



Club to the Rescue!

A golfing doctor, on his way to play in a tournament, stopped at the scene of an accident to render assistance.

When he reached the club he was minus his umbrella and an iron which he had used as splints on one of the injured.

Political Activities

Judge John L. Niblack, of Indianapolis, Ind., a member of the USGA Public Links Committee since 1934 and a regular attendant at Public Links Championships, is a candidate for the Republican nomination for the United States Senate to succeed Sen. Jenner. Active in Republican politics since 1928 when he was elected to the Indiana Senate, he was elected in 1946 and 1954 superior court judge and in 1956 to the circuit bench.

John D. Hoblitzell, Jr., of Parkersburg, W. Va., a member of the USGA Junior Championship Committee since 1953, has been appointed to the United States Senate to serve the unexpired term of the late Sen. Neely.

Prescott S. Bush, of Greenwich, Conn., president of the USGA in 1935, has of course been a member of the United States Senate for several years.

Green Section Office Moves to Georgia

Through the kindness of the University of Georgia, the Southeastern Office of the USGA Green Section is now located at the College of Agriculture in Athens, Ga.

The office first was located in Tifton,

Ga., and, in late years, at Beltsville, Md. The return to a Georgia location will make Green Section facilities more convenient to USGA Member Clubs in the Southeast and, it is hoped, will benefit general turf research in the region.

James M. Latham, Jr., continues as Southeastern agronomist of the USGA Green Section. The office at Athens is part of the Green Section's Eastern Region, the Director of which is Alexander M. Radko.

Eagle-Studded Golf

Ornithology was rampant recently at the Mountain Brook Club, Birmingham, Ala., when Grant Fitts, a Birmingham attorney let fly with three eagles, two birdies and a par to shoot eight under par for six holes.

His card read:

	#9	#10	#11	#12	#13	#14
Par	5	4	5	4	4	4—26
Fitts	3	4	3	2	3	3—18

Fantastic though these figures read, other unique scoring sequences have come to our notice over the years.

George Rowbotham, of Llanerch Country Club, Manoa, Pa., notched nine successive birdies in the semi-final of his club championship in 1948.

Jack Hesler, of Crawfordsville Country Club, Ind., then a member of the Purdue University golf team, scored eight successive birdies in 1949.

Winged Foot's professional, Claude Harmon, went one better in 1953 by clocking eight successive birdies and an eagle on his home course while setting a record of 61.



Officers of the American Society of Golf Course Architects elected at their Annual Meeting held at Naples, Fla., are from left to right: J. Press Maxwell, Dallas, Texas, secretary-treasurer; Howard Watson, Lacute, Que., Canada, president; David W. Gordon, Doylestown, Pa., vice-president.

Club Operations Handbook

The Metropolitan (New York) Golf Association, which organized a Club Operations Committee a few years ago, has recently published Part I of a Club Operations Handbook for its member clubs, the purpose of which is "to provide a useful instrument for Club managers and governing boards to use for greater efficiency and economy in Club operation."

Part I, entitled Dues Structure and Sporting Facilities, has been broken up into ten categories, each of which is sub-divided into four dues income brackets.

Part II, which will be available in early summer, will deal with the Clubhouse, and the concluding section will cover salaries, wages, and a miscellany of items.

Copies of the leather-bound handbook have already been distributed free to member clubs of the MGA, but other interested clubs and associations may obtain a copy by sending \$7.50 to the Metropolitan Golf Association, 40 East 38th Street, New York

16, N. Y. It is particularly recommended for new clubs, or clubs in the throes of reorganization.

Golf at the Double

With so much talk of slow play in this country, it is refreshing to hear of a 36-hole club championship final in Britain which was completed in 4 hours, 5 minutes, inclusive of a 10-minute break between rounds.

The match was played by two artisan members of the Chipstead Golf Club, Surrey, a course of 5,413 yards with a "par" of 68. The match went to the thirty-fifth green.

Iowa to Host Women's Collegiate Tournament

The 14th Women's National Collegiate Tournament will move west this year to Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa, from June 15 through 21.

Miss Meriam Bailey, of Northwestern

University, will be eligible to defend her title. Miss Bailey also holds the Women's Western Championship.

Attention: Rules Committee!

Posted in the cloistered privacy of the women's locker room at one loyal member club is the following interpretation of Rule 33-2:

"Class C golfers: After hitting two balls into the pond from the seventh tee, you are permitted to drop a ball in the fairway beyond the pond but behind the mound. You are then playing five."

British Golfers Set Precedent

The recent marriage of British Curtis Cup player Miss Angela Ward and Walker Cup player Michael Bonallack has set a precedent in the golfing world.

Another British couple, however, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Beck, of Ascot, England, have respectively captained the Walker and Curtis Cup Teams. John Beck led the only victorious British Team at St. Andrews, Scotland in 1938. He also captained the 1947 Team and is currently captain of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland. Mrs. Beck was non-playing captain of the 1954 Curtis Cup Team at Merion Golf Club, Ardmore, Pa., and is a former chairman of the Ladies' Golf Union.

Dick Baxter

Dick Baxter, a small, supercharged Scot who never lost his accent, is entering his thirty-fifth year as golf professional and golf-course superintendent at the Taconic Golf Club and coach of the golf team at Williams College, in Williamstown, Mass. It may be his happiest year.

