

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
UNITED STATES GOLF ASSOCIATION, HELD AT THE PITTSBURGH  
CLUB, PITTSBURG, PA., SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 1923, 3 O'CLOCK  
P. M.**

3:00 o'clock P. M.

PRESIDENT BYERS: Gentlemen, will you please come to order? I first wish to apologize for the delay in calling the meeting to order, but the delay was caused by the fact that we were waiting to be sure that we had a quorum present. I think now we have, and I will ask the Secretary if he will kindly call the roll.

(The roll was thereupon called by Secretary Lee, showing the following clubs represented by delegate or by proxy:)

Name	Delegate	Proxy
Algonquin Golf Club, Webster Groves, Mo.....		
Allegheny Country Club, Sewickley, Pa.....		J. D. Lyon
Americus Golf Club, Americus, Ga.....		
Apawamis Club (The), Rye, N. Y.....		F. S. Douglas
Arcola Country Club, Arcola, N. J.....		H. R. Winthrop
Aronimink Golf Club (The), Drexel Hill, Pa.....		G. H. Walker
Atlanta Athletic Club, Atlanta, Ga.....		T. B. Paine
Audubon Golf Club, Audubon Park, N. Or., La.		
Bala Golf Club, Bala, Pa.....		G. H. Walker
Baltimore Country Club, Baltimore, Md.....		
Baltusrol Golf Club, Baltusrol, N. J.....		T. J. McMahon
Beacon Hill Golf Club, Atlantic Highlands, N. J.		
Beaver Valley Country Club, Patterson Heights, Pa.....	Jas. P. Piper	
Belleair Country Club, Belleair Heights, Pa.....		T. B. Paine
Belleclaire Golf and C. C., Bayside, L. I.....		W.D.Vanderpool
Belle Meade Country Club, Nashville, Tenn.....		
Bellerive Country Club, Normandy, Mo.....		
Bellevue Country Club, Inc., Syracuse, N. Y.....		
Belmont Springs Country Club, Waverly, Mass.....		H. R. Winthrop
Beresford Country Club, San Mateo, Calif.....		
Beverly Country Club, Chicago, Ill.....		
Blind Brook Club, Portchester, N. Y.....		
Bloomfield Hills Country Club, Birmingham, Mich.....		J. D. Standish, Jr.
Blue Mound Country Club, Wauwastosa, Wis.....	W. H. Brooks	
Bob O'Link Golf Club, Highland Park, Ill.....	R. Nichols	R. A. Gardner
Brae-Burn Country Club, West Newton, Mass.....		H. H. Wilder
Broadmoor Golf Club, Colorado Springs, Colo.....		J. F. Byers
Brooklawn Country Club, Inc., Bridgeport, Conn.....		J. F. Burke
Brookside Country Club (The), Pottstown, Pa.....		
California Golf Club of San Francisco, Calif.....	R. D. Lapham	
Calumet Country Club, Homewood, Ill.....		C. V. Piper
Canoe Brook Country Club, Summit, N. J.....		H. R. Winthrop
Cedarbrook Country Club, Montgomery Co., Pa.....		J. D. Lyon
Charles River Country Club, Newton Centre, Mass.....		J. L. Taylor
Charleston Country Club, Charleston, S. C.....		
Cherry Valley Club, Inc., Garden City, L. I.....		
Chestnut Hill Golf Club (The), Chestnut Hill, Mass.....		H. W. Perrin
Chevy Chase Club, Chevy Chase, Md.....		
Chicago Golf Club (The), Wheaton, Ill.....		G. H. Chasmar
City Park Golf Club, Denver, Colo.....		J. F. Byers
Claremont Country Club, Oakland, Calif.....		

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Columbia Country Club, Chevy Chase, Md.	G. H. Chasmar	
Columbus Country Club, Columbus, Ohio		
Commonwealth Country Club, Chestnut Hill, Mass.		H. H. Wilder
Country Club of Atlantic City, Northfield, N. J.		
Country Club (The), Brookline, Mass.	H. H. Wilder	
Country Club of Buffalo, Buffalo, N. Y.		
Country Club of Fairfield, Fairfield, Conn.		J. H. Whigham
Country Club (The), Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich.		J. D. Standish
Country Club of Harrisburg, Harrisburg, Pa.		H. W. Perrin
Country Club of Indianapolis (The), Indianapolis, Ind.		J. F. Burke
Country Club of Springfield, West Springfield, Mass.		T. J. McMahon
Crawford County Country Club, Robinson, Ill.		G. H. Chasmar
Deal Golf Club, Deal, N. J.		J. L. Taylor
Dedham Country and Polo Club, Dedham, Mass.		J. L. Taylor
Delavan Country Club, Delavan, Wis.		
Denver Country Club (The), Denver, Colo.		J. F. Byers
Detroit Golf Club, Detroit, Mich.		J. D. Standish
Dornich Hills Country Club, Ardmore, Okla.	P. B. Maxwell	
Doylestown Country Club	H. W. Perrin	
Dutchess Golf & Country Club, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	Horatio Nelson	
Edgewater Golf Club, Chicago, Ill.		R. A. Gardner
Ekwanok Country Club (The), Manchester, Vt.	J. L. Taylor	
Engineers' Country Club, Roslyn, L. I., N. Y.	F. H. Hoyt	W.D.Vanderpool
Englewood Golf Club (The), Englewood, N. J.		W.D.Vanderpool
Essex County Club, Manchester, Mass.		J. L. Taylor
Essex County Country Club, West Orange, N. J.		F. B. Barrett
Evanston Golf Club, Evanston, Ill.		
Exmoor Country Club, Highland Park, Ill.		
Fairmont Country Club, Fairmont, W. Va.		
Fairview Country Club, Elmsford, N. Y.		F. H. Hoyt
Fall River Country Club, Fall River, Mass.		R. D. Lapham
Fenimore Country Club, White Plains, N. Y.		F. H. Hoyt
Flintridge Country Club, Pasadena, Calif.		
Flossmoor Country Club, Flossmoor, Ill.		
Ft. Leavenworth Officers' Club, Ft. Leavenworth, Kans.		F. B. Barrett
Fox Hills Golf Club, Clifton, Staten Isl'd, N. Y.		C. S. Lee
Friendship Golf Club, Washington, D. C.	H. L. West	
Garden City Country Club, Garden City, L. I.		J. F. Byers
Garden City Golf Club, Garden City, L. I.		
Glen Echo Country Club, Normandy, Mo.		G. H. Chasmar
Genundawah Golf Club, East Rochester, N. Y.		
Glen View Club, Golf, Ill.		
Golf and Country Club, Des Moines, Iowa		
Grassy Sprain Golf Club, Bronxville, N. Y.		W. C. Fownes, Jr.
Greenbrier Golf Club (The), White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.		G. H. Walker
Green Meadow Country Club, Inc., Harrison N. Y.		
Green Valley Country Club, Roxborough, Philadelphia, Pa.		G. H. Walker
Greenwich Country Club (The), Greenwich, Conn.		J. F. Byers
Gulph Mills Golf Club, Gulph Mills, Pa.		J. D. Lyon

