

Curtis Cup Renewal

"TO STIMULATE FRIENDLY RIVALRY
AMONG THE WOMEN GOLFERS
OF MANY LANDS"

SO reads an inscription on the Curtis Cup.

It has been ten years since that purpose had its last expression. But now that war and its aftermaths no longer intervene, teams of women amateur golfers representing the British Isles and the United States are about to meet again.

Last time it was at the Essex County Club, Manchester, Mass., in September, 1938. This time an American side is going overseas. They will renew their friendly rivalry with a British Team on May 21 and 22 at the Birkdale Golf Club, Birkdale, England, near Southport. Three foursomes will be played in the afternoon of Friday, May 21 and six singles in the morning of Saturday, May 22.

Of the seven players selected by the USGA, only two played in the last Match—Mrs. Edwin H. Vare, Jr., Merion, Pa., the present Captain, and Mrs. Julius A. Page, Jr., Chapel Hill, N. C.

The others are Miss Louise Suggs, Atlanta, current USGA Women's Amateur Champion; Miss Dorothy Kirby, Atlanta, runner-up to Miss Suggs; Miss Dorothy Kieley, Los Angeles; Miss Grace S. Lenzyk, Newington, Conn., and Miss Polly A. Riley, Fort Worth, Texas

If any original nominee is unable to make the trip, an invitation will be extended to one of the following Alternates, in the order named: Miss Helen M. Sigel, Philadelphia; Miss Peggy Kirk, Findlay, Ohio; Miss Jean Hopkins, Lakewood, Ohio.

All seven members of the Team will compete on their own initiative in the British Ladies' Amateur Championship, to be held from Monday, May 31 to Friday, June 4 at the Royal Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club, St. Anne's-on-the-Sea. Misses Kirk and Hopkins are going over with the Curtis Cup Team, though not under USGA sponsorship, and also will play in the Championship, along with Mrs. Willard E. Shepherd, Los Angeles. Mrs. Shepherd, Mrs.

Vare and Mrs. Page are members of the USGA Women's Committee.

The Team's itinerary follows:

May 5—Sail from New York in S.S. Mauretania.

May 11—Arrive Southampton.

May 12-13-14—In London.

May 15-22—In Southport.

May 21-22—Curtis Cup Match.

May 23-June 4—In St. Anne's-on-the-Sea.

May 31-June 4—British Championship.

June 5—Sail from Southampton in S.S. Mauretania.

June 11—Arrive New York.

History of the Series

THE Curtis Cup series, sponsored jointly by the Ladies' Golf Union, of Great Britain, and the USGA, was started in 1932 as a biennial event.

The Curtis Cup was donated in 1932 by the Misses Harriot S. Curtis and Margaret Curtis, Boston. Miss Harriot Curtis had won the USGA Women's Amateur Championship in 1906. In 1907 she and Miss Margaret Curtis met in the final, and Miss Margaret was the winner. Miss Margaret was Champion again in 1911 and 1912.

The first Curtis Cup Match was played in 1932 at Wentworth, England. The USGA Team won, 5½ to 3½ (in a halved match each side receives a half-point). In 1934 the Americans won by 6½ to 2½ at the Chevy Chase Club near Washington. Two years later a Match at Gleneagles, Scotland, was halved, each side scoring 4½ points.

The last Match, played at the home club of the Misses Curtis, is memorable in many details even after a decade. The British Team won two foursomes the first day and halved the third, and so led by 2½ to ½. In the singles next day Americans won the first four matches and lost the fifth, and thus led in the Team Match by 4½ to 3½.

In the sixth and final singles the British representative, Miss Nan Baird, was 2 up and 3 to play against Miss Charlotte Glutting. A win for the British player would

have tied the Team Match. Miss Glutting, however, won the last three holes and the match by 1 up on the home green, and the United States gained the Team victory by 5½ to 3½.

Permit us now to introduce the Members of the 1948 USGA Team:

Miss Dorothy Kiely

Miss Kiely is a member of the Virginia Country Club, Long Beach, Cal. She took up golf in 1938 and won the Los Angeles city tournament three years later.

When war broke out she devoted herself to aviation and for two years was a Women's Airforce Service Pilot. She was Staff Director of the Second Airforce in the WASP, under Jacqueline Cochran.

During 1946 Miss Kiely was quarter-finalist in the Trans-Mississippi Championship and semi-finalist in the Women's National Open. She won seven consecutive tournaments on the West Coast, including the California Championship. Last year Miss Kiely went to the quarter-finals of the USGA Championship and the Western Open and to the semi-finals of the Trans-Mississippi.

Her favorite clubs are driver and wedge. She is a flight instructor and part-owner of a women's clothes shop.

Miss Dorothy Kirby

Miss Kirby might have won three major championships last season but for her own clubmate, Miss Suggs. As it was, these fellow-members of the Capital City Club, Atlanta, met in the finals of the USGA, Southern, and Western Open Championships, and Miss Suggs won each time.

In the USGA Championship, Miss Kirby made a great bid for victory after being 3 down in the morning round of the final. She played the course in 71 in the afternoon but could retrieve only one hole. Miss Kirby was runner-up in 1939 also.

Miss Kirby won the first of her four Georgia championships in 1933 at the age of 13. Her victories include the 1937 Southern Championship and the 1943 North and South event. She was medalist in the 1946 USGA Championship.

Miss Kirby is engaged in radio sales work and devotes considerable time to golf administration in the Women's Southern and the Women's Western Golf Associations. Her favorite shot is putting.

Miss Grace S. Lenczyk

At 20, Miss Lenczyk is the youngest Team member. She is a member of the Indian Hill Country Club, Newington, Conn., and a student at John B. Stetson University, Deland, Fla.

