

## The Annual Meeting of the United States Golf Association and of the Green Section

In this number of THE BULLETIN will be found the address of the retiring president of the United States Golf Association, Mr. Howard F. Whitney, which we are sure will be of interest to all concerned in the progress of golf.

As a supplement we are also publishing in full the proceedings of the annual meeting of the Green Section held at the Drake Hotel, Chicago, January 14, 1922. It is only right that those who could not be present at this meeting should have the benefit of full knowledge of what transpired. There is much in the report that will be of general interest. Don't fail to read it.

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### Address of Mr. Howard F. Whitney, Retiring President of the United States Golf Association

The Green Committee is fortunate in being able to present to the readers of THE BULLETIN this address of President Whitney's, which was given at the luncheon of the Executive Committee of the United States Golf Association at the Drake Hotel, Chicago, January 14, 1922. Mr. Whitney, in his address, has touched upon a number of points near to the hearts of all lovers of the game and which we have felt will be of deep interest to the many who could not be present on the occasion. The address in full follows:

This luncheon is given by the Executive Committee of the United States Golf Association in order to place before you gentlemen who represent the government in golf through various sectional and district associations in the country, certain matters pertaining to the game which our Committee deems of vast importance to its welfare, and also briefly to summarize our stand and opinion on several subjects pertinent to the game, and our reasons for taking the positions we have on these matters. I would like to impress upon you that no action of the United States Golf Association has ever been taken without first making a most thorough investigation of the conditions surrounding the problem, and the decision in each case has been reached only after the most careful study from all angles with the one view in mind—the best interests of the game of golf.

The first subject that I would like to approach is the control of the game, and I would like to give you the views of the Executive Committee, of which I have been a member during the last seven years. The ruling bodies in golf should be composed of men of responsibility who play the game of golf and who understand the principles upon which the game is based, and its traditions and fundamentals. No man who benefits in any way, directly or indirectly, should have a voice in the policy of any golf association. The officials should be representative of the golfers in the country, and it is their duty to keep the game a clean and purely amateur sport. It is their further duty to take all steps necessary to prevent inventors or manufacturers from exploiting championships or prominent players in championships in order to sell their goods.

The Executive Committee of the United States Golf Association is made up of men in widely separated districts throughout the United States. They are the trustees for the Havemeyer Cup, the emblem of the amateur championship in this country. A player who enters the United States Golf Association Championship must look upon the winning of the title of champion as an honor and a glory only, and not as an opportunity. The game is too fine, too inspiring, to allow any other spirit to prevail; and no man can be bigger than the game itself. There has been a growing practice among some dealers to exploit our champion-