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Hampton Roads Golf and C. C., Hampton, Va.		
Hartford Golf Club, Hartford, Conn.		
Highlands Country Club, Grand Rapids, Mich.		J. F. Burke
Highland Country Club (Inc.), Meriden, Conn.		
Hillcrest Country Club, Kansas City, Mo.		J. D. Lyon
Hinsdale Golf Club, Hinsdale, Ill.		R. A. Gardner
Hollywood Golf Club, Deal, N. J.	F. B. Barrett	
Hudson River Country C'b, Inc., Yonkers, N. Y.		F. H. Hoyt
Huntingdon Valley Country Club (The), Noble, Pa.		G. H. Walker
Hyannisport Club, Hyannisport, Mass.		W. D. Vanderpool
Idlewild Country Club, Flossmoor, Ill.		C. V. Piper
Inverness Club, Toledo, Ohio		E. J. Marshall
Inwood Country Club	A. F. Steiner	
Kent Country Club, Grand Rapids, Mich.		
Kernwood Country Club, Salem, Mass.		H. H. Wilder
Knickerbocker Country Club, Tenafly, N. J.		
La Grange Country Club, La Grange, Ill.		C. V. Piper
Lake Shore Country Club, Glencoe, Ill.		
Lakewood Country Club, Dover, Ohio		
Lakewood Country Club, Lakewood, N. J.		F. S. Douglas
Lochmoor Club, Grosse Pointe, Mich.		J. D. Standish
Lido Country Club, Long Beach, L. I., N. Y.		T. J. McMahon
Links Golf Club (The), Searington, L. I., N. Y.		
Llanerch Country Club, Manoa, Del. Co., Pa.		J. D. Lyon
Losantiville Country Club, Cincinnati, Ohio.		
McGregor Links, Inc. (The), Saratoga Springs, N. Y.		
Maidstone Club, East Hampton, L. I., N. Y.		
Mayfield Country Club (The), S. Euclid, Ohio.	Chester C. Bolton	
Merion Cricket Club (The), Haverford, Pa.		H. W. Perrin
Midland Valley Country Club, Overland, Mo. (St. Louis Co.)		
Midlothian Country Club, Blue Island, Ill.		R. A. Gardner
Milburn C'try Club, Inc., Baldwin, L. I., N. Y.		F. B. Barrett
Milwaukee Country Club, No. Milwaukee, Wis.		W. C. Fownes, Jr.
Minikahda Club, Minneapolis, Minn.		
Misquamicut Golf Club, Watch Hill, R. I.		
Mohawk Golf Club, Schenectady, N. Y.		A. F. Knight
Monongahela Valley Country Club, Dinora, Pa.		
Montour Heights Country Club, Coraopolis, Pa.		Charles Yon
Morris County Golf Club, Convent Sta., N. J.	W. D. Vanderpool	
Myopia Hunt Club, Hamilton, Mass.		R. D. Lapham
Nashua Country Club, Nashua, N. H.		
Nassau Country Club, Glen Cove, L. I., N. Y.		
National Golf Links of America, Southampton, L. I., N. Y.	G. H. Walker	T. H. Whigham
Nemacolin Country Club, Beallsville, Pa.		
New Haven Country Club, New Haven, Conn.		W. C. Fownes, Jr.
New Orleans Country Club, New Orleans, La.		
Newport Country Club, Newport, R. I.		C. S. Lee
No. Hempstead Country Club, Pt. Wash., L. I.		W. C. Fownes, Jr.
North Hills Country Club, Glenside, Pa.		F. L. Crocker
North Shore Country Club, Inc., Glen Head, L. I., N. Y.		
Oak Hills Country Club, Rochester, N. Y.	John C. Wright	
Oakland Golf Club (The), Bayside, L. I., N. Y.		R. D. Lapham
Oak'd Hills Country Club, Birmingham, Mich.		J. D. Standish

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Oakley Country Club (The), Watertown, Mass.		J. F. Burke
Oakmont Country Club, Oakmont, Pa.	W. C. Fownes, Jr.	
Oak Park Country Club (The), Oak Park, Ill.		S. H. Strawn
Oak Ridge Country Club, Minneapolis, Minn.		
Oak Ridge Golf Club, Tuckahoe, N. Y.		
Old Elm Club, Fort Sheridan, Ill.	R. A. Gardner	S. H. Strawn
Old York Road Country Club, Jenkintown, Pa.		F. L. Crocker
Olympia Fields Country Club, Matteson, Ill.		J. H. Whigham
Onwentsia Club, Lake Forest, Ill.		R. A. Gardner
Orlando Country Club, Orlando, Fla.		
Ould Newbury Golf Club, Newburyport, Mass.		H. L. West
Overbrook Golf Club, Overbrook, Pa.		F. L. Crocker
Palmetto Golf Club, Aiken, S. C.	J. F. Byers	
Park Club of Buffalo, Buffalo, N. Y.		J. F. Burke
Pelham Country Club, Pelham Manor, N. Y.		
Philadelphia Country Club, Philadelphia, Pa.		F. L. Crocker
Philadelphia Cricket Club, Philadelphia, Pa.		F. L. Crocker
Philmont Country Club, Philmont, Pa.		R. H. Williams, Jr.
Phoenixville Country Club, Phoenixville, Pa.		H. L. West
Pinehurst Country Club, Pinehurst, N. C.		C. S. Lee
Pine Valley Golf Club, Pine Valley, N. J.	H. W. Perrin	
Piping Rock Club, Locust Valley, L. I., N. Y.	H. R. Winthrop	
Plainfield Country Club, Plainfield, N. J.		F. B. Barrett
Quaker Ridge Golf Club, Inc., Mamaroneck N. Y.		H. R. Winthrop
Race Brook Country Club, Orange, Conn.		
Raritan Valley Country Club, Somerville, N. J.		
Ravisloe Country Club, Homewood, Ill.		C. V. Piper
Redford Country Club, Redford, Mich.		R. D. Lapham
Richmond Country Country Club, Dongan Hills L. I., N. Y.		R. H. Williams, Jr.
Riverhead Country Club, Inc., Riverhead, N. Y.		W. D. Vanderpool
Rock Island Arsenal Golf Club, Rock Isl'd, Ill.		
Rockaway Hunting Club (The), Cedarhurst L. I., N. Y.		T. J. McMahon
Roxborough Country Club (The), Philadelphia, Pa.		R. H. Williams, Jr.
Rumson Country Club, Rumson, N. J.		
St. Albans Golf Club, St. Albans, N. Y.		F. Johnston
St. Andrews Golf Club, Mount Hope, N. Y.		F. S. Douglas
St. Louis Amateur Ath. Assn., St. Louis, Mo.		W. D. Vanderpool
St. Louis Country Club, Clayton, Mo.		
Sandy Burr Country Club, Wayland, Mass.		
San Francisco Golf and C. C., Ingleside, San Francisco, Calif.		R. D. Lapham
Scarsdale Golf & C'try Club, Hartsdale, N. Y.		F. B. Barrett
Scioto Country Club Co., Columbus, Ohio.		
Seattle Golf Club, Seattle, Wash.		J. H. Whigham
Seaview Golf Club, Absecon, N. J.		
Shackamaxon Country Club, Westfield, N. J.		F. H. Hoyt
Shaker Heights Country Club (The), Warrensville, Ohio	F. W. Smith	
Shannopin Country Club, Pittsburgh, Pa.		
Shawnee Country Club, Shawnee-on-Del., Pa.	E. H. Worthington	
Shenescossett Country Club, Groton, Conn.		F. H. Hoyt
Shinnecock Hills Golf Club, Southampton, L. I., N. Y.		
Shoreacres Club, Lake Bluff, Ill.		C. V. Piper
Shorewood Country Club, Dunkirk, N. Y.		J. H. Whigham

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Shreveport Country Club, Shreveport, La.....		
Siwanoy Country Club, Mount Vernon, N. Y.....	Chas. M. Miller	
Skokie Country Club, Glencoe, Ill.....		
Sleepy Hollow Country Club (The), Scarborough-on-Hudson, N. Y. ....	H. H. Albright	
Somerset Hills C'try Club, Bernardsville, N. J. ....		
Soundview Golf C'b, Inc., G't Neck, L. I., N. Y. ....		T. B. Paine
Stenton Country Club, Philadelphia, Pa.....		F. Johnston
Sunnybrook Golf Club, Flourtown, Pa.....		F. Johnston
Sunset Hill Country Club, Sappington, Mo.....		S. H. Strawn
Tavistock Country Club, Haddonfield, N. J.....		C. S. Lee
Tedesco Country Club, Swampscott, Mass.....		J. L. Taylor
Town & C'try Club of St. Paul, St. Paul, Minn. ....		
Tredyffrin Country Club, Paoli, Pa.....		F. Johnston
Tuxedo Golf Club, Tuxedo Park, N. Y.....	C. S. Lee	
Upper Montclair Country Club, Upper Montclair, N. J. ....		
Wanango Country Club, Reno, Pa.....		
Wannamoisett Country Club, Providence, R. I. ....		F. S. Douglas
Wee Burn Golf Club, Noroton, Conn.....		
Westchester-Biltmore Country Club, Rye, N. Y. ....		W. C. Fownes, Jr.
Westchester Hills Golf Club, White Plains, N. Y. ....		F. S. Douglas
Westmoreland Country Club, Glenview, Ill.....	C. H. Lehman	
West Okoboji Golf & Country Club, Milford Iowa .....		
Westward-Ho Golf Club, Chicago, Ill.....		S. H. Strawn
White Bear Yacht Club, Dellwood, Minn.....		S. H. Strawn
Whitemarsh Valley Country Club, Phila., Pa. ....		H. W. Perrin
Winchester Country Club, Winchester, Mass....		H. L. West
Wilmington Country Club, Wilmington, Del....		
Wolleston Golf Club, Montclair, Mass.....		H. H. Wilder
Woodland Golf Club, Auburndale, Mass.....		H. H. Wilder
Woodway Country Club, Inc. (The), Stamford, Conn. ....		T. B. Paine
Wykagyl Country Club (The), New Rochelle N. Y. ....		
Yahundasis Golf Club, Utica, N. Y.....		H. L. West
Youngstown Country Club (The), Youngstown, Ohio .....	Herman M. Hurd	
Yountakah Country Club, Inc., Nutley, N. J.....		
Wheeling Country Club, Wheeling, W. Va.....		
Total number active clubs.....		232
Necessary for quorum.....		117
Present .....		156

PRESIDENT BYERS: Gentlemen, from the roll call and the report of the Secretary, there being a quorum present, we will proceed with the regular business. The first order of business is the reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting.