In June, Williams will entertain the National Collegiate Athletic Association golf championship. The College entertained the USGA Junior Amateur Championship two years ago.

When the College entertains events like these, Baxter rolls up his sleeves, lights another cigarette and really goes to work, for they represent the fruition of his dreams.

SPORTSMAN'S CORNER

Miss Joan Hammond, the operatic and concert soprano, who has been touring the United States, owes her career to the women golfers of New South Wales, Australia, who raised the funds to send her to study in Europe before the war.

Miss Hammond was an outstanding athlete in her native Sydney. She obtained a gold medal for life-saving, reached the final of the Australian women's squash championship, indulged in yachting and riding and, at one time, was the lowest handicapped woman golfer in Australia.

In her spare time from working as a sports journalist on a Sydney morning newspaper, Miss Hammond studied the violin and voice training. She was obliged to give up the violin following a car crash which injured her left arm, but so exceptional was the development of her soprano voice that she was persuaded, through the generosity of her golfing friends, to further her studies overseas.



MISS JOAN HAMMOND

Miss Hammond spent her war years in Britain, alternating between driving an ambulance in London's blitzed East End and singing in air raid shelters, subways and service camps.

Still a very adequate golfer, Miss Hammond entered the British Ladies' Championship, at Royal Lytham St. Annes Golf Club, in 1948. Her opponent in the first round was Miss Louise Suggs, the eventual winner. Although the Australian was playing with borrowed clubs she putted like a demon to take the American to the sixteenth green before rushing off to Manchester, some forty miles away, to play the title role in "Tosca."

Ever mindful of the start given her by her golfing colleagues, Miss Hammond returned to Australia early in 1950 to repay her debt. She gave two concerts in Sydney, the entire proceeds of which were given over to the Australian Ladies' Golf Union to help finance a women's team which was leaving shortly for a trip to Britain.

Baxter, who learned golf as a caddie at Gullane, Muirfield and Luffness, arrived in Williamstown on April 6, 1924 to find a golf course consisting of nine simple holes in a meadow. Within five years he generated such enthusiasm that alumni donated additional land and provided for the construction of a first-class 18-hole course which Baxter has personally nurtured into a fitting site for national junior and collegiate championships.

In addition to generating a fine golf course, Baxter has also generated some fine small-college golf teams and players like Ed Haley, Ira Couch, William O. Blaney, Dick Chapman, Joseph F. Gagliardi, Wilson F. Barnes, Jr., and Randy Carey to name only a few.



DICK BAXTER

To recognize Baxter's work as creator of a fine college course, coach of strong teams and cordial host to returning alumni golfers, the Williams Club of New York is giving a dinner in his honor this month. His wife Denise, starting her thirty-fifth year as manager of the Club and foster-mother of Williams golfers, is sharing the honors. The toastmaster is James D. Standish, Jr., of Detroit, a Williams alumnus and former President of the USGA. Haley, Chapman, Gagliardi, Barnes and many of his other former students are rallying for the occasion.

USGA FILM LIBRARY

"On the Green," a 17 minute, full color 16 m.m. presentation filmed at the Mid-Ocean Club, Bermuda, illustrating correct procedures under the Rules of Golf governing situations arising on the putting green.

"Golf's Longest Hour," a 16 m.m. full color production running for 17½ minutes depicting the closing stages of the 1956 Open Championship. Filmed at the beautiful Oak Hill Country Club, Rochester, N.Y., it shows the eventual winner, Cary Middlecoff, set a target at which Ben Hogan, Julius Boros and Ted Kroll strive in vain to beat.

"Play Them As They Lie," a 16 mm. color production, running for 16½ entertaining minutes in which Johnny Farrell, the Open Champion of 1928, acts as intermediary between Wilbur Mulligan, a beginner of unimpeachable integrity, and Joshua P. Slye, a past master in the art of breaking the Rules. The film was made at the Baltusrol Golf Club, Springfield, N. J., where Farrell is professional.

"Inside Golf House" gives the viewer an opportunity to see the many interesting exhibits in "Golf House," USGA headquarters in New York, and to re-live golf triumphs of the past with many of the game's immortals. The film is a 16 mm. black and white production and runs 28 minutes.

"The Rules of Golf—Etiquette" also has proved popular. The film stresses the importance of etiquette by portrayal of various violations of the code in the course of a family four-ball match. Ben Hogan appears in several scenes, and Robert T. Jones, Jr., makes the introductory statement. A 16 mm. color production, the film has a running time of 17½ minutes.

The distribution of all five prints is handled by National Educational Films, Inc., 165 West 46th Street, New York 36, N. Y., which produced the films in cooperation with the USGA. The rental is \$20 per film; \$35 for two; \$50 for three, \$60 for four and \$70 for five, in combination at the same time, including the cost of shipping prints to the renter.

Book Received

HOW TO THINK AND SWING LIKE A GOLF CHAMPION, by Dick Mayer (Thomas Y. Crowell, Co., \$3.95). The higher your handicap, the more you will derive from this latest instruction manual. Starting with the 100 shooter, Mayer works down to the scratch man, imparting his knowledge and experience with ease and simplicity.