



THROUGH THE GREEN

Puzzle Assistance

In the course of administrative services the USGA receives many queries, by letter and by telephone. They concern all phases of the game of golf. A recent one, however, was in a more humorous situation.

A lady called and asked if we knew of a four-letter word which could be used in the place of "opponent, as in golf". We regretfully advised that we could not be of assistance.

The lady was quite disappointed. She needed the answer for a crossword puzzle contest for which there was a substantial sum of money as a prize.

R & A Retains Ball Size

Gerald Micklem, chairman of the Rules of Golf Committee of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, St. Andrews, Scotland has announced there will be no change in the Rules which govern the size of the ball.

He said at the annual meeting of the R&A: In response to their request a year ago for opinions on the possible adoption of the larger—or 1.68 inches—ball, the Rules of Golf Committee has received many replies from representative bodies and individual players, for which we are grateful. From these, it is evident that there is no general demand to alter the existing rule, and

accordingly, the Rules of Golf Committee is not recommending any change in the existing minimum diameter of 1.62 inches."

At the meeting Sir William Giles Walker, chairman and managing director of Jute Industries, was nominated captain-elect of the R&A. He served as a Lieut. Colonel in World War II. He succeeds Dr. William Tweddell. It was also announced that C.B.D. Grace has been appointed honorary treasurer. He succeeds his late father in this post which has been held by the family for well over a century.

New House for Caddies

College-bound caddies from Ohio will have their own home at Ohio State University this fall. The Evans Scholars Foundation is establishing both an Evans Chapter and an Evans Chapter House on the University campus.

With new scholarships the Foundation will have 25 scholars at the school, a minimum for a new Chapter. There are currently 443 Scholars enrolled in 26 universities with the majority in the seven schools where the Foundation owns and maintains Chapter Houses. More than 1,200 scholarships have been granted since the program was initiated by Chick Evans in 1930.



Charles P. Stevenson

Charles P. Stevenson, of Buffalo, N. Y. has been elected to the USGA Executive Committee to fill the unexpired term of the late William C. Chapin, of Rochester, N. Y.

Mr. Stevenson is president of the Buffalo District Golf Association and has served on the USGA Junior Championship Committee since 1951. He has been a Director of the Western Golf Association and served three terms as Treasurer of the New York State Golf Association.

He is a member of the Country Club of Buffalo, Piping Rock Club, Shinnecock Hills Golf Club and the National Golf Links of America.

Mr. Stevenson is a graduate of Yale University. He is secretary and treasurer of the Eastman Machine Co., secretary of Magna Driver Corporation and a director of the Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co.

Alternate Smith's Troubles

Dow Finsterwald's father died on the eve of the Open Championship and Dow was replaced late that night by alternate Charles G. Smith, a professional from Elyria, Ohio.

Smith had to cancel lessons for 25 members, notify his assistant, and

pack. He finished the details about 1:30 a.m., slept an hour and left for Oakmont at 3 a.m. to make a 9 a.m. starting time.

In the meantime a member of his club — an automobile dealer — suggested Smith take one of his 1962 autos because "it wouldn't look right for you to show up down there in your old car."

The driver in the new auto planned to arrive in Oakmont at about 7 a.m. However, he was stopped 40 miles east of Elyria by a highway patrolman, who escorted him back to a small town where Smith was tried and convicted for speeding and fined \$20. He lost about 45 minutes because of this and arrived at Oakmont around 7:45.

Acquiring credentials consumed more time, so did eating breakfast. He went to the practice tee, hit 12 shots with a driver, then on the practice green stroked 24 putts. Smith scored 42-41-83 in his first Open Championship round. He had never seen the Oakmont course before.

Fix Yours And One More

At the Portland, Ore., Golf Club you may win a golf ball for replacing a divot. It is all part of the club's "Fix Yours And One More" club whose purpose is to help insure a well-maintained course.

The pledge card, which members sign, requires:

"On Fairways: To replace my divots and one more;

"On Greens: To fix my ballmark and one more;

"In bunkers: To smooth my footprints and one more;

"And to always put paper cups, bottles, and wrappings in refuse containers or tee boxes."

Periodically small cards are placed under a number of loose divots. A member who replaces such a divot may trade in the card for a new golf ball.

Books Reviewed

HOW TO COACH AND PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF, by Dave Williams, Golf Coach, University of Houston. (Prentice-Hall, New Jersey. \$5.35) Coach Williams explains for both golfers and coaches a step-by-step plan for organizing and training golf teams. 253 pages.

Two For Carol

Miss Carol Sorenson of Arizona State University defeated Miss Judy Hoetmer, University of Washington, 5 and 4, to win the Women's Collegiate Championship recently on the University of New Mexico course.

Miss Sorenson was USGA Girls' Junior Champion in 1960. Miss Hoetmer won the Collegiate in 1961.

The second week of July saw Miss Sorenson win another big title. She defeated Miss Barbara Fay White 8 and 7 in the final of the Western Amateur at South Bend, Ind.

Goldman In French Final

David Goldman, Dallas businessman, went to the final round of the French Amateur Championship the first week in June before closing to Frenchman Gaetan Morgue D'Algue. The score was 3 to 1 in the 36-hole final at the Chantilly Golf Course, Chantilly, France.

Goldman, 53, lost to W. Lawson Little, Jr., in the final of the 1934 USGA Amateur Championship at The Country Club, Brookline, Mass.

Necrology

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

George Sargent, of Atlanta, Ga., 1909 USGA Open Champion. He was president of the Professional Golfers' Association from 1921 to 1926. His son, Harold, is professional at East Lake Country Club, Atlanta, and is past president of the PGA.

Still Up In Air

Richard D. Davies, 31, of Pasadena, Calif., became the 12th American to win the British Amateur Championship when he defeated Welshman John Povall 1 up at Royal Liverpool Club on June 16. He lets us in on his feelings with the following letter:

TO THE USGA:

Though my feet are still not back to earth, I have had a wonderful two days of reflection upon the hard, frustrating and ever costly days of my apprenticeship of striving for the championship I set out to find.

Actually, this letter is to advise you of my intentions to enter our National Amateur at Pinehurst. I shall not return from the British Open at Troon until the end of July, and do not want to take the slightest chance of being late with my entry. Therefore, if you are unable to enter me, please forward an entry blank to me at Troon. (I still can't believe I do not have to qualify). Also the thought of achieving one of my goals in being able to meet Mr. Jones and play in the Masters is more than I can presently comprehend.

June 16th was a long, lonely and tension filled day, and as you know, the clubhouse of the Royal Liverpool faces to the west, and as I stood to receive my trophy, I could look across the beautiful links of Hoylake, past the Dee Estuary and out upon the white-capped Atlantic into a glorious westerly sunset, homeward to my beloved family, friends and country, for without their love, affection and prayers these God-given moments would never have been achieved.

Richard D. Davies