



THROUGH THE GREEN

Caddies and Golf Shop Employees Benefited by New Amateur Rules

Effective January 1, 1963, it will not be a violation of golf's amateur status rules to receive at any age compensation for serving as:

- (1) a caddie
- (2) a caddie-master or assistant caddie-master
- (3) an employee engaged in making, repairing or cleaning clubs or selling golf merchandise in a golf shop at a place where golf is played, practiced or taught.

The Rules presently prohibit work in these fields after the 21st birthday.

The change, made by the USGA Executive Committee at a recent meeting, is based on the belief that persons engaged in the above activities have no more advantage over the amateur golfer than do persons employed as club managers or greenkeepers; amateur status is not denied club managers and greenkeepers.

It was also decided to revise the language of the exception to the Rule prohibiting giving instruction for compensation. The revised language will make it quite clear that the exception benefits only faculty members of edu-

cational institutions whose instruction is incidental to academic duties and is given without additional compensation. The exception does not apply to physical education teachers and camp counselors.

The Executive Committee was confronted with the question of whether a player must take overt action toward becoming a professional before he is deemed to violate the Rule which prohibits "taking any action which clearly indicates the intention of becoming a professional golfer". The Committee held that it is not necessary to take overt action to violate this Rule. This means that a player who merely states that he plans to turn professional at some time in the future is in violation of this Rule.

67 by Mrs. Finch

A most unusual score for a lady — 67 — was made by Mrs. E. C. Kip Finch in a semi-final match of the club championship of the Country Club of New Canaan, Conn.

After a concession of a short putt at the first hole, Mrs. Finch holed out at all remaining greens and had a score of 32-35—67, compared with ladies' par

of 36-37—73. She used 25 putts. Her hapless victim was Mrs. William Tingle.

Mrs. Finch is a member of the USGA Women's Committee.

General Numerical Draw Is Changed

The General Numerical Draw, located on page 60 of the current Rules of Golf book, has been amended by the USGA Executive Committee.

Formerly, for purposes of determining places in the draw, ties in qualifying rounds other than those for the last qualifying place have been decided by a blind draw.

The amendment changes this to: "For purposes of determining places in the draw, ties in qualifying rounds other than those for the last qualifying place shall be decided by the order in which scores are returned, the first score to be returned receiving the lowest available number, etc. If it be impossible to determine the order in which scores are returned, ties shall be decided by a blind draw."

This revision will appear in the 1963 edition of the Rules book.

Male Ego Deflated

"Miss JoAnne Gunderson, with a slight following wind, rocketed her drive out just under 300 yards, then hit a No. 5 wood to within 12 feet of the pin. Her evenly-stroked putt was in the hole as it left the club head for an eagle three." Thus said the Brighton-Pittsford Post, in Rochester, describing Miss Gunderson's prowess on a 525-yard hole.

In the same story, which told of Miss Gunderson's victory in the Women's Amateur Championship, the newspaper remarked, "And the gentlemen of the Country Club, taking back their course, were blinking owlishly as if they had spent 10 days in a fallout shelter—and wondering if they would ever have the gall to again speak of 'men's par' and 'men's tees'".

Books Reviewed

THE WORLD OF GOLF by Charles Price, (Random House, \$12.50).

In his history of golf Mr. Price traces the origin of the game from the 15th century Scots. The first 44 pages are crammed with interesting details on the ball, clubs, courses and contributing personalities which point up author Price's dedicated research of his subject.

The author advises at the start that "One of the most irritating things about this very irritating game is that nobody except other golfers seems to understand why it's played."

Mr. Price suggests in "The Pioneers" section that the feather ball was not the first ball used but rather it was one made of wood, as were the balls used in many other games of that period.

The history also deals with the genesis of golfing terms and in this respect offers understanding to those who would have even a passing interest in the game. By the same token, it gives education to all. Gene Sarazen said of the book, "I was fascinated by Price's interpretation of how the game began and learned things about golf's history I never knew."

From golf's origin, the book takes the reader step-by-step to the present and along the way the narrative is filled with lively and humorous anecdotes. The well-written text is supported by some of the finest golf pictures available. There are more than 200 illustrations with eight pages in full color; these alone would make a book worthwhile.

