



# THROUGH THE GREEN

## The Secret of Golf

A SURMISE

He could loft a ball from the top of his watch straight into his beaver hat.

He could tee a ball on the windoy-sill and pink the vagrom\* cat.

He could putt from the top of the oaken stair to a hole on the floor below,

And niblick the sphere from a baby's ear and the baby wouldn't know.

He could brassie some fifteen hundred feet and clip off a daisy's top.

He could jigger the ball o'er a steeple tall as most men would jigger a cop.

He could stand on his head, to his caddie's dread, and dismay of all hard by,

And then, with the ease with which I would sneeze, lift the ball from a cuppy lie.

He could drive a ball for two hundred yards to the blade of a carver, keen,

And cut it in two as easy as you could slice up sod from the green.

The bird that flies high up in the skies he'd wing with his driving cleek,

And I've seen him graze as soft as haze the down on a damsel's cheek.

But he never could win in the tournaments, no matter how well he played.

He'd never a cup on his mantel-piece; in medals was never arrayed.

For though his game was the finest golf that ever was witnessed yet,

He never could seem to comprehend a bit of golf etiquette.

He'd cross the putt of the other man; he'd play when nearer the hole.

He couldn't grasp the simplest rules to save his golfing soul.

And that is why this golfer keen is never "up," but "down;"

And that is why this King of the Green doesn't wear the golfers' crown.

The moral is clear, oh golfer bold, oh golfer strong and true:

You may be able to whack the ball, and make your opponent blue;

You may be able to do freak things, and play past all compare;

But unless you learn the etiquette, you'd better play solitaire.

Carlyle Smith

From "Harper's Magazine of 1899"

\* A corruption of "vagrant"

## Record Junior Entry

The number of entries submitted for the USGA Junior Amateur Championship has increased every year since 1949. This year's record entry is 1,887, 23% greater than the previous high of 1,445 in 1960.

Among the entries are the sons of two distinguished golfing fathers. Marvin Ward, Jr., aged 16, and Joseph P. Ward, 14, will attempt to qualify in San Francisco. Their father won the Amateur Championship in 1939 and 1941 and has long been a professional. Sixteen-year-old Douglas Ford, Jr., a resident of Tuckahoe, N.Y., has been granted permission to qualify in Milwaukee. He's accompanying his father on the professional tour this summer.

## Square Holes

Despite the presence of square holes a foot across, the players continue to find three putts a common occurrence at Sharjah, a small Royal Air Force station on the coast of the Persian Gulf.

There is no grass at Sharjah — only sand. RAF Sgt. David Ross, a Scot who is the station's physical training instructor, designed and built the course single-handed.

Ross at first tried regulation round holes but decided that the rough, sandy "greens" made putting an ordeal. His solution was to sink 12-inch-square wooden boxes into the sand.

## Clubs of Champions

The latest additions to the Clubs of Champions display in "Golf House" are contributions by Carol Sorenson, 1960 Girls' Junior Champion, and Verne Callison, 1960 Amateur Public Links Champion.

Miss Sorenson donated her No. 2 iron, the club she used off the tee on the par-3 14th hole of her final match at The Oaks Country Club, Tulsa, Okla. She went ahead on that hole and kept the lead.

Mr. Callison's selection is the wedge he used to recover from the Bermuda grass rough of the Ala Wai Golf Course, Hawaii. He says: "Without it, I wouldn't have had a chance."

We hasten to correct an error that ap-

peared in the June JOURNAL which reported that Arnold Palmer donated a No. 3 wood to "Golf House." Palmer's donation is actually the driver he used on an historic shot to reach the 347-yard first hole at the Cherry Hills Country Club at the start of his fourth round in the 1960 Open Championship.

## The Elephant Pit

A local rule at the Bombay Presidency Golf Club Ltd., Bombay, India, reads, "The area known as The Elephant Pit is a water hazard whether or not it contains water . . . The usual 'fee' for a ball returned by an outside chokra is two annas. Members are requested not to encourage these chokras on to the course to hand over balls, but to collect these personally or through their caddies at the course boundaries."

## Back Issues of Rules Needed

The USGA is anxious to complete its set of back issues of The Rules of Golf booklet for the library in "Golf House." We would be grateful to any readers who can lead us to issues printed in these years: 1896 and prior, 1898, 1899, 1902 through 1904, 1906 through 1911, 1913 through 1919, 1924 and 1925.

## Rain, Rain, Stay Away

Jim Ferree exemplified the determined professional preparing for the Open Championship after an unsatisfactory practice round at Oakland Hills last month. Ferree scampered to the practice tee, unsheathed his driver and then heard the peal of thunder. Ferree looked up at the sky and wailed, "Please don't rain on me; I need every minute I can get."

## A Correction

The June Journal printed a reminder on Amateur Status that neglected an important point. The reminder said that: "Amateur Status is forfeited by one who sells golf merchandise in a golf shop at a place where golf is played, practiced or taught." To this sentence should have been added the phrase "after the 21st birthday."

## Two Elder Statesmen

The USGA congratulates two professionals who have passed landmarks in long and distinguished careers.

George M. Gordon was recently honored at a dinner on the occasion of his 50th anniversary as professional at the Wannamoisett Country Club, Rumford, R. I. He continues to be an active teacher of golf.

Mike Murra has retired after 36 years as professional at the Wichita Country Club, Wichita, Kansas. Mike's pupils included Fay Crocker, Marilyn Smith, Judy Bell, Barbara McIntyre, and Jimmie Vickers.

## R & A Captain-Elect

Dr. William Tweddell has been nominated Captain-elect of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, St. Andrews, Scotland. Dr. Tweddell, a general practitioner, won the British Amateur Championship in 1927 and was runner-up in 1935. He played for Great Britain in the 1928 Walker Cup Match and was Captain of the 1936 British Walker Cup Team.

## Books Reviewed

**Arnold Palmer's Golf Book**, by Arnold Palmer (The Ronald Press Co., \$5.00). An instructional book by the 1960 Open Champion.

**Fundamentals of Golf**, by Dow Finsterwald with Larry Robinson, President of the Golf Writers Association of America (The Ronald Press Co., \$5.00). An instructional book by one of the most successful touring professionals.

**The Masters**, by Tom Flaherty (Holt, Rinehart and Winston, \$7.50). Traces the history of the Masters Tournament beginning with the first tournament in 1934. Color illustrations.

## Writers Aid Turf Student

Robert E. Faust, of Matawan, N. J., recipient of the most recent scholarship awarded by the Metropolitan Golf Writers Association, received a B.S. degree at Rutgers University last month.

The award is restricted to students interested in the study of Turf Management. It is provided for by proceeds from the Writer's annual dinner.

## Hands Across the Tee

The February USGA JOURNAL contained an invitation from the Latrobe Golf Club, Melbourne, Australia, to USGA clubs interested in inaugurating an intercontinental, interclub match.

The call was answered by the Biltmore Country Club, Barrington, Ill. After preliminary correspondence, a May date was set. Both clubs played one stroke-play round; the lower total of the 16 best net scores determined the winner. The Australian club won by 1,123 to 1,146. Cables were exchanged as soon as the final scores were posted.

A trophy has been donated by Lester Hilyard, a Latrobe member, who advises that his club hopes to add a club from Great Britain to the competition in 1962.

## Necrology

**Kerr N. Petrie**, of Deland, Fla., who wrote golf 45 years for the New York Herald and its successor, the Herald-Tribune.

**Hudson G. Samson**, of Pittsburgh, former President of the Western Pennsylvania Golf Association. He was also President of the Longue Vue Country Club for the past nine years.

## NEW MEMBERS OF THE USGA

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