(On motion, duly made, seconded and carried, the reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting was dispensed with.)

PRESIDENT BYERS: The next order of business is the report of the Executive Committee. I think each delegate has a copy of this report at his place.

MR. DOUGLAS: Mr. President, I move that, since this report, as well as the Treasurer's report, is printed, we dispense with the reading of the Executive Committee's report and also the Treasurer's report.

PRESIDENT BYERS: Mr. Douglas has moved that the reading of the

report of the Executive Committee and the report of the Treasurer, who unfortunately is absent, be dispensed with, and that the report be placed on the table for the benefit of any delegate who would like to peruse it.

(The motion was duly seconded and carried.)

PRESIDENT BYERS: The next order of business, I think, is the election of officers and committees. I would like to ask Mr. Gardner if he will take the Chair.

(Mr. Gardner presiding.)

MR. GARDNER: You all have the report of the Nominating Committee before you, showing the officers on the regular ticket, as follows:

UNITED STATES GOLF ASSOCIATION  
REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

New York, N. Y., Nov. 1, 1922.

Cornelius S. Lee, Esq., Secretary,  
United States Golf Association,  
55 John St., New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:—

As Chairman of the Nominating Committee of the United States Golf Association for the year 1923, I am sending you the ticket as selected unanimously by this Committee.

According to the Constitution of the United States Golf Association, each member of the Executive Committee must be a member of an Active Member Club of the Association, also six out of the thirteen members of the Executive Committee must be a member of the Executive Committee or a Director of some State, Sectoinal or recognized Golf Association. The following is the ticket:

OFFICERS

*President*

J. Frederic Byers.....Allegheny Country Club

*Vice-Presidents*

Robert A. Gardner.....Onwentsia Club  
Wynant D. Vanderpool.....Morris County Golf Club

*Secretary*

Cornelius S. Lee.....Tuxedo Golf Club

*Treasurer*

Edward S. Moore.....National Golf Links

*Executive Committee*

Rodger D. Lapham.....San Francisco Golf and Country Club  
John R. Lemist.....Denver Country Club  
Thomas B. Paine.....Atlanta Athletic Club  
C. O. Pfeil.....Memphis Country Club  
James D. Standish, Jr.....Lochmoor Club  
James C. Ward.....Kansas City Country Club  
Henry H. Wilder.....The Country Club  
Alan D. Wilson.....Merion Cricket Club

Six Sectional, State or recognized Golf Associations are on the ticket as follows:

Rodger D. Lapham.....California Golf Association  
John R. Lemist.....Trans-Mississippi Golf Association  
C. O. Pfeil.....Western Golf Association  
James D. Standish, Jr.....Public Links Golf Association  
James C. Ward.....Inter-Collegiate Golf Association  
Alan D. Wilson.....Pennsylvania Golf Association  
Thomas B. Paine.....Southern Golf Association

*Nominating Committee*

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Findlay S. Douglas.....	Apawamis Club
Cameron B. Buxton.....	Dallas Country Club
Albert R. Gates.....	Skokie Country Club
Harry Potter.....	St. Louis Country Club
James W. Wheeler.....	The Country Club

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES FRANCIS BURKE, Chairman,  
 DAVID H. MCALPIN, II,  
 WALTER L. ROSS,  
 H. CHANDLER EGAN,  
 WILLIAM E. STAUFFER.

MR. GARDNER: Are there any other nominations?

A DELEGATE: I move the nominations close, and the Secretary be instructed to cast one ballot for the ticket as read.

(The motion, having been duly seconded, was unanimously carried.)

MR. GARDNER: I now announce Mr. Byers elected as President, and the officers and directors and the Executive Committee as on the ticket. (Applause.)

PRESIDENT BYERS: Gentlemen, I wish to thank you, first of all, for the honor conferred on me in electing me again to this office, President of the United States Golf Association. I would like to say a little more farther on, but first I wish to welcome the delegates and the out-of-town visitors to Pittsburgh. On behalf of the golfers of this district, I wish to say we appreciate the honor you have conferred on Pittsburgh in coming here, and having the meeting of the United States Golf Association here. We at Pittsburgh have for a period of twenty-five years endeavored to do what we could in the game of golf, and if you will pardon me and bear with me for a little civic pride and a little, perhaps, provincialism, I would just like to mention a few things that Pittsburgh has done for the game of golf. We are proud to have amongst our citizens three ex-amateur champions,—my brother, E. M. Byers, Mr. Fownes and Dave Herron. We also have the honor of having the open champion of the United States being connected with the Pittsburgh club, Gene Sarazen. We also have the captain of two victorious American International Teams—Bill Fownes. I think I might also add that we have the general counsel of the United States Golf Association, Mr. James Francis Burke. (Applause.)

I do want to say that we greatly appreciate the honor the Association has conferred on Pittsburgh in having its meeting here. It is going to mean a great deal to golf in this district. And I want to thank you again for coming and for what this meeting will mean to the golfers in this section.

Personally, I wish to thank the Association for the great honor it has conferred upon me in electing me President of the Association for another year. It is a great honor, gentlemen, and it is one that carries with it responsibilities which, having served a year, are fully realized and appreciated. I should hesitate greatly to assume these responsibilities, were it not for the fact of the support and backing of the Association in the past year. It has been splendid, as has also been the support which the Executive Committee has accorded me. It has been a pleasant job and an easy one, thanks to the coordination and co-operation of our Executive Committee, most of whom are to carry on another year.

The work of the Association has so broadened and developed that the Executive Committee decided—or rather, requested me, beginning last year—to appoint committees to carry on or specialize in the various details of the work of the Association. I think we have now, Mr. Secretary, ten sub-committees or more?

SECRETARY LEE: Ten.

PRESIDENT BYERS: Were it not for the way these committees have functioned and the work they have done, I doubt if we could have carried on as well during the past year as we have. In another year we hope to do better, as we are getting more organized, and the machine is getting better oiled and working better. Right here, I would like to thank the chairmen and the members of those sub-committees for their excellent work during the past year; it

has been invaluable. The reports of those committees, gentlemen, you will find embodied in the report of the Executive Committee, briefly; and if there are any suggestions later as to additional committees, or anything, we will be very glad to hear them.

I would like just briefly to review the past year, 1922, and together with that, state what our policies and ambitions, and so forth, are for the future.

Just a year ago, when the Association met in Chicago, there existed rather an unfortunate and disagreeable misunderstanding among the golfers of the country, particularly between the United States Golf Association and the Western Golf Association. This disagreement—or misunderstanding, rather—threatened to disrupt the unity of golf in this country and was a most serious situation. I am most happy, gentlemen, to say that today the golfers of the country and the sectional associations are in absolute accord; and I wish to thank, on behalf of our Committee of the United States Golf Association, Mr. Gates, the President of the Western Golf Association, Mr. Pfeil, Vice-President—and to be elected President of the Western—and their committee for their cooperation and the efforts they made to bring about harmony in golf in this country. We have always stood for unity and uniformity in the game, and I am most happy to state the condition of affairs today with regard to the administration and politics and policies of golf. I can say, gentlemen, we are together absolutely, and I again want to thank the governing body of the Western Association for their cooperation. (Applause.)

It is most desirable, and is the hope and wish of your committee, that some day it will be possible to have a universal and international code of rules for the game of golf. We are working along those lines. In fact, two years ago, when your committee went abroad to confer with the Royal and Ancient, Mr. Burke drafted a new code of rules, which we hoped to have adopted by the R. & A. in making a universal code. That is still under consideration, and this past year was to be taken up again when Mr. Hambro, the Chairman of Rules of the Royal and Ancient, was to come over with the British team. Unfortunately he was unable to do so, and the matter had to be deferred temporarily. Mr. Hambro has written he hopes to make a special visit to this country to take this matter up. If he is unable to do so, and in the event of our sending a team abroad this year, he hopes to take the matter up again, and ultimately adopt or compile and adopt a universal set of rules—which I think is most desirable. We all think so.