In the forward Bobby Jones says, "Unfortunately, the avid interest of the golfer does not always attach itself to those stroke-by-stroke recitals so frequently provided by average golfers in average locker-rooms; but the lore of the game, the story of its development and of the stirring deeds of the great players of the past must always command the respectful attention of all who play golf at all regularly . . ."

Three More USGA Competitions Set

The 1963 USGA Girls' Junior Championship will be held at Wolfert's Roost Country Club, Albany, N. Y., August 12-16. With the acceptance of the site and dates of this event the 1963 USGA schedule of competitions is completed. (See complete schedule on inside front cover).

Two other Championship sites and dates have been selected for 1964. The Amateur Public Links Championship will be played at the Francis A. Gross Golf Course, Minneapolis, July 13-18. The Junior Amateur Championship of 1964 will be held July 29 through August 1 at the Eugene Country Club, Eugene, Ore. This marks the first time the Junior event has been scheduled in the Northwest.

Golf In The Congo

United Nations forces in the Congo have been required to adjust to unique problems when they want to play on the Royal Elisabethville Golf Club. For instance:

1. A commanding officer of one of the companies bivouacked among the trees by the first fairway removed his troops to a safer location after several soldiers were almost hit by wayward golf balls.

2. Local rules provide "a ball may be lifted out of mortar-shell holes," and "ball may be dropped when found in mortar-bomb container," but "the ball must be played where it lies when lodging in a shell case."

3. Indian officers have really taken to the game and the higher the rank, the more caddies. When a UN Deputy Commander played, a platoon of soldiers caddied; found balls on the double and stood at attention until the officer played his shot. The soldiers, incidentally, take a very dim view of players who concede putts. For them, the summit of success is the ball disappearing into the hole.

1962 USGA TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

Open: Jack W. Nicklaus

Amateur: Labron Harris, Jr.

Women's Open:

Mrs. Murle Lindstrom

Women's Amateur:

Miss Jo Anne Gunderson

Amateur Public Links:

Richard H. Sikes

Junior Amateur: James Wiechers

Girls' Junior: Mary Lou Daniel

Senior Amateur: Merrill Carlsmith

Senior Women's Amateur:

Miss Maureen Orcutt

Curtis Cup Match: United States

World Amateur Team:

United States

Club Pro of the Year

Tom LoPresti of Sacramento, Calif., is the 1962 PGA Club Professional-of-the-Year. He was chosen by an anonymous committee of amateur golfers. LoPresti will be honored at the PGA President's Dinner on Nov. 27 at Palm Beach, Fla.

LoPresti is professional at Haggin Oaks Golf Course in Sacramento, site of the 1963 USGA Amateur Public Links Championship.

Former Curtis Cupper Wed

Miss Meriam Bailey, a member of the United States Curtis Cup Team in 1958, was recently married to Lt. Lyle Leonard Leeke. Lt. and Mrs. Leeke are making their home in Germany where Lt. Leeke is stationed.

Joins 'Hill of Fame'

The 13th member of the "Hill of Fame" at Oak Hill Country Club, Rochester, N. Y., is Joseph C. Dey, Jr., USGA Executive Director. An Oak tree was dedicated to Mr. Dey by Dr. John R. Williams, Sr.

Other members include former President Eisenhower, Bob Jones and Ben Hogan.

Valentine Retires

Joe Valentine, Golf Course Superintendent of the Merion Golf Club, Ardmore, Pa., for more than 50 years, has retired.

Mr. Valentine, now 76, won recognition as the discoverer of Merion Bluegrass, an improved bluegrass that is now being used on many golf courses.

Also among his many achievements in the field of golf maintenance and turf management was his act of persuading the Pennsylvania Legislature to appropriate the first money for turf-grass research in his state.

Amateur Status Reinstated

The USGA Executive Committee has reinstated to amateur status the following:

Dr. Adie P. Geiser, Taft, Calif.
Ernest L. Hanks, Greeley, Colo.
Berkley Parkinson, Rexburg, Idaho
Robert M. Gunnell, Jamestown, N. Y.

Champion Doing Well

Arnold Palmer, Gene Littler, Billy Casper and Jack Nicklaus, in that order, lead the 1962 professional tour in money winnings. They are the past four USGA Open Champions.

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 Handicaps 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.

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

RECORD BOOK OF USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS AND INTERNATIONAL EVENTS, 1895 through 1961. Hard cover, 224 pages, 9 x 11 inches. \$5.00.

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.

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.