



Beginner's Ace

Have you ever swung a left-handed club and felt how awkward it is—assuming, of course, that you are right-handed?

Now multiply that awkwardness by two and you have some conception of how a beginner feels when she finds herself on a public links for the first time with an ancient set of left-handed clubs.

That was the plight of Miss Sofie Turko, of Yonkers, N.Y., when she recently stepped onto the first tee at the Dunwoodie course, in Yonkers, with three friends.

Laughing off her embarrassment at the antics of a beginner, she ploughed her way round to the seventh tee, a hole of 150 yards.

There, disdainful a wood, she pulled out a mashie—no new-fangled numbers for her—and without further ado holed out in one.

Whether Miss Turko will ever brave the links again or whether she will be content to rest on her laurels is in the lap of the gods.

Watering of "Open" Greens

Reports on the 1958 Open Championship from various sources gave readers to understand that greens at the Southern Hills Country Club, Tulsa, Okla., were watered at regular and frequent intervals.

In explaining exactly what was done, John M. Winters, Jr., President of the Southern Hills Country Club, states:

"Because of the extreme heat and high wind on Thursday, the first day, of the Open, several of the greens showed definite signs of wilt around 1 to 1:30 p.m.

Those greens, which showed signs of wilt and might not go through the day until they could be watered, were given a quick syringing, which is nothing more than very light fast sprinkling to let them go a few hours longer.

"When this was done, play was momentarily stopped and for 30 minutes after that time everybody teeing off on the hole was advised of that fact. The amount of water was almost negligible and within 20 minutes after putting in on there was no evidence of any surface moisture on any green.

"On Thursday, five greens were so syringed as a whole and two greens were partially syringed. The whole operation as to any one green did not take over three to four minutes.

"On Friday somewhat the same conditions prevailed and four greens were syringed in whole and one of them partially syringed.

"Other than above, there was no watering of greens during play and I do not believe it can be said that the greens were watered at regular and frequent intervals. In my opinion, the syringing of the greens could not affect play measurably."

More and More Golf

A 5.7 per cent increase in rounds of golf played is expected this year, according to the latest report from the National Golf Foundation.

This would bring the total rounds played on both private and public courses in 1958 to 75 million, as compared with 71 million in 1957 and 67½ million in 1956.

Caddie Unemployment Tax Litigation

The Southern California Golf Association recently issued the following report on caddie unemployment tax litigation:

"The big news of the past month was the decision of the California Supreme Court, which, by a unanimous opinion of all seven Judges, reversed the decision of the Los Angeles County Superior Court (which had been affirmed by the District Court of Appeal) and held that assessment of unemployment insurance taxes against eight 'guinea pig' golf clubs in Southern California was improper and that caddies are not employees of the clubs under the unemployment insurance law. As a result of this decision more than \$100,000 in such taxes, paid under protest, is expected to be refunded to Virginia, Inglewood, Brentwood, Hillcrest, Los Angeles, Wilshire, Bel-Air and Riviera.

"This decision supplements the legislation enacted last year to correct the uncertain language of the unemployment insurance law which resulted in the assessments with new wording which clearly exempted caddies from unemployment insurance. This legislation stopped the assessments still being levied by the Department of Employment. Now the Supreme Court, in effect, orders repayment of taxes paid under protest. This gives a sweeping victory vindicating the position taken by the SCGA for the past several years."

He Scored His Age

It is some time since we published an article "Can You Score Your Age?" in the September 1956 issue, listing the many names and unique stories which had come to our notice in this direction.

Now we hear that W.R. "Dusty" Millar recently marked fifty years' membership of the Los Angeles Country Club, Los Angeles, Cal., by shooting his age with a 75 on the South course.

There would appear to be something of a Shangri-La about the Los Angeles Country Club, five other members having achieved similar feats. Fred Barrows was 77 when he shot a 73 on the South course; James Byrnes came through with a 70 at age 71 and the late J.J. Quin

equalled Mr. Millar's feat with a stroke-for-age 75.

Two other members went further afield to achieve the distinction. Willard Salisbury was 67 when he scored 67 on the O'Donnell Course, Palm Springs, Cal., and W.P. Reid returned a 73 at age 73 over the same course.

