USGA Annual Meeting

Fifty-fifth annual meeting of the USGA will be held Saturday, January 29, 1949, at 12 o’clock noon at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York. Delegates will be the Association’s guests at lunch following the meeting.

Election of the 1949 administration will be one item of business. The Nominating Committee has proposed the same officers who served this year, as follows:

- **President**—Fielding Wallace, Augusta, Ga.
- **Vice-President**—Totton F. Heffelfinger, Minneapolis
- **Vice-President**—James D. Standish, Jr., Detroit
- **Secretary**—Isaac B. Grainger, New York
- **Treasurer**—Daniel A. Freeman, Jr., New York

The proposed Executive Committee would consist of the five above officers and the following:

- John D. Ames, Chicago
- C. Pardee Erdman, Pasadena, Cal.
- Charles B. Grace, Philadelphia
- William C. Hunt, Houston, Texas
- Charles L. Peirson, Boston
- Richard S. Tufts, Pinehurst, N. C.
- Corydon Wagner, Tacoma, Wash.
- James W. Walker, New York

For General Counsel, James H. Douglas, Jr., Chicago, has been re-nominated.

The following have been nominated as the 1950 Nominating Committee: Morton G. Bogue, Chairman, New York; Charles L. Dexter, Dallas; Roy H. Pickford, Pasadena; Frank D. Ross, Hartford, Conn., and Gerald Shattuck, New York.

The current Nominating Committee comprises George W. Blossom, Jr., Chairman, Chicago; Dean Dillman, San Francisco; Arthur F. Lynch, New York; N. C. Morris, Denver; Frank Rogers, Jacksonville, Fla.

Senior Ladies

This was the 25th anniversary year of the United States Senior Women’s Golf Association, and some 75 ladies participated in the annual championship at the Westchester Country Club, Rye, N. Y.

Mrs. Robert B. Meckley, of Washington, played in the event for the first time and won, with 83-87-170.

Congratulations to the lady Seniors on their birthday.

How old is a lady Senior? ... S-sh ...

at least 50.

Tees, Well Steeped

What golf tee in the United States has been in longest continuous use?

This world-shaking question arose when Bruce R. Richardson, Jr., of Hot Springs, Va., pointed out that the first tee on the Homestead course there has been a teeing ground since 1892.

Now Cornelius S. Lee informs us that the first hole of the Tuxedo Golf Club, Tuxedo Park, N. Y., is still “played exactly as it was in 1892 (when first opened), the only difference being that the green has been extended 20 yards beyond the old one and its contour slightly altered.” Mr. Lee was formerly USGA Secretary.

So there is now a tie at 1892. Any challengers?

Calcutta Pools

The campaign against Calcutta pools, in which the USGA has joined, has achieved some success. Certain clubs and associations have banned pools. Officers of some sectional and State associations are extending the campaign on their own initiative.

An ardent opponent of pools is Benjamin F. Jaques, President of the Massachusetts Golf Association the past two years. His comment, as he turned office over to Osmund O. Keiver at the 1948 annual meeting, is worth repeating:
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Ode to Pebble Beach

The plight of some of the ladies when they tackled Pebble Beach in the 1948 USGA Women's Amateur Championship was so touching that we were moved to the following sentiments (with due apologies to Yale's Whiffenpoof song, as well as to S. F. B. Morse, President of the Del Monte Golf and Country Club, and Peter Hay, Pebble Beach professional):

To the sand among the cypresses,
To the place where Sam Morse dwells,
To the dear old Pebble Beach we love so well—
Come the golfers all expectant,
With the star-dust in their eye—
And a hope as childish as our little Nell.
Yes, a hope that seems eternal
As the hills on yonder shore—
A hope Of aught but birdie and of par.
Then they strike the sand and cypress
And the chasms o'er the cliff
And they wish they'd never come so far from Ma.

We're poor little dubs who've been led astray—
Six-seven-six.
Betrayed by the Beach off Carmel Bay—
Six-seven-six.
At home we're kings and queens of the links,
But Del Monte makes it seem nothing but ginks.
Saint Peter Hay pushed us over the brink—
Six-seven-six.

For Stymies

Since there is sentiment in some quarters against playing the stymie in club tournaments, even though it is an integral part of the Rules of Golf, we note with pleasure a counter-move at the Fox Hills Golf Club, Culver City, Cal. For its club championship the committee ruled that "stymies will be played in all matches in all flights, according to USGA Rules of Golf."

Necrology

We record with regret the passing of the following friends of golf:

Hans Schmidt, Jr., of Buffalo, a member of the USGA Public Links Committee.
Stewart Maiden, Atlanta professional, who instructed Robert T. Jones, Jr., and Miss Alexa Stirling (now Mrs. W. G. Fraser), three times USGA Champion.

Alex Rose, Seattle golf writer and editor.

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The First Entrant

Our advice to would-be contestants in USGA championships to file entries early has borne fruit. We have now received, on an official form, the entry of Master Smiley Randall Quick of Culver City, Cal., for the 66th Amateur Championship, to be held in 1966. The application was attested by his proud father, Smiley Quick, the 1946 USGA Amateur Public Links Champion and a member of the 1947 Walker Cup team, now a professional.

Mr. Quick not only chose a golfer's method of announcing the birth of a son; he obviously also determined that the son shall not repeat the errors of the father. Mr. Quick's own entry for the 1947 Public Links Championship was received too late.

Congratulations all around!
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Cotuit Highground

When we heard that the Cotuit Highground Country Club in Cotuit, Mass., had reopened its course last summer after a lapse of eight years, we pulled out a brassie, three-iron, pitching-iron, wedge and putter and hastened to Cape Cod to try our luck. The unique little course presents a challenge that no golfer with red blood in his veins can resist.

A complete club in every sense, including clubhouse, tennis courts and station wagons in the driveway, its golf course measures only 2,024 yards and bogey is set at 60. It is a course where a player either hits the green or loses his ball. Three factors contribute to its relative difficulty. First, the greens are appropriately tiny and well-trapped, although they hold well. Second, there are no fairways, except on two holes, and in most cases this means jungle country. Third, the shortness of the holes presents entirely new problems to a golfer who must solve range and deflection or risk serious trouble.

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If the bogey of 4 on the 87-yard second hole seems amusing, you will be even more surprised to learn that the hole also justifies a women's tee, about 30 yards ahead of the men's tee. The shot from the men's tee is straight over a morass of swamp and growth which looks like a breeding ground for alligators. Bogey of 4 on the longer fifth and sixth holes is based on the fact that they are cut out of solid woods and allow for all the elbow room commonly found in a bowling alley.

We played nine holes with Dr. Theodore C. Pratt, of The Country Club, Brookline, got around in 33 each, and were quite proud that the card showed only one 6. Richard F. Vaughan, Princeton hockey coach who manages the club in the summer, seemed a bit shocked that we had done so well and dared us to return.

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