORMITY RE-ESTABLISHED BY USGA

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Uniformity in world golf Rules has been re-established by the USGA. In line with its long-standing policy of one code, the USGA has also:

1. Ended its trial Rules of the last two years relating to balls out of bounds or unplayable and the provisional ball;

2. Begun preparations for rules amendments which will be negotiated at its quadrennial meeting in 1963 with the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland, when the rules for 1964 will be determined;

3. Decided to minimize future Rules changes, preferably not oftener than every four years.

The action on the Rules was announced at the 68th Annual Meeting of the Association on January 27 in New York City, when John M. Winters, Jr., of Tulsa, Okla., was installed as the USGA President. He succeeds John G. Clock, of Long Beach, Calif., who served in that office during 1960 and 1961.

Horton Smith was named the eighth winner of the Bob Jones Award "in recognition of distinguished sportsmanship in golf" at the meeting. One day earlier, Professor Lawrence S. Dickinson received the second USGA Green Section Award during the annual Green Section Educational Program.

Rules Proposals

Wm. Ward Foshay, Chairman of the Rules of Golf Committee, revealed that the Committee has started drafting proposals for consideration in 1963. These include the Rules for balls out of bounds or unplayable, the provisional ball, the flagstick, repair of ball marks on the putting green, striking another ball on the putting green in stroke play, the penalty for an excessive number of clubs, and other present rules which are considered confusing to many golfers. Mr. Foshay said there is no sentiment to increase the maximum number of clubs permitted beyond the present limit of 14.

In the course of drafting, the USGA

plans to confer with national, sectional and state golf association executives, both amateur and professional. A series of three meetings to discuss Rules and other matters of general interest has been scheduled for March (see page 9).

Re-establishment of one world-wide code this year means a return to the USGA's permanent Rules, administered jointly by the USGA and the R&A. This will avoid confusion about Rules in the World Amateur Team Championship for the Eisenhower Trophy in Japan in October.

In the 1962 code the USGA will authorize clubs to adopt a Local Rule to provide relief from paved paths and roads close to playing areas if they unfairly affect play.

The summary on page 5 shows the main differences between the trial Rules and the permanent Rules to be effective March 1:

A New Championship

Other highlights of the Annual Meeting included announcements that:

1. The USGA will establish a Senior Women's Amateur Championship;

2. Prize money for professionals in the 1962 Open Championship has been fixed at \$70,000, an increase of \$10,000 over the amount scheduled in 1961.

The new Championship, for ladies who have reached their 50th birthday, will be at 54 holes stroke play. It will be inaugurated either in 1962 or 1963. The time and the place for the first tournament have not been determined. With addition of the Senior Women's event, the USGA program now includes nine annual national Championships.

First prize in the Open, scheduled for June 14-16 at the Oakmont Country Club, Oakmont, Pa., will be \$15,000, an increase of \$1,000.

The field for the Championship will again be determined by two series of qualifying competitions. In the second

Summary of Rules Changes

	<u>1962</u>	<u>1961 Trial</u>
Ball out of bounds (Rule 29-1)	Stroke and distance	Stroke and distance. Exception: Clubs could, by Local Rule, also provide optionally for dropping a ball, under penalty of 1 stroke, within 2 club-lengths of place where ball last crossed boundary line.
Ball unplayable (Rule 29-2)	(1) Stroke and distance or (2) Drop behind place where ball lay. Penalty—2 strokes.	(1) Stroke and distance or (2) (a) Drop behind or (b) within 2 club-lengths of place where ball lay; if ball lay in bunker, a ball must be dropped in the bunker. Penalty—1 stroke.
Provisional ball (Rule 30)	For ball which may be lost, out of bounds, unplayable, or in water hazard or lateral water hazard	For ball which may be lost or out of bounds.

series, at 13 locations, the prize money for each event will total \$600, as in 1961. The \$7,800 to be awarded at the 13 sectional Qualifying Championships added to the purse at the Championship proper increases the total prize money for all phases of the Open Championship to \$77,800.

Award Winners

Horton Smith, who could not be present to receive the Bob Jones Award, was honored for his rare accomplishments in professional golf as player, teacher and administrator.

A professional since 1926, Smith became renowned as "The Joplin Ghost" when his successes included victories in four consecutive tournaments during the winter of 1929-30.

He won the first Masters tournament in 1934, repeated that triumph two years later, and is now the only man who has

played in every Masters since its inception. A seven-time selectee for the U. S. Ryder Cup Team, Smith is regarded as one of the great putters of all time.

After service during World War II in the Army Air Force, Smith became active in the national affairs of the PGA. He served the PGA as its Secretary during 1950-51 and as President from 1952 through 1954. Over the years he has striven to elevate the status of the club professional. His aid and counsel to the PGA in formulating policy, setting high standards, and helping it grow, have been notable.