Aces High at Salem

There was plenty to celebrate at Salem Country Club, Peabody, Mass., recently when three of its members registered aces on the same day.

With the customary prerogative of ladies, Mrs. Ralston Pickering holed out first at the 136-yard third with a No. 5 wood.

Second came Paul Cameron, who holed out at the 156-yard twelfth with a No. 6.

Lastly, Ralston Pickering, still chuckling over his wife's ace, watched as one of his fellow players, Lionel MacDuff, sank his tee shot at the twelfth with a No. 7.

No Tortoises Here

Who says it takes three and a half hours to play a single, four hours for a four-ball?

In the final of the District of Columbia's Junior championship at the Columbia Country Club, Chevy Chase, Md., Ronnie Righter, of the Prince Georges Country Club, defeated Dave Voris, of the Manor Country Club, 1 up in 2 hours and 10 minutes.

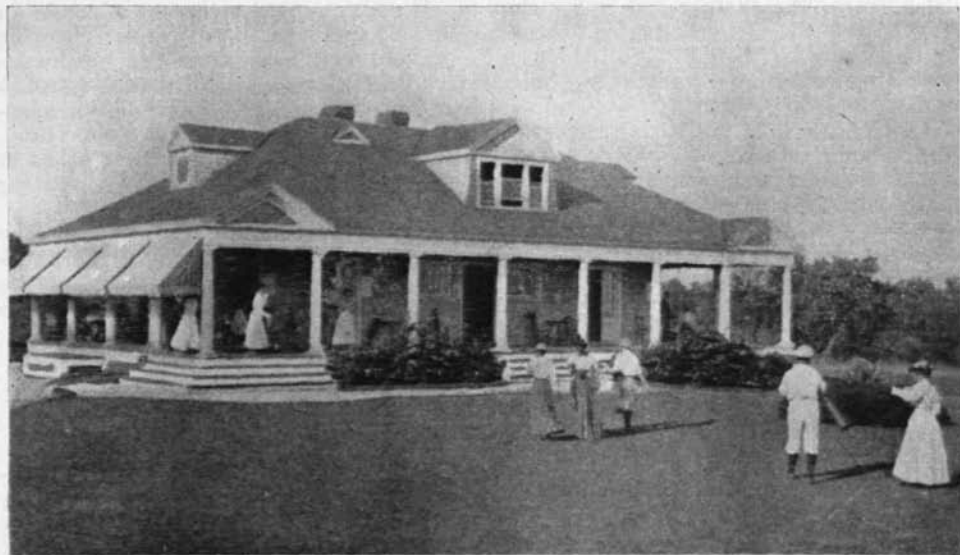
The second flight finalists, following behind, were equally speedy, completing the 15 necessary holes in an hour and a half.

When He Was Good . . .

The most spectacular round in the 1958 series of USGA championships probably was played in the Amateur Public Links event at the Silver Lake Golf Club, in Orland Park, Ill.

Even though the returns for the year are not all in, we submit the case of Bo Faulkenberry, 32, who sells advertising space for the Daily Oklahoman and Times in Oklahoma City, Okla. After a 76 in the first qualifying round, he scored in the second 47-31—78.

This got him in by a stroke, and he went to the quarter-finals.



This was the scene sixty years ago at the Fairfield County Golf Club, Greenwich, Conn., instituted in 1897. Today, known as the Greenwich Country Club, it is entertaining the tenth USGA Girls' Junior Championship.

From Long Skirts to Shorts

It is a far cry from the days of long skirts and straw hats, pictured above, to the shorts and tanned limbs which players in the USGA Girls' Junior Championship are displaying at the Greenwich Country Club, Greenwich, Conn., this month.

The Greenwich Country Club was inaugurated in 1897 as the Fairfield County Golf Club under a seven-man committee composed of Messrs. Julian W. Curtiss, John H. Boswell, James McCutcheon, Edward K. Willard, James Pott, Jr., Edwin B. Curtiss and George P. Sheldon. One of the older clubs in the country, it had a membership of 163 in its second year, one of whom was Findlay S. Douglas, the 1898 Amateur Champion and later USGA President.

Its initial enthusiasm was indicative of the spirit which has been handed down from generation to generation.

