



## THROUGH THE GREEN

### Off In Three

The greens at Oakmont were not slow for the Open in June, and one day the hole at the fifth was cut in a particularly difficult place—at the left rear, with the tilt of the green running slightly away from the front.

One gentleman who sat watching the play there for a long while developed a new idiom:

“On in two—off in three.”

Sam Snead before the tournament opined that “by Friday night, if your ball is lying at the back of the second green, you can wave at it with a dollar bill and it’ll roll all the way down and off the front of the green.”

### How They Began

On page 93 of the book entitled “Fifty years of American Golf” by H. S. Martin, we find the following:

The slang word “birdie” originated in 1899 on the Atlantic City Country Club course, a popular week-end spot for Philadelphians. Ab Smith tells the story. “The second hole was a par 4, about 350 yards long. I was playing in a three-ball match with George A. Crump and my brother William P. Smith, both of whom have passed on. My drive of 185 yards was to the left giving me the diagonal of the green to play for . . . The green was guarded by a ditch and a cop bunker. I banged away with my

second shot, and my ball—it was one of the new Haskels—came to rest within six inches of the cup. I said to George Crump, ‘That was a bird of a shot and here I only get a paltry sum from each of you. Hereafter I suggest that when one of us plays a hole in one under par that he receive double compensation, and this goes for everyone in the match including partners’. The other two both agreed and we began right away, just as soon as the next one came, to call it a ‘birdie.’ Naturally ‘eagle’ was the result when one scored two under par and then later came the ‘double eagle’. We paid off four times the stake on the ‘eagle’ and eight times on the ‘double eagle,’ but these did not come very often in those days.”

### Radix Cup Match Begins

The Chicago District Golf Association has joined with the Illinois Section of the Professional Golfers’ Association in inaugurating play for the Harry E. Radix Cup. Mr. Radix is a Chicago sportsman who has an interest in all sports, particularly golf, and is a constant spectator.

The initial program was held recently at Chicago’s North Shore Country Club where 10 professionals played against 10 amateurs. Ten points were awarded in singles and five in foursomes. The professionals won 12 to 3.

## Answer Before The Question

No, Daniel D. Sikes, Jr. and Richard H. Sikes are not related; they have not so much as met each other.

Daniel D. Sikes, Jr., now a professional, won the Amateur Public Links Championship in 1958 and was medalist the next year. Richard H. Sikes won the Championship in 1961, when he also was medalist, and again this year. Dan is from Jacksonville, Fla., and Richard from Wichita, Kans.

## Two Sets of Rules in One Event

A graphic illustration of the need for the uniform observance of the Rules of Golf was given by a sheet of Rules for contestants in an annual pro-amateur tournament for benefit of a hospital at the Apawamis Club, Rye, N. Y. This is what was said:

"Amateurs play 1962 U.S.G.A. Rules.

"Professionals: 1962 U.S.G.A. Rules of Golf shall apply except for the following," and there followed several hundred words describing the differences.

## Award Honors Mrs. McWane

The Country Club of Birmingham, Ala., is honoring Mrs. William McWane by giving her name to a new silver bowl that goes to the winner of the club's annual invitation golf tournament. Mrs. McWane is a member of the USGA Women's Committee and Mr. McWane is a former USGA Executive Committee member. Their daughter, Bee (Mrs. John Reid), has won the Alabama Women's Amateur five times.

## Golf Telecasts Expand

So rapidly has golf's popularity grown with spectators and television sponsors that some other spectator sports are being bounced off the networks.

National Broadcasting Company (NBC) this fall and winter will present 115 hours of golf programs, up from 11 hours two years ago. An executive of another network estimates that total network coverage of golf has increased 50 percent in the last two years.



Members of the Seattle Golf Club and Royal Victoria Golf Club pose for picture at conclusion of their home-and-home team match recently in Seattle. This was the 60th anniversary of a rivalry that began in 1902 but was interrupted by two world wars. Seattle has won 34 times, Victoria 16 and one match ended in a tie. Victoria often wins on its home course, a tight 5,824 yards with much water and par of 33-36-69, and Seattle frequently wins at home on its tree-lined 6,620 yard course with par 36-37-73. Scores this year at Victoria were Victoria 62, Seattle 42, and in Seattle the host team had 68½ to Victoria's 35½. Total: Seattle 110, Victoria 97½.