Right there I would just like to say for the gentlemen of the press particularly: At times there have been statements made and there has been an inference that perhaps the United States Golf Association has been too close or leaned over toward the golfing bodies of Great Britain rather than looking after their affairs at home. I think that criticism, gentlemen, is due to a lack of knowledge of affairs. We realize—our committee do—that it is most essential primarily to legislate for golf in this country, but we do believe—and we sincerely believe—that it is most essential, for the best of the game of golf, to preserve the fundamentals of golf which were laid down and built up by our cousins overseas for the past four hundred years. While we are progressing, yet I think we can still learn something about the game from the men who made it. And I want our position thoroughly understood in that respect, that we are not ultra pro-British or anything of that sort, which at times the impression has been conveyed we might be. We are trying to work, gentlemen, for this country first, last and all the time, but we want to go along with the other great English-speaking nation, Great Britain. That is what we are endeavoring to do. I would just like to add to that that the relations today between the Royal and Ancient Rules Committee of Great Britain and the United States Golf Association, and the golfers of this country, are most fortunate, and we are working in perfect harmony and accord. I think the visit of the British golfers this past year has been of great value in bringing this cooperation and harmony about, and we feel that the international competition with Great Britain is not only of inestimable value to golf, but is of great value in bringing together the two countries in a more understanding and friendly way. The British team came over. They were defeated, and great credit is due to Captain Fownes and members of the American team who held up the honor of golf for this country.



The British team, while defeated, made a splendid impression, not only by their skill in the game but their sportsmanship and their individual charm.

I would just like to mention this fact: We hope to continue international golf. I think it is one of our greatest assets, and one of the finest ways to develop it in this country that we can have. We won this year, we won a year ago, and two years ago. I think we can win again, if we can put our best team in the field. But, gentlemen, we must bear in mind that Great Britain suffered greatly during the war. They could not develop younger players. They were in this great World War for five years. Of course, we suffered also, but we must not sit back and think we can control these matches every year. Bill, am I right (addressing Mr. Fownes)? They are coming back, and we have to be on our toes to maintain our supremacy.

I think the whole result of the British visit was most successful and one of the best things we have had, and we are hoping, and it is the desire of our committee, to accept the invitation of the Royal and Ancient Committee, which reads—I don't know whether we have that here today or not. Their invitation says: "We will be most glad at any time to welcome the American team to compete against the British team in this country"—which we have agreed should be done. In another year we should go there and play over there. We hope we will be able to put a team in the field this spring. It is going to be difficult, because three of our best players—Mr. "Bobby" Jones, Mr. Knepper and Mr. Sweetser—are still in college and probably could not go in May. Captain Fownes has advised the committee he will be unable to go. Mr. Gardner also states that it will be quite impossible for him to go this spring. But it is a question with us whether it isn't better to send the best team we have over—maybe it will be; we hope so—rather than let the thing drop at this time. We feel we want to carry on this competition—international competition—and if it is the wish of the Association, your committee will endeavor to select a team and send them over—the best we can get. If they win, all the better; if they lose, they will lose well. That is our feeling in the matter.

During the past year we tried the experiment of charging gate admission fee for the amateur championships, excepting the ladies. This was done for several reasons. One was the necessity of raising funds. The Association has grown to such an extent that we need funds. Our dues from the member clubs are not sufficient to properly finance the administration of the Association. One thing is the Green Section, which I think is one of the finest things that the Association offers to the golf of the country. That requires money, gentlemen, and it doesn't have enough. We would like to have field men to go about the country. Mr. Piper—many of you heard him this morning—tells the needs of the Green Section. Then there is the possible sending of a team abroad, which will require approximately \$10,000; the expenses of entertaining a visiting team; and further, the question of municipal golf, which we have taken up this last year, that requires money to carry on.

Another reason for putting this gate into effect was to reduce the galleries, so that the players would not be bothered and the competition could be better handled.

As the results of putting this gate in—I mean, the results have not been quite up to expectation. We have not acquired the revenue we thought we might. We think in another year we will gradually build up that fund, but during the past year our receipts, I think, amounted at Chicago to \$15,000 and at Brookline to \$8,000—that is, gross. Then we had to pay out of that the clubs' expenses, certain expenses to take care of other matters, that reduced the net amount to a very small figure. I think another year we will have learned a lesson and we can do better. But, gentlemen, I would like to say here that the majority of the committee feels that these championships—the clubs holding these championships must confine their expenses to a minimum, because the Association is not in position, owing to the demands upon it, to give large amounts to the clubs holding the tournaments.

Just to illustrate that, the Treasurer, Mr. Moore—who, unfortunately, is absent, unavoidably—drew up a budget for the expenses and the revenue for the coming year. The expenses, in case we send a team abroad, amount to, roughly, \$35,000; the revenue about the same. That is, we might make \$500,

I think it was—providing we send a team abroad. If we do not, that money can be very well spent in developing the Green Section and in other ways.

I think one of the greatest steps forward that the Association has made in the past year is the introduction of municipal golf under the auspices of the Association. This was taken up when we organized last year, and a committee was appointed to take care of this matter. Mr. James D. Standish was chairman. It has proven a great success, and gentlemen of the Association and the golf of the country, particularly municipal golfing, owe a great debt of gratitude to Mr. Standish for the work he has done in bringing about the development in municipal golf. I think it is the only means of developing golf in this country, and golfers, the value of which cannot be estimated, and I personally would like to give Mr. Standish all the credit for bringing about the splendid results.

The Green Section I have mentioned before, and many of you probably were present this morning at the meeting at the William Penn Hotel. I think Mr. Piper, Mr. Oakley and Mr. Carrier are of so much value to the golfers and golf clubs in the communities in the country that this particular work must be carried on. It is of vital importance in an economical and scientific way. We are deeply indebted to Mr. Piper, to Mr. Oakley and to Mr. Carrier, of the Department of Agriculture, and to Messrs. Harban, Alan Wilson, and Mr. Marshall, of Toledo. They have cooperated and accomplished a great deal in this work.

Another matter that has come up during the past year, and which will come up every year as long as golf is in existence, is the question of amateuring. It is a big question and one that must be dealt with very carefully and very decisively. Your committee feels that there is a place for the amateur and there is a place for the professional. We, as trustees of the game of golf, feel in duty bound to strictly enforce the amateur definition—in other words, that a man may not be a quasi-amateur or a semi-pro, and play amateur golf under the auspices of this Association. There are times when players have transgressed the rule through ignorance, or perhaps through poor advice by other older people. Ignorance, gentlemen, is not an excuse. Your committee feels that this game must be kept clean to prosper, that commercialism must be kept out of it, and if it meets with the approval of the Association, that is the policy that your committee is going to pursue.

I think—we all think in our committee that probably the most important thing we have to deal with today is the question of the club and the ball. The control and the rulings of the club and the ball deal with the fundamentals of the game. I would just like to quote a statement that was made by Mr. John L. Low two years ago, when our committee conferred with the committee of the Royal and Ancient on the question of the ball and the clubs. Mr. Low, having been chairman of the Rules Committee of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club for twenty-two years, makes this statement: "After twenty-two years' work on the Rules of Golf Committee, I can say without a glimpse of doubt, that the limitation of the club and the limitation of the ball are the greatest services we have rendered the same, services which have made her secure from all future attack." That was after we had arrived at the conclusion to limit the ball to 1.62-1.62—"In these two defensive measures we have had the full cooperation of the United States Golf Association." A premium must be placed upon skill; the game should not be made easy, and a player should not be able to purchase his shots in a shop.

One of the greatest charms of the game of golf is the pleasure and satisfaction of overcoming obstacles by reason of one's skill. If the game is made easy, if mechanical devices of the clubs produce what one's skill cannot produce, if the ball may be driven a mile, and so forth, it detracts, takes away from the skill and the pleasure of the game. And it is our opinion that the control of the ball and the club must be given most careful and serious consideration. We look with alarm upon the increasing power and carrying distance of the ball. While we legislated two years ago on the weight and the size of the ball, the inventor and the manufacturer have developed a ball today which goes a great deal farther than the ball which we hoped we had standardized; and we feel that unless this distance can be controlled, your association, in cooperation with the committee abroad, must take very drastic steps to control the length of the ball. The Committee on Implements and the Ball, of which Mr. Vander-

pool is chairman, has given it most careful thought. We have ordered, on the suggestion of Mr. Fownes, through the Department of Standards in Washington, a driving machine whereby we can test the power of the ball. It may be that in future championships all balls will be tested; it may develop that the Association will have to furnish the balls; but on these two points, the club and the ball, I would like to say, on behalf of the committee, that we feel those matters must be controlled by your committee, by the Association. We feel, if the manufacturer or inventor is given too much license, that the game is going to be defeated, and we feel that those matters must be controlled by the Association and not given into the hands of the inventor or the dealer or the manufacturer. That is our policy. If anyone has any remarks on it, we will be glad to hear from them later.