Last year Miss Lenczyk won the Canadian Championship and the women's division of the

"All-America" tournament. She was a semi-finalist in the USGA and the Western Open Championships, runner-up in the National Collegiate, and third in the Eastern.

In 1946 she was Connecticut Champion and came to attention in defeating Mrs. George Zaharias in the first round of the Women's National Open and Miss Kirby in the first round of the USGA Championship.

Miss Lenczyk won the first event she ever entered—a girls' championship in Hartford, Conn.—at the age of 11, scoring a 44 for nine holes. The driver is her favorite club. Miss Lenczyk enjoys horseback riding and oil paintings.

Mrs. Julius A. Page, Jr.

Mrs. Page, who has a practically self-made golf swing, played No. 1 singles in the 1938 Curtis Cup Match and defeated her opponent. She was USGA Champion in 1937 and has been a leading player ever since, having been runner-up in the 1938 USGA Championship and a semi-finalist in 1941 and 1947. She has thrice won or tied for the medal.

A housewife whose main interests are keeping her home and her flower garden, Mrs. Page competes almost exclusively in southern events. She was 1946 Southern Champion and has won the North and South tournament seven times and the Carolinas Championship eight times.

She has made nine holes in one, and scored a 66 on the No. 1 course at Pinehurst in 1941.

Mrs. Page is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and a member of the Sedgfield Country Club, Greensboro, N. C. Her favorite shots are a No. 7 pitch and a long No. 3 iron.

Miss Polly A. Riley

Miss Riley was a stranger to golf when the last Curtis Cup Match was played. She took up the game in 1939. At 22, she is one of the youngest Team members.

Miss Riley has been an enthusiastic golfing traveler. Last season she was winner and medalist in the Trans-Mississippi Championship, second and tied for low amateur in the Women's National Open, semi-finalist in the Southern, and quarter-finalist in the USGA Women's Amateur and Western Open Championships. In 1946 she was runner-up and co-medalist in the Trans-Mississippi and semi-finalist in the Southern.

Miss Riley is a member of the River Crest Country Club, Fort Worth. She formerly attended Texas Christian University and is now a life underwriter.

Miss Louise Suggs

Little Miss Suggs has made an amazing record in recent years. In 1947 she won the USGA, Western Open, Western Amateur and Southern Championships, as well as being medalist in the USGA and the Southern events.

She had won the two Western tournaments in 1946, and her retention of both titles last year was unprecedented. She has fully borne out the promise she showed when, at the age of 16, she won the Georgia Championship in 1940. She was Southern Champion as early as 1941, and has twice won the North and South.

Miss Suggs has a splendidly rounded game and hits the ball a surprising distance especially for one her size. She prefers approaching and putting, however. Miss Suggs is a member of the Capital City Club, Atlanta, and is a sales representative.

Mrs. Edwin H. Vare, Jr.

The Captain of the Curtis Cup Team has a golfing record without parallel. As Miss Glenna Collett, she won the USGA Women's Amateur Championship five times between 1922 and 1930 and, as Mrs. Vare, she scored for the sixth time in 1935. Last year she

went to the home green before losing to Miss Kirby, 1 down, in the second round.

Mrs. Vare is Captain of the Curtis Cup Team for the third time, and is the only person who has served in some capacity in every Match with the British. She has won two of three singles matches and has shared in scoring 1½ points in three foursomes. Mrs. Vare was runner-up in the British Championships of 1929 and 1930.

She is active in golf administration as President of the Women's Eastern Association since 1946 and a member of the USGA Women's Committee since 1941. The spoon is her favorite club.

Mrs. Vare is the mother of a girl, 14, and a boy, 13. She engages enthusiastically in shooting, painting, stamp collecting, making tapestry, and field trials, and is on the Board of the Merion, Pa., Horticultural Society. She is a member of the Philadelphia Country Club.

Championships

Junior Amateur

The USGA Junior Amateur Championship, to be held this year for the first time, will follow the general form of the Amateur and the Amateur Public Links Championships.

The Championship field will be determined by Sectional Qualifying Rounds, at 18 holes stroke play. The number of qualifying points is expected to be between 40 and 45. Each Section's round will be held on one day in the period from Monday, July 26 to Friday, July 30.

There will be 128 players in the Championship, which, through the kindness of the University of Michigan, will be played at the University's course at Ann Arbor from Wednesday, August 11 through Saturday, August 14. It will be entirely at match play, with seven rounds, all at 18 holes.

Entries will be open to amateur golfers who will not have reached their 18th birthday by August 14, the day of the final.

An entrant may not accept contributions to his expenses from commercial sources; this applies to Sectional Qualifying Rounds as well as the Championship. If an entrant's expenses are not paid by his parents or others on whom he is normally dependent or with funds earned by himself, he may accept contributions from rec-

ognized golf associations or clubs or individual members of such organizations without forfeiting amateur status. (The Rules of Amateur Status prohibit acceptance of expenses after the 18th birthday.)

Open

Twenty-nine qualifying Sections have been established for the Open Championship, to be played June 10, 11 and 12 at the Riviera Country Club, Los Angeles. New Sections have been set up in the Pacific Northwest, Texas, Utah and Hawaii, while the Middle Atlantic Section has been omitted this year. The Pacific Northwest and Texas each will have two qualifying events instead of one.

The Sectional Rounds will be at 36 holes stroke play on Tuesday, June 1 except at Honolulu, where the date is May 25, and at Los Angeles, where play will be spread over two days, May 27 and 28, 18 holes each day, with two courses in use.

More qualifiers' places will be available than ever before in the Sectional Rounds, due to the fact that the 20 lowest scorers and those tying for 20th place in the 1947 Open are exempt rather than the low 30 and ties. The field for the last 36 holes will be reduced to the lowest 50 and ties after the first two rounds, where formerly the low 60 and ties played through.