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## How's Your Grammar?

Recently the mails brought an inquiry as to which is preferable — "Invitation Tournament" or "Invitational Tournament".

The English Department of New York University says "invitation tournament" is all right. However, the Department rings in a new form, "invitatory". Dr. James Macris, a linguist in the Columbia University English Department, says in usage a noun may modify a noun. He also suggests one may choose "invitational" as an adjective modifying the noun. He says both are used in perfectly acceptable situations; usage determines both to be correct and usage may eventually make one more approved than the other.

For the moment, then, it seems no matter which we use we still pass the course.

## Right All The Way

The man on the telephone did not give his name nor his club but it was a New York call. His problem was this:

"I was playing in the qualifying round of a club stroke play tournament. My shot to the green almost went in the hole. A fellow competitor walked over and knocked my ball away from the hole. A few holes later it occurred to me that I had probably violated a Rule so I disqualified myself. The Committee advised me to forget it and to continue play; that others had done the same thing. Did I do right?"

Advised that he had violated Rule 23-3, the player seemed greatly relieved.

## 1964 Women's Amateur Plans Changed

The 1964 Women's Amateur Championship of the United States Golf Association will not be played at the Moraine Country Club, Dayton, Ohio, as previously announced.

## Extra Set Of Rules

When some 80 politicians and newsmen competed in the first annual Nassau Chapter Boys' Town of Italy Golf Cup at Cedar Brook Golf Club, Old Brookville, L. I., N. Y., the play called for some tongue-in-cheek rules.

Following is a sampling lifted from publicist Jerry Breen:

1. No swimming in the water holes.
2. Anyone seen throwing a ball forfeits lunch.
3. Maximum handicap is 173.
4. If a Republican's ball hits a Democrat, the arbitration will be resolved by the Board of Supervisors.
5. If a Democrat's ball hits a Republican, the arbitration will be taken to the County Executive.
6. No player may accept a prize that is sorely needed by the Tournament Committee.

7. Erasures on score cards will be suspiciously accepted.

8. All decisions of the Handicap Committee will be final (and subject to revision).

## All-Around Athletes

Five golfers who have scored holes-in-one at the Virginia Municipal Golf Course, Virginia, Minnesota, landed on the same bowling team in that city. They also turned out to be experts at rolling a bowling ball into the pocket, winning the Fraternal League Championship.

The five are Dick Pycha, Tony Shega, Bert Slade, Dr. L. M. Sipola and Dick Chase.

## Necrology

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

**WILLIAM KNOX (BILL) AMO**, Little Rock, Ark., and a member of USGA's Public Links Committee since 1954. As Superintendent of Little Rock Parks and Recreation, he had served long as committeeman for Arkansas sports events.

## To Florida In '63

The 1963 Senior Women's Amateur Championship of the United States Golf Association will be played at the Country Club of Florida, Village of Golf, Delray Beach, Fla., from Wednesday, October 30 through Friday, November 1.

This will be the second Senior Women's event to be sponsored by the USGA. The inaugural Championship is scheduled this year at the Manufacturers' Golf and Country Club, Oreland, Pa., from October 17 through 19. Entries close October 3.

The Chairman of the USGA Senior Women's Championship Committee is Mrs. Theodore W. Hawes of Summit, New Jersey.

## Subscriptions Available

Golf clubs having curling activities, or those planning them, are being offered free subscriptions to "Rink and Arena" magazine. Subscriptions are offered to the president, the planning committee or ice rink committee.

Those interested should write Fenton Kelsey, Jr., Publisher, Trade and Sports Publications, Inc., Madison 1, Wis.

## USGA PUBLICATIONS OF GENERAL INTEREST

(Publications are available from the United States Golf Association, 40 East 38th Street, New York 16. Please send payment with your order.)

### RULES

**THE RULES OF GOLF**, as approved by the United States Golf Association and the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland. Booklet 25 cents (special rates for quantity orders, more than 500). Clubhouse edition, suitable for hanging, 6¼" x 9½"; supply limited. \$1.50.