During the past year our championship events, we think, have perhaps been the most successful we ever had. The Open Championship at Skokie, won by Gene Sarazen, I think developed the greatest exhibition of golf we have ever had in the country. Sarazen, a practically unknown player, with great courage and consummate skill and disregard for reputations of the great players that he had to contend with, "went to it" and won a magnificent victory. He further won the Professional Golf Association Tournament, and later defeated Walter Hagen, and stands without question as the greatest golfer of the year, today. I said "professional golfer," because semi-amateur golfers did not compete against him in that tournament.

In the Amateur Championship, Mr. Sweetser I think probably displayed the finest, most consistent golf that has ever been produced in a championship, and defeated in turn "Willie" Hunter, Mr. Guilford, and in the semi-finals defeated a man whom many think—and it is almost universal—the greatest golfer today, in the world, "Bobby" Jones; and in the finals beat "Chick" Evans, who has been for years and still is one of the best golfers in the world.

In the Ladies' Championship, Miss Collett won a notable victory, but not without considerable trouble. She had very keen competition, and thoroughly deserved her victory.

I want, right here, to thank, on behalf of the Association, the management of the Skokie Country Club, of the Country Club of Brookline, and of the club at White Sulphur Springs—the Greenbrier Club, I think it is called—for the wonderful way in which they conducted these championships. The year has been a most notable one, I think, because of the international match and the success of the tourneys.

I would like to say one word, gentlemen, in closing, to convey the thanks of the Association to the golfers of the country for their splendid support during the past year, and we appeal to them and request their support for the coming year. Your committee is not always right; we welcome criticism of a constructive nature, and we hope, if there is anything at any time, any suggestions any of you gentlemen have, or any of the golfers of the country have, you will come to us and help us. We ask your cooperation and support.

I wish to say identically the same thing to the gentlemen of the press. We realize the power of the press, how much good or how much ill the press may do to the game of golf. For the most part, I will say that they have been fair-minded, broad-minded, kindly, and have given us splendid support. At times statements have been made, issued and printed in the papers, which have perhaps been misleading and have given a wrong impression—we think that is due to lack of knowledge of the facts. We ask the support of the press. We do not ask eternal praise, but we ask justness and fair criticism of a constructive nature, and we are at all times glad to give to the press any information at our disposal; we would like to work with the press, and we ask their cooperation.

I should also like to say a word of appreciation to the manufacturers and dealers in implements, paraphernalia, and all that has to do with the game of golf, particularly along the lines of reducing the cost. We have been working with them, and they have cooperated with us in bringing down the cost of playing the game of golf. The cost at one time got so high that the poor man couldn't afford to play golf. It is gradually coming down, and I will say for the manufacturers that the big concerns, such as Spalding and Mr. McGregor and Mr. Curtis, and other gentlemen of other firms, have absolutely assured

us of their support and cooperation. Our desire is to have the game, as far as cost goes, in a position where everyone can play and enjoy the benefits of golf.

Finally, gentlemen, I want to thank you all again for the great honor you have conferred upon me, and in closing, I would like to state to you, tell you what a splendid executive committee you have had during the past year and what wonderful support they have given me in endeavoring to administer the affairs of the organization. I personally want to thank each member of the Executive Committee for what they have done. They have been untiring, unselfish. Not one member of the committee has ever accepted one cent of expenses. They have made sacrifices of money and time, to give what they had to the best interests of the development of the game of golf, and I cannot tell you gentlemen how much I appreciate what they have done to help.

(Applause.)

MR. DOUGLAS: Mr. President, just before you gave your very fine and illuminating remarks on the Executive Committee report, I had previously moved that it be accepted as printed, but on looking it over a second time, I find that the Executive Committee is guilty of a breach of the rules of the game.

MR. GARDNER: We accept the criticism.

MR. DOUGLAS: If you will revert to the International Matches and Relations Committee report, the Walker International Cup Matches, you will find "Singles," and then turn over on the next page, you will find "Scotch Foursomes." Now, gentlemen, being a Scotchman, I accept the compliment. It is a form of competition in which you give Scotland all the credit; but your first rules in the game of golf are definitions; they define singles, two-ball matches, three-ball matches, and so on. Therefore, after having moved that this report be adopted as printed, I want to amend that motion of mine, that you strike out the word "Scotch," and just leave "Foursomes." (Applause and laughter.)

PRESIDENT BYERS: Gentlemen, you have heard the very pertinent and very proper correction that Mr. Douglas has made in the wording of the report of the Executive Committee, particularly as it pertains to the International Match. I think it is in order to accept that correction. We have already adopted this, but would you like a motion or not?

A VOICE: Is Mr. Douglas a prohibition agent?

PRESIDENT BYERS: I really didn't understand whether he wanted to strike out the word "Scotch" or "Foursomes," or substitute for "Foursomes" "High-ball," but I don't think a motion is necessary,—unless you would like one, Mr. Douglas. That should be and will be corrected, Mr. Douglas.

The next order of business is General Business. Under that comes amendments to the constitution. We have two amendments we would like to submit for your consideration. Will you read those, Mr. Secretary?

(Secretary Lee then read the proposed amendments, as follows:)

December 4th, 1922.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the United States Golf Association held Friday, November 24th, the following amendments to the Constitution were approved to be presented at the Annual Meeting on January 13th, 1923.

ARTICLE V of the Constitution, entitled "EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE," shall be amended to read as follows:

"Section 2. POWERS AND DUTIES.—Subject only to the provisions of this Constitution and to such action as may be taken from time to time by the Association itself at an Annual or Special meeting, the Executive Committee shall have entire control and management of the affairs, property and policy of this Association. They may delegate any of their powers or duties to a sub-committee composed of three or more of their own number; except that no sub-committee shall have power to adopt or modify rules for the playing of the game, or to adopt or modify any rule or test of amateur standing, or to elect any Club to Active Membership, or to expel or suspend any Club belonging to the Association. The Executive Committee may appoint other committees, of their number or otherwise, with such duties as they may prescribe, subject only to the limitations herein contained. They may appoint and in their discretion remove such managers, clerks and agents as they deem necessary: and may fix their duties and compensation. They may make and alter any By-Laws or other Rules not inconsistent with this Constitution. *The Executive Committee shall*

*have power from year to year to elect as an honorary member of said Committee any person who, in its opinion, by reason of his interest in or service to the game of golf, may be entitled to such recognition."*

ARTICLE VI of the Constitution, entitled, "OFFICERS," shall be amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. ELECTION.—The officers of this Association shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall be elected and hold office as provided in Section 1 of Article V. No person shall hold more than one office. *There shall also be a General Counsel.* Vacancies shall be filled by the Executive Committee.

"Section 2. (e) GENERAL COUNSEL.—*The General Counsel shall confer with and submit advice to any officer or Committee whenever called upon, and shall act as counsel of record for the Association in any matter entrusted to him by the Executive Committee.*"

BY ORDER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

CORNELIUS S. LEE, Secretary.

(Matter in italics new amendments.)

MR. PAINE: Mr. President, is it in order to elect the counsel?

PRESIDENT BYERS: Mr. Paine, I think you are out of order. We have here the question of acting on these amendments. You have heard the proposed amendments, gentlemen. What is your pleasure?

(Motion duly made and seconded that the amendments be adopted.)

PRESIDENT BYERS: It is moved and seconded that the amendments as proposed be adopted by the Association and embodied in the Constitution of the Association. Are there any remarks? If not, those in favor say "aye"; contrary, "no." Carried.

MR. PAINE: Mr. President, may I nominate Mr. James Francis Burke as general counsel? I think it is in order to elect one at this time, is it not?

PRESIDENT BYERS: I am not sure, Mr. Paine, whether that is not a matter for the Executive Committee to act upon. No; under this amendment I think the selection should properly come before the delegates.

