

A Royal Museum Gift

Through the generosity of golfers all over the world, the USGA Museum in "Golf House" displays a wide variety of memorabilia.

One of the most unusual items is a tie-pin that once was the property of the Prince of Wales, the present Duke of Windsor. The gold pin bears the Prince of Wales insignia and motto "Ich Dien" or "I serve". The Prince gave the pin to J. Victor East in Australia in 1918 at the Royal Melbourne Golf Club in appreciation for golf instruction. Mr. East graciously presented the pin to "Golf House".

The Museum received gifts from 65 donors in 1962.

World's Longest Hole?

Is there any golf hole in the world more than 745 yards long? If not, the Black Mountain Golf Club, Black Mountain, N. C. can claim the record. One of the holes on its new nine measures 745 yards, according to the club's professional, Ross Taylor.

Mr. Taylor says that from the center of the tee the hole is downhill and straight-away for 300 yards; from this point it dog-legs to the right and measures an additional 445 yards to the center of the green.

Mr. Taylor asked for the USGA's

recommendation as to par for this hole. In essence, he was told that par should be determined by the course officials and course architect (possibly with the help of the Carolina Golf Association) in accordance with the definition which provides that "par is the score that an expert golfer would be expected to make for a given hole". This definition may be found on page 66 of the USGA Rules of Golf booklet.

In this section of the Rules booklet a table entitled "Yardages for Guidance" in determining par provides that holes 471 yards long and over should normally be classified as par-5s. However a hole such as the one in question may be given a par of 6 if an expert golfer would be expected to score 6. The "Yardages for Guidance" table does not contemplate the existence of holes entitled to a par of 6.

Equipment for Youth Abroad

Through a project of the People-To-People Sports Committee sports equipment is being made available to young people in certain non-privileged parts of the world.

Kits containing equipment used for playing baseball, basketball, soccer, softball, volleyball and for boxing will be shipped to places designated by the purchaser.

Additional information may be had

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from the People-to-People Sports Committee, 20 Exchange Place, New York 5.

Precision Putter — Conforms Only If Mirror Not Usable

The Association has ruled that the "Precision Putter", manufactured by Precision Golf Clubs, Inc., Escondido, Calif., does not conform with the Rules of Golf if a functioning mirror device is built into it.

The original "Precision Putter" contains mirrors in the head; mirrors are encased in a block of solid glasslike material which also serves as the face of the club.

The USGA Executive Committee has considered two models. The first was submitted by Murray Ehmke, Escondido, Calif. The glass-like material encasing the mirrors in this model is transparent, permitting the player to view the flagstick through the mirror when he is in position to putt. It was deemed to be in violation of Rule 2-2a. as a club with a usable mirror device is not of "the traditional and customary form and make", also in violation of Rule 37-9, which prohibits the use of any device for the purpose of gauging or measuring distance or conditions which might affect play.

The second such putter was submitted by Paul Runyan, La Jolla, Calif. It was identical to the original except that the viewing system was made unclear so as to render the mirrors useless. This model was deemed to conform with the Rules.

British Open Qualifying

The British Open at Royal Lytham and St. Anne's July 10-12 will inaugurate a different system of qualifying.

There will be a qualifying play of 36 holes for players not exempt under eight categories. Heretofore all players were required to enter the qualifying test in this Championship. The field for the Championship proper will



IT WAS, TOO! A USGA staff member devised this method of halting traffic to the third floor of "Golf House" recently when the area was being renovated to provide for more exhibit space.

consist of 120 players and at the end of 36 holes the field will be cut to the low 45 scorers and those tying for 45th.

Prize money will total £8,500 (\$23,800), the same as in 1962. First prize is \$4,200.

Exceptions from qualifying are to be granted under the following circumstances: 1. First 20 and anyone tying for 20th place in the 1962 British Open; 2. First 30 and anyone tying for 30th place in the 1962 British PGA Order of Merit: 3. Last 10 British Open Champions: 4. Last 5 British Amateur Champions; 5. Members of 1962 British World Amateur Team; 6. Last 10 USGA Open Champions; 7. Last 5 USGA Amateur Champions: 8. First 30 money winners and any tying for 30th place in the PGA of America on the official list for one year ending with the PGA Tournament immediately before closing date of USGA Open Championship entries.

The Arnold Palmer Case

The need for uniform adherence to the Rules of Golf was emphasized in the disqualification of Arnold Palmer in the Bing Crosby tournament at Pebble Beach last month. At the heart of the case was the Rule for a provisional ball.

In the third round Palmer, after playing from the teeing ground on the 17th hole, played a provisional ball. He then deemed his original ball unplayable and completed the hole with the provisional ball.

However, under "tour rules" of the Professional Golfers' Association of America, a provisional ball is not authorized for a ball which may be unplayable; when a provisional ball has been played for another purpose, it must be abandoned if the original ball is deemed unplayable. Since Palmer holed out with the provisional ball, he was disqualified.

