



THROUGH THE GREEN

ONE CODE OF RULES

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In approaching the golf rules question, certain fundamental, common sense philosophies should first be discussed thoroughly.

Can we first agree that the men and women who are guiding golf in this country, both amateur and professional, are solely interested in what is best for the game some of us play for fun, health and recreation, and some of us play as a profession and a livelihood, but all of us love.

If we can assume this, then isn't it axiomatic that those who guide the game abroad, where the game originated, have only the same motive?

Next, let us determine what is best for the game. Will golf be better served by having several sets of rules, one set for the amateurs, one set for the professionals, different codes in the various countries of the world, etc.? Or is our game better served by having one **world-wide code**? It must be.

Assuming that we all are only interested in what is best for golf, and that one code is vital to that, let us next determine how we must go about it to get this one world-wide code and to maintain it. It is, of course, necessary to seek out all the ideas the golfer may have about the rules. Some will not like stroke and distance for out of bounds, some will. Some will want one-stroke penalty or no penalty for certain violations. Some will want a larger cup or a gyro putter. Others will want a ball that can be hit farther or a club that will accomplish this. Some will want 15 or 16 clubs and others 12 or 13, and so on ad infinitum.

It is, of course, obvious that it is impossible to satisfy everyone.

Who, then, is going to be held responsible for making the final determination on the **world-wide code**?

Has the game grown and prospered down through the decades, so that millions of people acquire health, wealth and friendship in its play? Of course.

Has all of this just happened? No.

Have many men here and abroad studied for years unselfishly to develop the Rules of Golf? Yes.

Has there been any gain to these men, except the satisfaction of a job well done? Of course there is only one answer—NO!

If we golfers, male and female, amateur or professional, can accept these golf philosophies as common sense, then certainly the USGA in this country and the R and A in Great Britain, working with the parent bodies of golf throughout the world, will have a nearly unanimous mandate from all golf to write and maintain a **world-wide code** of Rules, which we will all play by.

Senior Women's Championship

The first Women's Senior Amateur Championship of the USGA will be played at the Manufacturers' Golf and Country Club, Oreland, Pa., in the Philadelphia suburbs, October 17-18-19, 1962.

The tournament will be at 54 holes stroke play, one round per day. It will be open to women who have reached their 50th birthday and are members of USGA Regular Member Clubs.

The field will be limited to 120 players. Entries will be accepted from the applicants with the lowest handicaps up to a maximum of 15 strokes; any tie in the highest acceptable handicap class will be selected by lot.

Mrs. Theodore W. Hawes, of Summit, N. J., has been appointed Chairman of the Senior Women's Championship Committee by John M. Winters, Jr., President of the USGA.

Arrangements for the first Championship have been made in short order. A proposal to institute the event was made late in January of this year by the USGA Women's Committee. It was readily agreed to entertain the tournament through an invitation from Adolph Woll, Jr., President.

The Senior Women's event is the ninth national championship in the USGA program, which also includes four international events.

"Putter Plaster" Not Approved

A brochure describing "Putter Plaster," a small plastic strip designed for application to the face of a putter by an adhesive, states that its use is "NOT IN VIOLATION OF USGA RULES." This statement is not correct. A sample of this product was submitted to the USGA some time ago and the Association promptly advised the manufacturer that its use would violate Rule 2-2 which provides that: (1) all of the various parts of a club shall be fixed so that the club is one unit, and (2) no part of the club may be movable or separable or capable of adjustment during a round of play.

The manufacturer was requested to recall the brochure containing the erroneous statement.

It's Crowded Everywhere

The Joint Links Committee at St. Andrews, Scotland, has announced that 109,700 rounds were played on the four courses at St. Andrews during 1961, an increase by 11,000 over the previous year. A total of 37,120 rounds were played on the legendary Old Course alone.

Meanwhile in Brooklyn—the New York City Department of Parks says that one of its courses, Dyker Beach, was the scene of no less than 106,457 rounds. Dyker Beach has but 18 holes.

The Dyker Beach average for the year was therefore a whopping theoretical 291 rounds daily. Actually, the average must have been somewhat higher since it has been known to snow in Brooklyn, particularly during the first two months of the year when Dyker Beach is often closed.

Writers Provide Scholarship

Financial assistance to a student of turfgrass work at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J., has been made possible through the generosity of the Metropolitan Golf Writers' Association. They have contributed \$500 for the purpose to the U.S.G.A. Green Section Research and Education Fund, Inc.