Gentlemen, Mr. Paine has nominated Mr. James Francis Burke to be general counsel of the Association for the coming year, or until his successor is appointed. Is that motion seconded?

(The motion was thereupon duly seconded and unanimously carried.)

MR. DOUGLAS: One point, Mr. President. Does that mean that the general counsel is to be nominated by a nominating committee, as usual?

MR. BURKE: Yes, that is correct.

PRESIDENT BYERS: Yes, in the future. I might add to that, that the general counsel in the past, and I assume in the future, will act without compensation. That is not embodied in this, but I take it that is the idea of the present general counsel. (Laughter.)

Gentlemen, we have had an application—in fact, a very strong appeal—from the National Amateur Athletic Federation of America, which is a body of which His Excellency Mr. Harding is honorary president, Mr. Henry Breckenridge of New York is active president, to join their Federation. This organization has to do with the development of sport in general, and of all kinds, and observing of the amateur status, and so forth, and when we were first appealed to we replied—the Executive Committee replied—we did not think it was within our power to accept or decline, but we would present it to the delegates at the annual meeting. There are a great many ramifications of this organization. It is affiliated with the Amateur Athletic Union, has to do with the Olympic Games—or is affiliated with them—and I think in many ways is a very good thing. The United States Lawn Tennis Association, for instance, is a member. To be a member, your Association would commit itself to abide by certain articles of their Constitution, which I am not sure you are ready to do. If anyone would like to see their Constitution, we will be very glad to show it to them. This subject, as a matter of fact, was referred to a sub-committee of your Executive Committee, consisting of Mr. Vanderpool, chairman, Mr. Allen and Mr. Burke, to report a recommendation. That committee reported yesterday that they were unable at the present time to make a recommendation. They were not fully acquainted with the facts, and if their recommendation had been requested

yesterday, I think it would have been in the negative. I would like to ask Mr. Vanderpool, as chairman of that committee, if he would like to say anything on the subject. Mr. Vanderpool, we were discussing the matter of the National Amateur Athletic Association. I stated you were the chairman of the committee, and the committee was not quite ready to report, and we had said we would submit this matter to the delegates at the annual meeting.

MR. VANDERPOOL: I don't think I have anything further to say. The committee discussed it informally yesterday, and it is still being discussed by our committee. We did not take any action one way or the other on it.

MR. HERRON (?): Mr. President, I move this matter be referred to the Executive Committee, with power to act.

(Motion duly seconded.)

PRESIDENT BYERS: I think probably the National Amateur Athletic Association is expecting an answer yes or no from your committee, but as I have said—Mr. Vanderpool has concurred—we at present are not prepared to recommend one way or the other. We are not satisfied to decline or accept. Mr. Herron has moved that the matter be referred back to the Executive Committee, and it has been seconded. Are there any remarks?

MR. HERRON: With full power to act.

(The question having been put, the motion was carried unanimously.)

PRESIDENT BYERS: Under the heading of General Business, has anyone anything he would like to present?

MR. DOUGLAS: Mr. President, I just want to make this as a suggestion. As you know, I am President of the Metropolitan Golf Association of New York City, and our Executive Committee is made up of prominent golfers, men who play and know the game, and it occurred to us before our meeting—we were talking at a dinner we had before our annual meeting—that your Association as composed, the personnel keeps on changing all the time. A man takes up the game of golf and starts playing it young and plays it all through his life. There is no particular reason why you men—You are all good men, and in a year or two you are succeeded by other members who are nominated by the Nominating Committee. After all, the game is so dependent on the rules that men coming in as you men came in are not familiar with what has gone before, and the suggestion on my part—I am not making this as any motion or anything—is for your consideration, that you recommend at some time that a Rules of Golf Committee be appointed in this country. You speak of Mr. John Low having been chairman of a Rules Committee for twenty years in Great Britain. You see how simple it must be when a man is there for twenty years; he is familiar with all cases that come up before that Rules Committee. Say you appoint a Rules Committee, a permanent Rules Committee, and individual members can be ruled out or withdrawn by the unanimous vote of the Executive Committee, something like that. It is all right the way the Association is constituted now for the conducting of the affairs of the Association, but I think it would be fine for the game of golf if you had a permanent Rules of Golf Committee, which would simply pass on the rules of the game, have nothing to do with the running of the organization. We all realize we have a limit here that the President of the Association serves for two years. There is nothing in the Constitution that he could not serve more, but it seems to be an accepted fact. In the course of twenty years, we probably have sixty-odd men who have served and lost interest in the game. I think the game is old enough in this country so that you will find men who are familiar with the game, and if you could get such men to serve on a Rules of Golf Committee, and simply let any question on the rules in the game be put up to them, and the Executive Committee run all the matters of the Association, as they run it now. We have talked it over, and it seemed pretty well thought of. I just mention that: it is no criticism.

PRESIDENT BYERS: Mr. Douglas, I think your suggestion is an excellent one. In the past year we did appoint a Committee on Rules. I think that is the first time we have ever had a Committee on Rules; and I thought you were a member.

MR. DOUGLAS: It is a committee to be appointed every year; it is not permanent.

PRESIDENT BYERS: I think Mr. Douglas's idea is splendid, that a com-

mittee on rules should carry on and not be changing personnel every year. I think we will bear that in mind, Mr. Douglas, and see if we can develop a Rules Committee. The committee as constituted at present contains some members of the Executive Committee and some members who are not on the Executive Committee. In appointing that committee another year, we will endeavor to see if we can get one that will carry on as a more or less permanent committee. I think it is an excellent suggestion.

Along those lines, gentlemen, I think one of the great weaknesses in golf today in this country is the absolute lack of knowledge of rules by the players. Not only lack of knowledge, but if they know the rules, they don't pay any attention to them. And along this line, I have a letter from Mr. Crosby, former Vice-President of the Association—Mr. Crosby of Boston—which I handed to Mr. Burke. As it is very pertinent to this question, I would like to have him present it to the meeting.

MR. BURKE: This, gentlemen, is a letter that was sent to the President, and Mr. Byers asked me yesterday if I would present it to the meeting here, merely as a matter of comment. It reads as follows:

"HARVARD COLLEGE LIBRARY  
ROOM 91

William C. Lane, Librarian.  
M. Lewis Crosby, Curator of  
Books in Spanish.

Cambridge, Mass., January 3, 1923.

J. Frederic Byers, Esq.,

President, U. S. Golf Association, 235 Water Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mr. Byers:

As I am unable to attend in person the Annual Meeting of the U. S. Golf Association to be held in Pittsburgh this month, I beg to suggest through you the consideration of some means of bringing to the attention of golfers in general, and of the younger players in particular, the importance of a better observance of the Rules of Golf. That there is an altogether too common neglect in observing the rules is manifest to anyone who has the opportunity to watch the playing of many matches. Carelessness in observing the rules in so-called friendly matches is not only bad in itself, but also because it tends to encourage equal carelessness in important events. If a player acquires the habit of disregarding the rules in his everyday matches, he is sure to become forgetful of many of the rules, particularly of those the occasion for applying which occurs infrequently. This means violating the less common rules through ignorance of them, an offense which is none the less subject to penalty, and which would be avoided if players were impelled to devote themselves earnestly to learning the rules, and to determine, when in doubt, to consult a book of rules and not to depend upon the opinion of a fellow-competitor, a caddie or a supposedly well-informed bystander.

It is an unquestioned fact that many of the rules are complicated by qualifying references to other rules; and some of them carry distinctly unfair penalties, such as the penalty for unlawfully asking for or willingly receiving advice. But, until the rules are re-codified or revised, they must stand and be obeyed as they are. For this reason it appears to me, as I am sure it must to all golfers who have a genuine interest in the welfare of the game of golf, that a determined effort should be made by the National Association to furnish instruction, even explanations, in the rules of golf to all players, and at the same time to impress upon them in the most forcible language the importance of observing every written law of the game, no matter how trivial or even unreasonable it may seem.

It is unthinkable that any golfer who plays the game in a spirit of true sportsmanship would intentionally violate a rule, or take advantage of any obscurity in its wording; and it is equally unthinkable that any such golfer could fail to be deeply mortified if, after a match or stroke competition had been finished, he discovered too late for correction that on a particular hole he had incurred a penalty with which he had failed to charge himself through lack of acquaintance with the rules.