**GOLF RULES IN PICTURES**, published by Grosset and Dunlap, compiled by Joseph C. Dey, Jr., USGA Executive Director. 96 pages, 8½ x 10¾ inches, \$1.95.

**DUTIES OF OFFICIALS UNDER THE RULES OF GOLF**, a reprint of a USGA Journal article that contains a check list of the duties of the referee and other committee members on the course. No charge.

### HANDICAPPING

**USGA GOLF HANDICAP SYSTEM FOR MEN**, containing recommendations for computing USGA Handicap and for rating courses. Booklet 25 cents. USGA Slide Rule Handicap per 25 cents. Poster 15 cents.

**THE CONDUCT OF WOMEN'S GOLF**, containing suggestions for guidance in the conduct of women's golf in clubs and associations, including tournament procedure, handicapping and course rating. 35 cents.

**COURSE RATING POSTER** for certifying hole by hole ratings to a club; for association use, size 8½ x 11 inches, 5 cents, \$3.50 per 100.

**COURSE RATING REPORT**, a form for rating a course hole by hole; for association use, size 4¼ x 7 inches. 10 cents, \$7.50 per 100.

**USGA HANDICAP RECORD FORM**, revised in 1961, provides for the listing of 75 scores. It is designed for ease in determining the last 25 differentials from which to select the lowest 10 when more than 25 scores are posted. \$3 for 100.

**HANDICAPPING THE UNHANDICAPPED**, a reprint of a USGA Journal article explaining the Callaway System of automatic handicapping for occasional players in a single tournament. No charge.

### GREEN SECTION

**A GUIDE FOR GREEN COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF GOLF CLUBS**, 16-page booklet. 25 cents.

**GOLF COURSE REBUILDING AND REMODELING — FACTORS TO CONSIDER**, article in USGA Journal by A. M. Radko. No charge.

**THE GOLF COURSE WORKER—TRAINING AND DIRECTION**. No charge.

**HOW TO MEET RISING COSTS OF GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE, PARTS I & II**, panel discussions. No charge.

**MISTER CHAIRMAN**, reprint of USGA Journal article. No charge.

**WATER USE ON THE GOLF COURSE**, panel discussions. No charge.

### COMPETITIONS

**PREPARING THE COURSE FOR A COMPETITION**, reprint of USGA article by John P. English. No charge.

**TOURNAMENTS FOR YOUR CLUB**, a reprint of a USGA article detailing various types of competitions. No charge.

### GENERAL

**ARE YOU A SLOW PLAYER? ARE YOU SURE?** A reprint of a USGA Journal article by John D. Ames. No charge.

**A JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAM FOR YOUR CLUB AND DISTRICT**, a 16-page booklet on organizing and developing junior golf programs at different levels by the USGA Junior Championship Committee. No charge.

**COSTLY FIRES IN GOLF CLUB PROPERTIES**, lists potential fire hazards and damage to golf club properties. No charge.

**PROTECTION OF PERSONS AGAINST LIGHTNING ON GOLF COURSES**, a poster. No charge.

**USGA JOURNAL AND TURF MANAGEMENT**, a 33-page magazine published seven times a year. \$2 a year.

## LPGA Showing Gains

A completed tournament schedule for 1962 for the Ladies' Professional Golf Association shows record gains in total tournaments and prize money, indicating popularity is increasing.

Leonard F. Wirtz, tournament director, says 30 official and four unofficial tournaments will have been held this year with purses totalling \$273,750. This surpasses 1961 figures of 24 tournaments and \$186,000 in prizes. The prize money record was \$215,800 set in 1959.

## For Sportsmen Only

The USGA is now receiving suggestions of persons to be considered for the Bob Jones Award for 1963. Those invited to submit suggestions are USGA Committee Members, golf associations in the United States, Sections of the PGA of America and holders of USGA permanent press badges.

The USGA presents the Bob Jones Award annually. It is inscribed in part, "In recognition of distinguished sportsmanship in golf. To commemorate the vast contributions to the cause of fair play made by Robert Tyre Jones, Jr."

Those making suggestions are asked

to send a 150-to-200 word statement on each person nominated and have them at the USGA office in New York by August 27.