The PGA "tour rule" is based upon a trial rule with which the USGA experimented in 1960-61.

Under the world-wide Rules of Golf, as approved by the United States Golf Association and the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland, a provisional ball may be played for a ball which may be unplayable. If the original ball then be deemed unplayable, the player must continue playing with the provisional ball. (See Rule 30.)

Unusual attention was focused on the case because Palmer's remarkable streak of being in the prize money was ended after 47 consecutive tournaments.



PALMER LIKENESS AT WILSHIRE

The Barranca Room in the Wilshire Country Club, Los Angeles, is decorated with nearly life-size photographs of American golfers who have won both the British and USGA Open Championships. Recently Arnold Palmer's photo was placed there. Those at the unveiling included, left to right, Scott Dunlop, Harold Warconda, Palmer, John McHose and Club Professional Jerry Barber. Before the annual dinner of the Metropolitan Golf Writers' Association in New York, Monsignor S. J. Mc-Govern of the Church of St. Joseph, Spring Valley, N. Y., delivered the following specially-prepared invocation:

"Bless us and these gifts which we are about to receive. May the fairway of life rise to meet you; may the wind be ever at your back; may His grip sustain you and a heavenly green await you. May you be ten thousand years in heaven before the devil knows what your score really was."

At the presentation of awards Gene Sarazen received the writers' Gold Tee award and Bobby Nichols the Ben Hogan Trophy. The latter is presented by the Golf Writers' Association of America. The George M. Trainor family of Rochester, N. Y., received the first "Golfing Family of the Year" award. It is a memorial to the late William C. Chapin who at his death was a member of the USGA Executive Committee and Chairman of the Green Section Committee.

Regain Amateur Status

The USGA Executive Committee has reinstated:

Donald W. Anderson, Fernandina Beach, Fla.; Theodore H. Blaner, Old Saybrook, Conn.: Alma N. Clare, Ogden, Utah; Richard O. Guardiola. Shaker Heights, Ohio; Robert W. Haefner, Rochester, N. Y.: Mrs. Paul W. Hendrix, Shreveport, La.; Robert G. Housen, Lakewood, N. J.; Arthur E. Howell, Detroit, Mich.; Joseph F. Kazimir, Wallkill, N. Y.; Roland P. Mailhot, New Bedford, Mass.; Edward M. Meyerson, Los Angeles, Calif.: Robert W. Mueller, Greendale, Wis.: William S. Murphy. Toledo, Ohio: Robert W. Neilson, Lima, Ohio; Mrs. Ellamae W. Roessler, Walnut Creek, Calif., and George C. Sasso, Cleveland, Ohio.

TURF BOOK AVAILABLE

The book "Turf Management", a popular educational printing of all matters pertaining to turf, is now on sale in a revised edition.

It is a complete and authoritative book written by Professor H. Burton Musser and sponsored by the USGA. The author is Professor Emeritus of Agronomy at Pennsylvania State University.

Orders may be placed through the USGA, 40 East 38th Street, New York 16, N. Y.; the USGA Green Sectional Regional Offices; the McGraw-Hill Book Co., 330 West 42nd Street, New York 36, N. Y., or at local bookstores. The cost is \$10.95.

LGU Defers Competition

A stroke play championship in England which would have involved amateur and professional women golfers has been deferred by the Ladies' Golf Union of Great Britain. The tournament was to be played June 14-15 at Hoylake. Lack of sponsor support prompted the postponement.

Necrology

It is with regret that we record the death of:

JESSE P. GUILFORD, Newton, Mass., the USGA Amateur Champion in 1912. He also was a member of three USGA Walker Cup Teams. Mr. Guilford was known as "the Boston Siege Gun" because of his tremendous drives.

BEN LEE BOYNTON, Dallas, Texas, a former member of the USGA Sectional Affairs and Green Section Committees. He was an All-America football player at Williams College in 1917-19-20 and in December of 1962 was enshrined in the National Football Hall of Fame.

McLeod's Golden Jubilee

Fred McLeod, oldest USGA Open Champion, was honored at a dinner recently that celebrated his 50th year as professional at Columbia Country Club, Chevy Chase, Md. Freddie, who is 81, won the Open in 1908.

Championship Sites

The USGA has accepted invitations for the following Championships:

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1964 Senior Amateur—October 5-10 at Waverly Country Club, Portland, Oregon.

1965 Open—June 17-19 at Bellerive Country Club, Creve Coeur, Mo. (near St. Louis).

1966 Open — June 16-18 at the Olympic Club, Lakeside Course, San Francisco.

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> Eddie L. Ervin, Jr. Managing Editor

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Charles H. Ward

(My commission expires March 30, 1963)