

# **SINGLE RULES CODE AVERTS SNAGS IN WORLD TEAM GOLF**

All but PGA  
tour players  
follow the Rules

In more than 1,500 rounds played in the three World Amateur Team Championships of 1958-60-62, the players have not run afoul of serious problems involving the Rules of Golf, in spite of differences of language and customs in their many lands.

This striking commentary on the value of a single code of Rules was made by William Ward Foshay, of New York, Chairman of the USGA Rules of Golf Committee, during the Association's 69th Annual Meeting last month. He was reporting on some of the effects of the USGA's abandonment of its "trial rules" a year ago and its reaffirmation of the long-standing policy favoring world-wide uniformity in the playing code.

Mr. Foshay pointed out, however, that deviations from the Rules of Golf continue to be used on the tournament circuit of the Professional Golfers' Association of America, even though the PGA directs its 34 Sections to follow the Rules of Golf.

"The situation concerning the special rules of the professional circuit now seems even more dismal than before," Mr. Foshay reported. "Efforts were continued to persuade the PGA that withdrawal of their special circuit rules would be in the interests of their own members as well as those of the game as a whole . . .

"Most distressing of all was the fact that in certain pro-amateur events PGA representatives contrived to have the professional play the tour rules whilst his amateur partner observed the Rules of Golf. Think of it —partners in a game of golf playing under different rules!"



WM. WARD FOSHAY

## **Award Winners**

Miss Patty Berg, professional golfer, was honored with the Bob Jones Award for distinguished sportsmanship at the Annual Meeting, held at the Biltmore Hotel in New York.

During the USGA Green Section's annual Educational Program the preceding day, O. J. Noer, of Milwaukee, received the USGA Green Section Award for outstanding work in turf-grass development.

The Educational Program was based on the topic "Traffic on the Golf Course." It will be reported in a USGA publication in the spring.

The Association's 1962 officers and Executive Committee were re-elected at the Annual Meeting except that Morrison Waud, of Chicago, joined

the Committee in replacement of Harold A. Moore, who did not make himself available. John M. Winters, Jr., of Tulsa, continues as President.

Among other developments reported at the Annual Meeting were:

**Senior Championship:** A new format has been established for the Senior Amateur Championship. In 1963 it will be played entirely at match play. A field of 128 players (instead of 120) will become eligible after Sectional Qualifying Rounds. There will be seven rounds of match play in the six days of the Championship. On the fifth day, when the quarter-finals and semi-finals will be played, players will be permitted to use automotive transportation if they desire.

Heretofore the Championship proper has consisted of an 18-hole qualifying round with 32 qualifiers for match play.

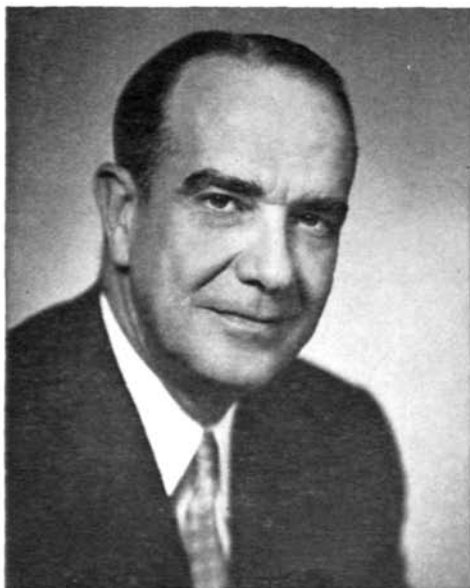
**Open Prize Money:** Prize money for professionals in the 1963 Open Championship has been increased approximately \$16,000 to a new record total of about \$86,000. Additionally,

\$7,800 will continue to be awarded in 13 Sectional Qualifying Championships, bringing the grand total for the Championship to \$93,800. Of the extra prize money, approximately \$15,000 will be reserved for the 100 qualifiers for the Championship who do not become eligible for the last 36 holes; they will receive \$150 each. The Champion's prize has been increased from \$15,000 to \$16,000.

**Women's Open:** Prize money for professionals in the Women's Open Championship has been increased by \$1,000 to a total of \$9,000.