Previous winners were Francis D. Ouimet, William C. Campbell, the late Mrs. Mildred D. Zaharias, Miss Margaret Curtis, the late Findlay S. Douglas, Charles Evans, Jr., Joseph B. Carr and Horton Smith.

Henry H. Russell, of Miami, Fla., is Chairman of the Bob Jones Award Committee.

## Low Score Doesn't Count

Thirteen-year-old Edwin Cheek, a lefthander and the youngest qualifier in the Junior Amateur Championship earlier this month, had the experience of submitting to questions by the press after he won his first-round match.

"Ever play in a tournament before, Eddie?", the reporter asked.

"Sure", said Eddie.

"Ever win anything?"

"Yes, but not really."

"What do you mean?"

"I shot 72 and was a medalist in the Maryland Junior Championship this year, but then I was disqualified because you have to be 14 to enter."

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## Prayer for USGA Public Links Championship

*(EDITOR'S NOTE: The Rev. Paul E. Henderson of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Tonawanda, N.Y., delivered the following prayer at a dinner for Public Links Championship players at Tonawanda on July 7.)*

*Almighty God, who has designed the course for the game of life, we humbly beseech Thee to grant that these golfers, who are about to begin this great tournament, may have the firmness of will and the moral courage both to play the game with honor and to live with honor. Grant them, in this difficult game of life, that same grim determination to succeed; yet temper that determination with the same sense of courtesy, respect and fair play which they demonstrate on the golf course. Let those who are victorious feel a justifiable satisfaction in their achievement without becoming self-satisfied. Let those who are defeated accept their defeat without rancor or continuing bitterness. And let them all fully enjoy the high esteem of their friends and neighbors, whom they represent in this national tournament, without losing their humility.*

*Finally, grant that by their play and by their daily lives, both now and always, they may continue to bring honor and glory to their several communities and to Thee. All of which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



Arnold D. Palmer, left, in June won his second straight British Open Championship. He had already won the USGA Open and Masters Championships and was pointing to the title in the Professional Golfers' Association of America tournament, which he has never won. Gary Player, right, of Johannesburg, S. A., won the PGA Championship and now needs a USGA Open victory to complete the professional cycle.

## USGA COMPETITIONS FOR 1963

For 1962 Schedule, see Inside Front Cover

Championship or Team Match	Entries Close	Qualifying Rounds	Dates of Event	Location
(1) Walker Cup Open	May 8	Local: May 27 **Sectional: June 11	May 24-25 June 20-21-22	Turnberry, Scotland The Country Club, Brookline, Mass.
Amateur Public Links	*May 29	¶June 16-23	July 8-13	Haggin Oaks Municipal Golf Course, Sacramento, Calif.
Women's Open	July 3	—	July 18-19-20	Kenwood Country Club, Cincinnati, Ohio
Junior Amateur	June 26	July 16	July 31-Aug. 3	Florence Country Club, Florence, S. C.
Girls' Junior	July 26	—	August 12-16	(to be determined)
Women's Amateur	July 31	—	August 19-24	Taconic Golf Club Williamstown, Mass.
(2) Americas Cup	—	—	Sept. 6-7	Wakonda Club, Des Moines, Iowa
Amateur	August 7	August 27	Sept. 9-14	Wakonda Club Des Moines Iowa
Senior Amateur	Sept. 4	Sept. 24	Oct. 7-12	Sea Island Golf Club, Sea Island, Ga.
Senior Women's Amateur	Oct. 16	—	Oct. 30-Nov. 1	The Country Club of Florida Village of Golf Delray Beach, Fla.

\*\* OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP: Date of Sectional Qualifying Championships may be changed to Monday, June 10 if local authority in charge deems advisable.

\* AMATEUR PUBLIC LINKS CHAMPIONSHIP: Entries close with each Sectional Qualifying Chairman.

¶ Exact date in each Section to be fixed by Sectional Chairman.

(1) WALKER CUP MATCH: Men's Amateur teams—Great Britain vs. United States.

(2) AMERICAS CUP MATCH: Men's Amateur teams—Canada vs. Mexico vs. United States.