Here is a case in point:

In a recent event of national importance a player competing in the qualifying round drove into a road crossing the course. His ball, after it had come to rest, was displaced by a passing automobile. Rule 17 (3) says: 'If a ball *at rest* be displaced by any agency outside the match, except wind, the player *shall* drop a ball as near as possible to the place where it lay, without penalty, etc.' In the case to which I am referring the player did not replace the ball, but played it from the spot to which the automobile had knocked it. This, of course, constituted a violation of the rule, the penalty for which is two strokes; and, failing to charge himself with the incurred penalty, he turned in a card marked with a score lower than that actually made. So that, under the rules, the final result of his mistake should have been disqualification. As it happened, however, the two penalty strokes, if they had been added to his score, would not have prevented his qualifying, and he therefore gained no advantage, so far as the merit of his play was concerned, by his failure to observe the rule. The rule in question may be considered one of the least known rules; it is at all events one of those the necessity for applying which occurs infrequently, and is for that reason seldom remembered.

Every player is familiar with the rule for a lost ball, a ball out of bounds, casual water, and the rules which may be applicable in almost every round of golf; but it is for a more complete acquaintance with, and a stricter observance of, the remaining less known but equally important rules that players should be called upon to devote their attention.

I have cited the above specific case,—one of several that I have had occasion to notice in the last two or three years,—because it illustrates how a player of skill, of unquestioned sportsmanship, and of the highest personal character may violate a rule because, perhaps, he has never heard of it, or has forgotten it.

I would like to make the suggestion that every competitor in an event held under the auspices of the U. S. Golf Association be given, before he starts playing, an official copy of the Rules of Golf, having printed on the cover a strongly worded appeal that he study the rules carefully. It would be a further help if member clubs of the Association were furnished with a liberal supply of these books for distribution among their members, additional copies to be supplied as wanted.

With so many young golfers coming to the front rapidly, golfers upon whom we are to rely for acquiring and maintaining national supremacy in the game, I think you will agree that the matter of which this letter treats is of genuine importance.

Let me conclude by quoting a remark made by an English woman who was in the gallery at the Brookline Country Club, last September. She was overhead to say, 'Don't you play at all according to rule over here?' This was of course too severe; but the implied criticism was not wholly undeserved.

With very kind regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

M. LEWIS CROSBY."

PRESIDENT BYERS: Gentlemen, I think that is a very important matter, and it is one your committee will give very serious consideration. I think Mr. Crosby's suggestions are very good, and we will endeavor to carry them out to the best of our ability.

Just one word in discussing the question of the club and the ball. It might appear that we were rather evading this question of the steel shaft and slotted and grooved clubs and the matter of the ball. I just want to say, I don't think there is anything your committee has given more serious consideration to than this matter of the club and the ball. There was a very apparent misunderstanding or misapprehension of our attitude on the matter of the steel shaft when it was first taken up. The public had that—the golfing public. Some of them thought we had barred the steel shaft. As a matter of fact, gentlemen, your committee acted in, to our mind, a sound, conservative policy. We did not bar it, but we did not permit it. The rules under the Rules of Golf state that the United States Golf Association will not sanction any substantial departure from the accepted form and make of golf clubs. When this question was put up to us, we did not bar it, but we did not accept it, and we are not ready to accept it yet, or until such time as we are quite satisfied that we have sufficient



knowledge and data to insure the golfers of the country that it is proper to accept it. We have had a great deal of communication and a great many requests to adopt it. When we feel that the time is proper to adopt it, we may, but we are trying to pursue a sound, conservative policy with regard to the steel shaft and with regard to the grooved or slotted facings.

Now, I remember two years ago, when we made the rule of the 1.62-1.62 ball, there was great criticism on the controlling of that; and if I recall correctly, Mr. Whigham here, one of our critics, thought that should not be tampered with, that the ball should be left alone. Now, had we not two years ago endeavored to control in a measure the development of the golf ball, I don't know what would have happened to the game today. I think Mr. Whigham and Mr. Douglas and the other Britisher—Scotchman, I think you said—will agree one of the greatest shots in the game of golf is out of the game today, and that is the brassie shot. With these big, powerful balls, the brassie very seldom comes into play. Of course, Mr. Vanderpool still uses the spoon.

Those are the things we have to consider, and we try to do it in the fairest, most broad-minded way; and we want your ideas, we want your criticism, your suggestions. I just don't want you to feel we are dodging anything with regard to the club and the ball. We are studying it most carefully.

MR. DOUGLAS: Now, Mr. President, you referred to me again on this matter, and I want to get straightened out on this thing, because I have gone on record as saying that, as the thing stands today, a man that uses a steel shaft is not a sportsman,—and I have said so, because you do not sanction the use of that shaft. Now, you say that you do not bar it, but you do not sanction it, and I don't know where that halfway line lies there. You don't bar it, but you also say you don't sanction it. Now, I claim you don't allow a man to play with a steel shaft in the United States Golf Association championship, then that man has no business playing with a steel shaft in any other competition.

PRESIDENT BYERS: Mr. Douglas, we feel, or have felt in the past, that the steel shaft is a substantial departure from the accepted form—not particularly form, but make of golf club—and we are most desirous of preserving the unity or uniformity, as you know, of the rules and in the implements of the game. We are practically universally in absolute accord, with the exceptions, perhaps, of the Schenectady putter, which is permitted in this country but not abroad. We feel that the steel shaft is an absolute departure in the make of a golf club.

MR. DOUGLAS: I believe so, too.

PRESIDENT BYERS: And I say, we have not permitted this, which, as you say, practically amounts to saying we bar it. It may be that the danger may be so decreased that the time when it will come when it will be advisable to waive that, or permit the use of the steel shaft. Up to the present time we have not felt so, and furthermore, we are not quite satisfied that we are safe in doing so,—that there are possibilities of developing the steel shaft that might drive a ball a great distance. There are possibilities of mechanical devices in the steel shaft, there are many ramifications we are considering most carefully, and when we are satisfied it is time and is proper to permit the use of the steel shaft, I am quite sure your committee will do so. It is one of the most serious things we are facing today. I agree with you, Mr. Douglas, that not permitting it does substantially amount to barring it. That is quite so. But under the rules, to which we must go, we must not permit a club which is not of the accepted form or make of club. That is what we are told to do. Now rules may be broken, and when we think that the time has come that that should be changed, I think your committee is broad-minded and will give it broad-minded consideration.

MR. VANDERPOOL: I might supplement that a little by saying that unless a test is made by players very generally, unless a club is given a thorough demonstration by all kinds of players—the best players and indifferent players—over a period, we don't feel we have sufficient knowledge or data to go by; and far from being unsportsmanlike in using that club, we would welcome tests not only by the general line of players, but by the champions.

MR. DOUGLAS: I am speaking from the viewpoint of sectional associations. We claim to be immediate subordinates of the United States Golf Association.

ciation. Whatever you do, we follow right along. Therefore, I say, when you cannot use a steel shaft in the United States Golf Association championship, they cannot use it in any Metropolitan championship or any tourney held under the auspices of my association. I don't care what they do—they can play with shovels and pick axes—in private matches, but I am talking about tournaments. So I have told our people, when you don't permit it—there is no use quibbling about the words "permit" and "bar," it means the same thing, in my mind—when you don't permit that club in your association championships, we don't permit it in ours. I don't know anything about the merits of the club at all, I am absolutely neutral, I have never played it. We simply follow you.

PRESIDENT BYERS: What is your suggestion?

MR. DOUGLAS: My suggestion would be this, Mr. President: I would suggest that you appoint a—you can call it by any term you want—call it a commission—appoint a commission to go into this question very thoroughly. Just let them go and find out about this talk—I understand the great big selling point on the steel shaft is they preach all the time the shortage of hickory. Now, I would suggest you appoint some kind of a commission to take this whole question in hand and report back to, say, the next annual meeting—don't be in a hurry about it. Let them get in touch with the hardwood people and find out if there is a shortage of hickory.

MR. VANDERPOOL: Mr. Douglas, I thought you moved to accept this Executive Committee report, and it is exactly in line with your suggestion; that is exactly what we are doing.

MR. DOUGLAS: That just shows you how we golfers are all in harmony. You asked me what was my suggestion. Now, as I say, that only proves that we are all in one accord on this thing.

PRESIDENT BYERS: Thank you, Mr. Douglas.

MR. DOUGLAS: I thank you, sir.

PRESIDENT BYERS: As I mentioned in the remarks I made, one of the greatest steps taken this last year, I think, has been this development of public and municipal golf, and today there are gentlemen present—Mr. Robert W. McKinlay, of Chicago, who has been a pioneer and one of the greatest factors in the development of municipal golf in this country—Mr. Jermain, Mr. McKinlay and Mr. McCumber are working with Mr. Standish on this matter, and we would like to have a few words from Mr. McKinlay on this matter.