One of the Club's proudest possessions is the Victoria Diamond Jubilee Challenge Cup, a silver mug with four bone handles which has been in continuous competition since 1897 and ranks as one of the longest standing golf trophies in existence in the United States. It was donated by an Englishman, F.E. Vivian Bond, a member of the first Executive

Committee of the Club, while he was temporarily in this country.

The Cup features several interesting names among its many winners, including Findlay Douglas, but perhaps the most remarkable feat was that of Sam Graham, who won the trophy for the second time just 50 years after his first victory.

Irish View of British Badge

Subsequent to the withdrawal of Miss Philomena Garvey, of Dublin, Eire, from the British Isles Curtis Cup Team on the grounds that she felt unable to wear the Union Jack on her Team blazer, Miss Daisy Ferguson, the Team's non-playing Captain and President of the Irish Ladies' Golf Union, issued the following statement:

"The Executive Council of the Ladies' Golf Union has decided that the Teams representing the British Isles, including the Curtis Cup Team, shall wear the Union Jack as their Badge. The Badge previously worn embodied the emblems of the four countries.

"Like the Walker Cup and Ryder Cup Matches, the rules for the Curtis Cup, French and Belgian Matches include Eire players on the Ladies' Golf Union British

Isles Team. The Walker and Ryder Cup Teams and the British Rugby Football Teams all wear a Red Lion Badge to which players from Eire have no objection.

"As President of the Irish Ladies' Golf Union and Chairman of its Central Council, I consider that the choice by the Ladies' Golf Union of the Union Jack as the Badge for the British Isles Team has made it difficult, if not impossible for any golfer from Eire to play for the LGU British Isles Team, now or at any future date.

"In many sports such as hockey, rugby football and golf, Ireland plays as one country. Any action which tends to complicate this situation will be deplored by all Irish golfers both North and South of the Border and the greatest sympathy and understanding will be felt for Miss Garvey in the impossible situation in which she has been placed."

Be Courteous, Beware!

It is not sufficient, it would seem, for a golfer merely to obey golf's code of etiquette and allow players following to come through when he has lost his ball. He must then also take sufficient care to safeguard himself against the oncoming players.

That was the verdict meted out by the Circuit Court of Appeals to William V. Boynton, Jr., a 25-year-old Milford, Conn., golfer, who had sued for \$50,000 damages, having lost the sight of his right eye as a result of being struck by a golf ball at the Valley Forge Golf Course, Valley Forge, Pa.

In giving his decision Judge Herbert F. Goodrich stated: "A player who has waved another to go through shows a lamentable lack of care for his own safety if he puts himself in a position where he cannot take precautions against being hit."

Scholarships for Junior Golfers

The Moon Brook Country Club, Jamestown, N.Y., has devised a novel scheme to provide college scholarships for boys who win the individual flights in their recently instituted Junior Invitational Tournament. The scholarships will start in 1959.

The tournament embraces all clubs in the Chautauqua Lake area, covering southwestern New York and northwestern Pennsylvania. Each has been asked to impose a 5c levy per round on all members to finance the scholarship fund, which will be administered by a board of trustees drawn from the participating clubs.

All clubs contributing to the scheme are eligible to send teams of four boys to compete. The tournament takes the form of 54 holes stroke play for both team and individual awards.

Locke Advocates Wimbledon of Golf

Bobby Locke, four time winner of the British Open Championship in the last decade, wants to make the Old Course at St. Andrews, Scotland, the Wimbledon of Golf. In other words he would like to see the British Open played annually over the same venue.

Writing of the Old Course he said: "Its hazards, traps, uneven fairways and huge greens present difficulties that change almost every hour in the variable winds, thus presenting a test of more than endurance and tolerance. It demands a keen brain as well as more than ordinary skill.

"In fact it needs everything the champion of the year should have."

Pace of Play

In order to further the USGA's anti-Slow Play Campaign, posters have been sent out to Member Clubs, through the USGA Sectional Affairs Committee, for display in prominent places. They read:

"The average time for a round has gradually increased to the point where it does injury to the game and its popularity.

"Slow play is a bad habit and does not in itself benefit the competitor.

"Please be observant, reach decisions quickly and execute shots promptly."

Books

BETTER GOLF THROUGH BETTER PRACTICE by Jules Platte, with Herb Graffis (Prentice-Hall, Inc., \$3.95). The title of this book is self-explanatory.