

FIRST SENIOR WOMEN'S AMATEUR TO MISS ORCUTT

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The view from the first tee at Manufacturers' Golf and Country Club, Oreland, Pa., is quite breathtaking. The tee is situated high atop a hill overlooking the valley and the golf course below. In the early morning of October 17, this view was particularly picturesque. The autumn leaves were in full color, the fairways of the well-manicured course looked particularly green in the early morning sun and the bright blue sky was without a cloud.

It would have been appropriate if the USGA Senior Women's Amateur Championship could have its beginning in such a setting, and so it did when, at 8:24 a.m. on that day, Mrs. Lloyd W. Dennis, Jr., of Arlington, Va., teed her ball, took her stance, and sent a well-struck ball sailing down the middle of the first fairway.

The first Champion is Miss Maureen Orcutt, Englewood, N. J., a golf writer for the New York Times. Miss Orcutt was a prime contender for the Women's Amateur Championship for many years, but she was never able to win it. Her best efforts came in 1927 and again in 1935 when she lost in the finals. She commented at the presentation of prizes that she was quite happy to now have her name on the list of USGA Champions after so many frustrating years in the Women's Amateur. She was, however, a member of the first four Curtis Cup Teams.

Miss Orcutt was a model of consistency in the Championship. She scored three consecutive 80's in the 54 hole stroke play event to beat her nearest competitor, Mrs. Edwin H. Vare, Jr., Byrn Mawr, Pa., Amateur Champion six times, by seven strokes.



Miss Maureen Orcutt displays the Senior Women's Amateur Championship trophies after her recent win. The wee one is a permanent possession; the larger trophy, presented by friends of Senior Golf, was manufactured in Dublin, Ireland, in 1897.

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Third was Mrs. Allison Choate, Rye, N. Y., who had 250. Finishing fourth, fifth and sixth: Mrs. William Hockenjos, Jr., Springfield, N. J., 251; Mrs. Maurice Glick, Baltimore, Md., 253; and Mrs. Charles F. Bartholomew, Dedham, Mass., 254.

Only two players were able to break 80 in the three days of play. Mrs. John Pennington, Buffalo, N. Y., did it in the second round with 79; Mrs. Henry B. Jackson, Milton, Mass., had the same score in the final round. Mrs. Pennington finished with 255 for seventh place, and Mrs. Jackson shot 256 to tie for eighth place with Mrs. Theodore W. Hawes, Summit, N. J., Chairman of the USGA Senior Women's Championship Committee.

When queried about the high scores, most competitors charged them to the lightning-fast greens, which according to Mrs. Harrison F. Flippin, Ardmore, Pa., many times winner of the U.S. Senior Women's Golf Association Championship, were as fast as those at Merion Golf Club, Ardmore, Pa.

Prizes were awarded to Miss Orcutt, Mrs. Vare and Mrs. Choate for their performances in the Championship, winners, and runners-up in three age groups. Following are these prize-winners:

Age Group A (50 through 54 years)

Winner—Mrs. Allison Choate, Rye, N. Y.—250

Runner-up—Mrs. Maurice Glick, Baltimore, Md.—253

Age Group B (55 through 59 years)

Winner—Miss Maureen Orcutt, Englewood, N. J.—240

Runner-up—Mrs. Edwin H. Vare, Jr., Bryn Mawr, Pa.—247

Age Group C (60 years and over)

Winner—Mrs. Theodore W. Hawes, Summit, N. J.—256

Runner-up—Mrs. J. Stuart Brown, Sewickley, Pa.—271

The Association is indeed grateful to Mr. Ernest M. Brown, General Chairman and his Committees, and to the Staff at Manufacturers' Golf and Country Club for preparations.

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"THE RULES OF GOLF—ETIQUETTE"

A family four-ball match stresses the importance of right relations to other players and to the course. Ben Hogan appears in several scenes. Robert T. Jones, Jr., makes the introductory statement. A "must" for every golfer. 17½ minutes

"PLAY THEM AS THEY LIE"

The Rules of Golf for fairway and rough. Johnny Farrell, the 1928 U. S. Open Champion, acts as intermediary between Wilbur Mulligan, a beginner of unimpeachable integrity, and Joshua P. Slye, a past master in the art of breaking the Rules. Filmed at Baltusrol Golf Club, Springfield, N.J. 16½ minutes

"ON THE GREEN"

The Rules governing situations on the putting green. Photographed at the Mid-Ocean Club, Bermuda. 17 minutes

Entertainment, History, Travel

"GREAT MOMENTS IN GOLF"

Eight Champions are seen with the many interesting exhibits in "Golf House," home of the USGA Golf Museum and Library, and in flashbacks of their playing days. Robert T. Jones, Jr., during his "Grand Slam" . . . Ben Hogan . . . Francis Ouimet Gene Sarazen . . . Charles Evans, Jr. . . . Findlay S. Douglas . . . Mrs. Glenna Collett Vare . . . Margaret Curtis. Black and white. 28 minutes

"WALKER CUP HIGHLIGHTS"

Historic events in golf's oldest team competition between Great Britain and the United States. Robert T. Jones, Jr., Francis Ouimet and other great players are shown. First half, black and white; second half, beautiful color sequences of the 1959 Match at Muirfield, Scotland. 16 minutes

"FIRST WORLD AMATEUR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP FOR EISENHOWER TROPHY"

Twenty-nine countries compete in golf's newest major event at St. Andrews, Scotland. Climaxed by play-off in which Australia defeats the United States to become the first winner of the Eisenhower Trophy. 14 minutes

"SECOND WORLD AMATEUR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP FOR EISENHOWER TROPHY"

International friendships are furthered as 32 countries play at Merion Golf Club near Philadelphia. The United States is the winner, paced by remarkable play by Jack Nicklaus. President Eisenhower is shown receiving the American and the Australian teams at the White House. 17 minutes

"GOLF'S LONGEST HOUR"

Cary Middlecoff sets a target at which Ben Hogan, Julius Boros and Ted Kroll aim in vain, as Dr. Middlecoff wins the 1956 U. S. Open Championship at Oak Hill Country Club, Rochester, N. Y. 17½ minutes

"ST. ANDREW'S, CRADLE OF GOLF"

Beautiful scenes of the historic town of St. Andrews in Scotland and its Old Course, with unusual interior scenes of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club. An award winner for 1959.

"FAMOUS GOLF COURSES: SCOTLAND"

Picturesque and famous holes on the great courses at Troon, Prestwick, Carnoustie, St. Andrews, North Berwick and Muirfield. The distinctive aspects of Scottish linksland are seen at their finest. 18 minutes