MR. MCKINLAY: Mr. President, I was honored with an invitation to say a few words to the Association a year ago, and I didn't think I would be called on this year. However, I want to say, in my opinion, too much credit cannot be given to Mr. James D. Standish, Jr., for the magnificent manner in which he arranged, almost single-handed, the Public Links Tournament at Toledo, and I want to say to you men in this room that it would have done your hearts good to have seen some of the boys competing in that tournament. I recall one young fellow, I think a resident of Toledo, whose appearance reminded me of one of Fagan's students in "Oliver Twist"—really, the cut of the fellow, the cut of his clothes, was worthy of special note—and that fellow was paired off with George F. Aulbach, the low medalist of the tournament. Mr. Standish is better posted than I am on what phase of the tournament it was, but it was the day before the finish.

I want to say, gentlemen, we in the city of Chicago have the greatest centre of public golf anywhere in this country, I believe. I was just asking the gentleman on my right, who comes from New York City, how many public courses there were in that city: he said three. I want to say to you men that in the city of Chicago and in the County of Cook, very close to the city, next year there will be on public courses, 162 holes in play; that there will be semi-public courses numbering ten, with 180 more holes, making an aggregate of 342 holes open to public course players. Now, these ten clubs that I referred to latterly are semi-public clubs; they are clubs that have members who, by paying an annual fee, can play at any time. They are also open to the general public any day for payment of a fee, generally one dollar per day, and Saturdays and Sundays and holidays \$1.50.

I want to say another thing: *The Chicago Herald* invited Gene Sarazen to visit our city the day after Christmas, December 26th, and give a public exhibi-

tion of his golfing skill, free to the public. About ten days prior to his arrival, when I read that in the morning paper, I conceived the idea, as President of the Cook County Municipal Golf Association, to tender a luncheon to Gene Sarazen. I realized it was a bad day, the day after Christmas. Fortunately, however, I secured the ballroom of the Hotel LaSalle, which ordinarily I could not have secured on such short notice. And do you believe me,—we had 319 people there at \$1.50 a plate, and they sat there from 12:30 until 3:00 o'clock. Bob Gardner was one of them, and he can vouch for that statement. I say that that alone gives you some idea of the strength of the public course sentiment in the city of Chicago. And personally, I want to say that I have received letters from all over this country showing a disposition and a sentiment on the part of the people in large cities and small cities to put in municipal courses.

The 4th of July last year completed a term of four years as a member of our County Board. Unfortunately, on Primary Day last April "Hinky Dink" was against me, and I fell by the wayside. However, I am pleased to say that the day I left Chicago, Thursday, I was appointed Chairman of our Board of Election Commission of the City of Chicago, so I am not a dead one on the political end. However, that is neither here nor there in the matter of golf. While on that Board I realized my advocacy of public golf might bring criticism on me from the standpoint I was interesting myself on this Board, which was a growing thing, getting more popular every day, for selfish political purposes. Since completing my term, however, my activities have not ceased. They are not going to cease. I left Chicago Thursday morning, and went to Jacksonville, Ill. They did have a 9-hole course for about 16,000 people; they are trying to get an 18-hole course. I went down there and gave them a talk—the best of my experience on the subject—and I believe before long they will have their 18-hole course. Now, I just mention these things, gentlemen, to let you know that the public course players appreciate what this Association, Mr. President, has done so far for public golf. And in reading your Executive Committee's report partially, I notice a clause in there to the effect that we must—that you must do something to control or influence this growing army of public course players, because they are growing. Notwithstanding these courses that we have in the city of Chicago, I can tell you what the situation is today,—the more we build, the more calls we have to build. I stopped at the first tee at Jackson Park Public Course late in September, on a Sunday. I met a friend of mine and his wife—a man connected with Marshall Field & Company; it was then 5 o'clock in the afternoon. They drew tickets at 6 o'clock in the morning to play and hadn't played off yet. Now, that is an actual fact.

Now, I could go on and elaborate on this thing, but I didn't come here to talk, I came here as a delegate from the Lincoln Park Club of Chicago, one of your affiliated members, or whatever you call them. However, I am so interested in this game, and going to be interested in it, that I am sure it is a pleasure and an honor to be called upon to address this august body. (Applause.)

**PRESIDENT BYERS:** Thank you. We certainly appreciate what Mr. McKinlay has said, and I think it will help to make us realize the value and the importance of public and municipal golf.

I would like to ask Mr. Gardner, as Chairman of the Selection of Courses Committee, if he will announce the courses for the next year's championships, and the dates.

**MR. GARDNER:** Mr. Chairman, the Executive Committee report contains the courses selected but does not contain the dates. They are as follows:

The Amateur will be held at Flossmoor Country Club, Flossmoor, Ill., September 10th to 15th.

The Open will be held at Inwood Country Club, Inwood, Long Island, New York, July 9th to 13th. There was some agitation about the Open being held earlier, but the conflict with the British Open could not be avoided, and Sarazen and Hagen want to be there, and it did not seem fair to put it ahead.

The Women's Championship will be held at Westchester-Biltmore Country Club, Rye, N. Y., October 1st to 6th.

Public Links, East Potomac Park, Washington, June 26th to 29th.

**PRESIDENT BYERS:** Gentlemen, you have heard Mr. Gardner's report.

Any comments? If not, I think Mr. Burke would like to make an announcement of the dinner of the Mid-Iron Club this evening.

**MR. BURKE:** Gentlemen, as the result of an inadvertence, the hour published for the Mid-Iron dinner reached you as 8 o'clock. The Mid-Iron dinner will take place promptly at 7 o'clock. It is because of the character of the dinner and the character of the program, it is more than ordinarily important that the guests be present at that hour. If there are any of the delegates to the United States Golf Association meeting who have not already arranged for or been provided for, if they will consult with Mr. McMahon before leaving the room here, our Mid-Iron Club committee will endeavor to arrange to take care of those gentlemen. We hope to see you all at 7 o'clock, gentlemen, at the William Penn Hotel ballroom.

**PRESIDENT BYERS:** Gentlemen, Mr. Burke asked permission to make that statement, as he had to leave. Now, going back to Mr. Gardner's announcement, I would like to ask Mr. Wilson, of the Flossmoor Country Club, of Chicago, if he has anything to say with respect to the Flossmoor Club and the subject of accommodations.

**MR. WILSON:** Mr. President and Gentlemen: The Flossmoor Country Club feel greatly honored that your committee has selected Flossmoor for the Amateur Championship tourney. We will do all we can to make it a success. Now, Flossmoor is sometimes considered difficult to reach. I want to assure you it is not. We are twenty-three miles south of Chicago, on the Illinois Central Railroad, within reasonable walking distance of the station. We have wonderful train service. We have two vice-presidents of the railroad who are members of the club, and we can get anything we want—special trains or midnight trains. We can only take care of about fifty people at our club dormitories. We have concrete roads all over the place, because there are six golf courses within a radius of about a mile and a half. We are making some changes in the course, which your committee will adopt—that is, back tees. Now, hotel accommodations: We have a thirty-minute run to Flossmoor from Fifty-first Street; there are seven very large hotels there, in case the guests do not care to go downtown. As I said, the concrete roads will take care of all motor car business. It sounds as if Skokie and Exmoor (?) are better situated. They are, from a motor standpoint, but we expect the majority of Mr. McKinlay's public people, who will be interested in amateur golf, to come on the train. And I don't think it is necessary to worry for one minute about the accommodations at Flossmoor.

**PRESIDENT BYERS:** Mr. Steiner, do you wish to say something about accommodations at Inwood?

**MR. STEINER:** We are greatly indebted to you for the honor you have conferred upon us, and I think you will find it quite satisfactory. We are within forty minutes of New York, and can be easily reached by automobile. Our clubhouse, we can handle everything in good shape there. Of course, we have conditions for about twenty—and twenty more in the dormitory. Everything will be done for the contestants and all the visitors.

**PRESIDENT BYERS:** Gentlemen, is there any further business to come before the meeting? Mr. Lee, Secretary, would like to make an announcement.

**SECRETARY LEE:** Mr. Cook, of the Athletic Federation Vocational Training Association, asked me to call the attention of the meeting to a number of men who have been disabled during the war, who have been trained in green-keeping. If any of you are looking for such men, you can get in communication with him. I have the address here.

**PRESIDENT BYERS:** Is there a motion before the house to adjourn?

(On motion, duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting thereupon adjourned.)