Smith, professional at the Detroit Golf Club since 1946, has received many other honors. He was elected to the PGA Hall of Fame in 1958; elected an honorary Life Member of the PGA of Great Britain in 1959; and last year received the Ben Hogan Award, given by the Golf Writers



Lawrence S. Dickinson (right), Professor Emeritus at the University of Massachusetts, receives the USGA Green Section Award from William C. Chapin, Chairman of the Green Section Committee.

Association of America to an individual who has overcome a physical handicap and has been an inspiration to others. Smith has continued to play and to teach despite an illness which necessitated the removal of one lung and two ribs.

Past recipients of the Bob Jones Award have been Francis D. Ouimet, William C. Campbell, the late Mrs. Mildred D. Zaharias, Miss Margaret Curtis, the late Findlay S. Douglas, Charles Evans, Jr., and Joseph B. Carr.

Lawrence S. Dickinson, the Green Section Award recipient, is Professor Emeritus of Agrostology, that branch of systematic botany treating of grasses, at the University of Massachusetts.

A pioneer in the teaching of turf management, Professor Dickinson established the Stockbridge Winter School at the University of Massachusetts in 1927 after visualizing the need for providing trained men to serve as golf course superintendents.

Since its innovation and as a direct result of Professor Dickinson's vision, more than 500 technologists in fine turf management have been graduated from

the Stockbridge School.

For many years the Stockbridge School had the distinction of being the only school in the country to offer specialized training in Agrostology. Spurred by the example of the Stockbridge School, many other universities have since recognized the need for such training and have established similar programs.

Under Professor Dickinson's leadership, a two-year course for students majoring in turf management was subsequently initiated. For many years Professor Dickinson was a one-man faculty of both these schools. In later years he was ably assisted by others interested in the training of golf course superintendents.

Some of the marked improvements in golf course maintenance in the past three decades can be traced directly to the efforts of Professor Dickinson. Hundreds of his former students are now superintendents at golf courses throughout the United States.

The first Green Section Award was received last year by Dr. John Monteith, Jr., of Colorado Springs, Colo.

Election of Officers

The USGA's new President, John M. Winters, Jr., was a Vice-President in 1959-60-61, an Executive Committee member since 1955, and Chairman of the Rules of Golf Committee during 1956-60. He is a past President of both the Oklahoma State Golf Association and the Southern Hills Country Club.

Other officers elected are Clarence W. Benedict, White Plains, N. Y., and Wm. Ward Foshay, New York City, Vice-Presidents; Bernard H. Ridder, Jr., St. Paul, Minn., Secretary; and Hord W. Hardin, St. Louis, Mo., Treasurer.

Two new members were elected to the Executive Committee: William C. Campbell, Huntington, W. Va., and Robert F. Dwyer, Portland, Ore.

Campbell, long one of the finest amateur golfers in the country, has been a member of the USGA Amateur Status and Conduct Committee since 1950. He has been Captain of both the Walker Cup and Americas Cup Teams and has been a playing member of these two USGA international teams on seven occasions.

Dwyer has been a member of the USGA Sectional Affairs Committee since 1960. He is a Director of the Western, the Pacific Northwest and the Oregon Golf Associations.

Executive Committee members re-elected are: Fred Brand, Jr., Pittsburgh; William C. Chapin, Rochester, N. Y.; Edward L. Emerson, Boston; Edwin R. Foley, San Francisco; Robert K. Howse, Wichita, Kans.; Harold A. Moore, Chicago; Eugene S. Pulliam, Indianapolis; and Henry H. Russell, Miami, Fla.; Philip

H. Strubing of Philadelphia, was again named General Counsel.

Committee Reports

Highlights extracted from Committee Reports included the following:

CHAMPIONSHIPS: The Association's eight National Championships attracted a record 9,480 entrants, an increase of 3.9% over the previous year's high mark.

AMATEUR STATUS AND CONDUCT: Acceptance of scholarships or grants-in-aid won as prizes in golf competitions before the 18th birthday is now prohibited.

IMPLEMENTS AND BALL: Ten brands of ball were barred during the spring for failure to conform with the Rules. When re-tested later in the year, all 10 brands were found to conform.

MEMBERSHIP: There was an increase for the 16th successive year, the net gain of 98 raising the total to 2,548 Member Clubs and Courses.

GREEN SECTION: The Visiting Service has an enrollment of 823 courses. The USGA staff of eight agronomists made 1,268 visits to courses.

FINANCES: Healthy. Although the budget anticipated a deficit, there was a net income of \$29,164.

The Chairmen of the Committees for 1962 are listed on the back cover of this issue.

Green Section Program

The entire Green Section Educational Program was devoted to "A Business Approach to Golf Course Maintenance." Experts in various phases of the topic presented their views in nine different discussions. Excerpts from these will be printed in later issues of the JOURNAL.



William C. Campbell



Robert F. Dwyer



Horton Smith