

during the Open Championship will be adorning members of the Golf Writers Association of America.

During the past winter the golf writers adopted not only this jacket, which will bear the insignia of the organization on the breast pocket, but also a dark green necktie embroidered with gold tees.

The outfit is designed primarily for identification rather than splendor, but it does happen to be good looking, too.

The golf writers held their annual election during the Masters Tournament and renamed Lincoln A. Werden, of The New York Times, president; Charles Curtis, of the Los Angeles Times, and Desmond Sullivan, of the Newark News, vice-presidents; and Charles Bartlett, of the Chicago Tribune, secretary-treasurer.

### **Jones Award Committee**

The USGA announced last winter the institution of the Bob Jones Award for distinguished sportsmanship in golf, to be presented annually starting next January.

Isaac B. Grainger, president of the USGA, now has named the following to the selection committee to pick the first winner: Messrs. Jerome P. Bowes, Jr., Chicago, Ill., T. R. Garlington, Atlanta, Ga., Totton P. Heffelfinger, Minneapolis, Minn., Horton Smith, Detroit, Mich., Richard S. Tufts, Pinehurst, N. C., Lincoln A. Werden, New York, N. Y., and Mrs. Harrison F. Flippin, Ardmore, Pa.

### **For a Blind Tee Shot**

The sixth hole at the Tamarack Country Club, in Greenwich, Conn., calls for an uphill tee shot toward a large green which cannot be seen from the teeing ground. Unless the tee shot is extremely long, the green cannot be seen when playing the second stroke, either.

In order to make intelligent position play possible, Tamarack has had a small relief model of the green reproduced in wood, appropriately painted and set table-like on a post beside the teeing ground, with a miniature flagstick and a series of small holes in which it can be placed.

When the hole is changed on the green, the position of the small wooden flagstick

on the relief model is changed accordingly, and any player can determine at a glance before playing his tee shot which route will be best that day.

### **An Artificial Aid**

Another device has been placed on the market in an attempt to aid golfers in controlling their swings. This one is a leather-covered weight which can be strapped on either hand. The maker claims that it slows the hand action during the swing, with beneficial results.

The USGA Rules of Golf do not permit the use of such a device. It is presumably designed to give a player artificial aid in making a stroke, and it is a basic tenet underlying all the Rules that a player should not receive any such artificial aid in making his stroke.

### **The President's Green**

A small practice putting green has been established on the south lawn of the White House. It is a gift from the United States Golf Association to President Eisenhower, who finds golf a refreshing diversion from his heavy duties.

The green comprises nearly 3,000 square feet of polycross creeping bentgrass, a recent development of Prof. H. B. Musser of the Agronomy Department of Pennsylvania State College. The USGA purchased the sod from the Aronimink Golf Club, Newtown Square, Pa., which had grown it in a nursery last year. The apron of the green is sodded with Merion bluegrass. Establishment of the putting green did not entail any public expense.

The green was designed and constructed under the direction of Alexander M. Radko, Northeastern Director of the USGA Green Section, and Richard Watson, turf advisor to the Burning Tree Club, Chevy Chase, Md., where President Eisenhower often plays golf. James E. Thomas, golf course superintendent of the Army-Navy Country Club, Arlington, Va., and president of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents, assisted. The Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents and the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America cooperated.