The funds are derived from the golf writers' annual Awards Dinner in January. Annually, since 1955, the writers have helped finance the studies of one who intends to continue in golf turfgrass work.

NEW MEMBERS OF THE USGA

REGULAR

Ala.	Terry Walker Golf & Country Club
Calif.	Valley Hi Country Club
Colo.	City Park Men's Golf Club
Conn.	Pautipaug Country Club
Ga.	Green Meadows Country Club
Idaho	Rupert Country Club
Miss.	Booneville
N. C.	Quail Hollow Country Club
Ore.	Illahe Hills Country Club
Pa.	Concord Country Club
Va.	International Town & Country Club

ASSOCIATE

Colo.	Fort Morgan Municipal Golf Course
Fla.	Doral Country Club
Mich.	Flint Recreation & Park Board Golf Dept.
Nev.	Stardust Golf Club
N. Y.	Saratoga Springs Reservation
Ohio	Pleasant Valley Golf Course

Two Championship Sites

Two Ohio clubs have been named as the sites for future USGA Championships. The Kenwood Country Club, Cincinnati, will be host to the 1963 Women's Open on July 18-20, and the Canterbury Golf Club, Cleveland, will be the scene of the 1964 Amateur Championship, September 14-19.

The 1963 Women's Open will be the second USGA Championship for Kenwood. George T. Dunlap, Jr., won the 1933 Amateur Championship there.

Canterbury is remembered for two memorable Open Championships, in 1940 when Lawson Little was the winner there, after a playoff with Gene Sarazen, and in 1946 when Lloyd Mangrum won after a double playoff with Byron Nelson and Vic Ghezzi.

The 1962 Women's Open will be played at the Dunes Golf and Beach Club, Myrtle Beach, S. C., June 28-30. The Amateur Championship has been scheduled at the Pinehurst Country Club, Pinehurst, N. C., this year and at the Wakonda Club, Des Moines, Iowa, in 1963.

Rules Confusion

While refereeing a match recently in San Francisco, Robert Roos became confused by the differences in marking a ball on the putting green as recommended by the United States Golf Association and as required on the Professional Golfers' Association tour.

A note to Rule 35-1 of the Rules of Golf recommends placing a small coin or similar object behind the ball. The PGA insists that players use a small coin.

A competitor in the San Francisco match marked his ball with the putter-head while having the ball cleaned. The referee, having the PGA tournament rule in mind, called a penalty. Fortunately, the loss of hole had no effect on the outcome.

Assisto Glove Disapproved

A sample of the Assisto golf glove has been submitted to the Association for a ruling as to whether it conforms with the Rules of Golf. The glove features a three inch wide strap which is designed to be wrapped around the last three fingers of the player's left hand to assist him in

maintaining a firm grip. The manufacturer was told that use of the glove violates Rule 2-2f which prohibits use of a device designed to give the player artificial aid in gripping or swinging the club, whether or not it be a part of the club.

Cure For Slow Play?

The Los Angeles Country Club, in an effort to solve a problem, has tightened the regulations for slow play.

A paraphrase of part of golf Etiquette reads: "If a match fails to keep its place and loses more than one clear hole on the players in front, it must allow the following match to pass." The word "must" was substituted for "should."

The Club's bulletin says: "There is simply no excuse for slower-than-normal golf play. It comes from a variety of lapses, all caused by lack of forethought. For example, there is delay in decision on selection of a club and numerous practice swings. Or no thought is given to a putt until the player's turn comes. Or the walking pace, or departure from the green is too slow."

Books Reviewed

A GALLERY OF WOMEN GOLFERS, by Enid Wilson (Country Life Limited, London). An illustrated 192-page book which deals with the outstanding women golfers of Britain and the United States.

MASTERS OF GOLF, by P. A. Ward-Thomas (Heinemann, London). A collection of the great masters of golf chosen by right of their victories in major championships throughout the world. Illustrated, 258 pages.

Necrology

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

Dr. Oscar F. Willing, of Portland, Ore., who was the runner-up in the 1929 Amateur Championship. He was a member of the USGA Walker Cup Teams in 1923, 1924 and 1930.

George S. May, of Chicago, Ill., owner of the Tam O'Shanter Country Club, Niles, Ill. Sponsor of tournaments, of which the best known was the so-called "World Championship," discontinued in 1958.