**Championships:** The Association's nine Championships in 1962 attracted a record 9,788 entrants, an increase of  $3\frac{1}{4}$  over the previous year's high mark. There were 238 Sectional Qualifying Rounds connected with five of the Championships.

**Amateur Status and Conduct:** It is no longer a violation to accept compensation for serving as a caddie, a caddie-master or assistant caddie-master, or as a golf shop employee engaged in making, repairing or cleaning or selling golf merchandise.



JOHN M. WINTERS, JR.



MORRISON WAUD

**Rules of Golf:** 46,000 copies of the Association's new book "Golf Rules in Pictures" were distributed by Grosset & Dunlap, the publisher.

A Negotiating Committee has been appointed by the USGA President, Mr. Winters, Jr., to represent the Association at a quadrennial Rules of Golf conference with the Royal and Ancient Golf Club at Turnberry, Scotland, on May 18-19. The six USGA members are Wm. Ward Foshay, of New York, Chairman; Isaac B. Grainger, New York; Hord W. Hardin, St. Louis; Eugene S. Pulliam, Indianapolis; Richard S. Tufts, Pinehurst, N. C., and Joseph C. Dey, Jr., New York.

**Membership:** The Association's membership enjoyed a net gain of 109 Member Clubs and Courses, bringing the total to 2,657 and marking the 17th consecutive year of increase.

**Green Section:** The Visiting Service had an enrollment of 841 courses; 1,234 service visits were made.

**Museum:** Clubs of two Presidents were added, one each of General Dwight D. Eisenhower and Woodrow Wilson.

**Public Information:** A new committee explored methods of improving the lines of communication between the USGA and its Member Clubs and the golfing world.

**Finance:** Instead of a deficit as budgeted, the Association's operations in 1962 resulted in net income of \$28,492.

#### **Patty Berg and O. J. Noer**

Miss Patty Berg, a professional since 1940, was enthusiastically applauded when she received the Bob Jones Award "For Distinguished Sportsmanship in Golf". It was presented by Henry H. Russell, of Miami, Fla., a USGA Executive Committee Member.

As an amateur, Miss Berg won the USGA Women's Amateur Champion-

ship in 1938, the Minnesota State title three times, the Trans-Mississippi Women's Amateur twice and the Titleholders Championship three times.

After becoming a professional in 1940, she won the Titleholders Championship four more times and the Women's Open Championship in 1946 before that event was conducted by the USGA. During 1962 she scored her 83rd tournament victory.

In her acceptance speech Miss Berg paid tribute to her late father, who was extremely close to her, for his advice in human relations. Miss Berg brought with her to the meeting some of the many medals she has won including one for winning a 65 yard race in grade school.

Past recipients of the Bob Jones Award have been 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.

O. J. Noer, recipient of the Green Section Award, was in charge of the Turf Service Bureau of the Milwaukee Sewerage Commission from 1926 through 1960.

The Award "For Distinguished Service to Golf Through Work with Turfgrass", was presented by John M. Winters, Jr., USGA President, and Henry H. Russell, Chairman of the USGA Green Section Committee.

Mr. Noer, who has devoted much of his professional career to extension work in fine turf problems, has probably visited and consulted on more golf courses throughout North America than any other agronomist.

A graduate of the University of Wisconsin in 1912, Mr. Noer became the State Soils Chemist in 1914 and was instrumental in establishing the first soils testing laboratory in this country. During World War I he served overseas as Captain in the Chemical Warfare Service.

In his remarks, Mr. Noer praised the Green Section saying "Old timers are aware of Green Section achievements, but the present generation may not know about them. The Green Section came to the rescue at times when golf turf was threatened with extinction. Each time the staff came up with the answer.

"Before World War I the bent seed used on greens came from Europe and was sold as mixed German bent. When seed was no longer available the Green Section developed the vegetative method of planting creeping bent grass stolons and were responsible for named

strains such as Washington, Metropolitan, Congressional, etc. Some are still popular.

"... Through the Green Section the USGA has pioneered in providing its members, and others, with answers to turf grass problems."

The first Green Section Award was received in 1961 by Dr. John Monteith, Jr., of Colorado Springs, Colo. Prof. Lawrence S. Dickinson, of Amherst, Mass., was the 1962 recipient.

Each of the two award winners received a replica of the original award, which hangs in "Golf House".

## 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 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.