



Don't Be Rattled

So you think you have troubles! Golfers at the Bisbee Golf Course, Bisbee, Arizona, take their troubles, including rattlesnakes, in stride. A Local Rule permits the golfer who finds his ball within a club length of a rattlesnake to move the ball two club lengths without penalty. The unanswered question: Do you keep your eye on the ball or the snake when playing the next shot?

From Tee To Wrong Green

Is it possible to hit a ball from the second tee straight down the middle of the second fairway for a distance of 230 yards and, on the same stroke, end up on the third green? John M. MacKenzie, of the Seawane Harbor Club, Hewlett, N. Y., says it is and offers the corroborating testimony of his golfing partner, William J. Hanley, to back up his contention.

Mr. MacKenzie hit such a drive. He knew where it landed because it sent a flock of seagulls fluttering noisily into the air when the ball landed among them. However, when he reached the area there was no golf ball.

Mr. MacKenzie dropped a new ball and played on. As he and Mr. Hanley approached the third green they saw three balls on the green where two should have been. A closer inspection revealed the third ball to be the one Mr. MacKenzie lost on the second hole. A dent on the ball in the shape of a gull's beak revealed the culprit.

Golf Writers Honor Russell

Clinton F. Russell, of Duluth, Minn., received the Ben Hogan trophy at the Metropolitan Golf Writers Dinner in New York last month. Mr. Russell, who lost his sight in an accident in 1924, was honored for overcoming his physical handicap to continue playing golf and for the inspiration his struggle against blindness has been to others. He is a former world blind golf champion and an organizer of the United States Blind Golfers Association.

John Jay Hopkins, founder of the International Golf Association, was awarded the Gold Tee award in recognition of his contributions to golf. Due to Mr. Hopkins' illness, the award was accepted on his behalf by Frank Pace, International Golf Association vice-president.

The ceremony was recorded by the Armed Forces Radio for rebroadcast to the armed forces overseas on the following Sunday.

WGA Elects Officers

Carleton Blunt, of Chicago, Ill., has succeeded James L. O'Keefe, of Chicago, as President of the Western Golf Association. Mr. Blunt, Chairman of the Evans Scholar Foundation for the past six years, has been associated with the W.G.A. since 1936.

Elected with Mr. Blunt as officers of the Association for 1956 were: Vice-Presidents — Norman G. Copland, Chicago; Cameron Eddy, Chicago; Frank H. Hoy,

PREPARING FOR THE AMATEUR



Officials of the Massachusetts Golf Association presented a novel pre-Christmas package in connection with the 1957 USGA Amateur Championship to be held at The Country Club, Brookline, Mass., September 9 to 14. The plan offered ticket purchasers an opportunity to buy season tickets providing grounds and clubhouse privileges for the six days of the tournament and the three practice days for \$15. Regular season tickets, for grounds only, will cost \$12. From left to right are: Joseph A. Galvin, Jr., President; John W. Goodrich, B. F. Jaques and William O. Blaney, former M.G.A. Presidents.

Milwaukee; Harold A. Moore, Chicago; James M. Royer, Chicago; George K. Whyte, St. Louis; Secretary—A. R. Carman, Jr., Chicago; Treasurer—Walter W. Cruttenden, Chicago; General Counsel—Lynford Lardner, Jr., Milwaukee.

PGA Choices

Jack Burke, Jr., winner of the 1956 PGA and Master's Championships, has been named "Professional Golfer of the Year" for 1956 by the Professional Golfers' Association of America.

The Houston, Texas, professional received a total of 118 votes in winning the award. Dr. Cary Middlecoff, of Memphis, Tenn., the 1956 USGA Open Champion, was runnerup in the balloting with 82

votes. Burke is the ninth recipient of the award.

Harry C. Shepard, of the Mark Twain Golf Course in Elmira, N. Y., was also honored as "Golf Professional of the Year" for 1956 by the PGA.

In receiving the award, Mr. Shepard was cited for contributions to the game over a period of 40 years. An active advocate of junior golf, Mr. Shepard has served as a member of many youth organization committees in his community. He has promoted many golf tournaments and has encouraged industrial golf leagues as well as service club leagues in his community.

Beharrell Honored

John Beharrell, 18 year old winner of the 1956 British Amateur Golf Champion-

ship, was recently named Golfer of the Year by the British Association of Golf Writers. He received the honor as the player who did most for British golf in 1956.

Wedding Bells

Marriage is foremost in the future plans of Misses Patricia Ann Lesser, of Seattle, Wash., and Barbara Romack, of Sacramento, Cal., both of whom recently became engaged. Miss Lesser and Miss Romack are both former USGA Women's Amateur Champions and were members of the 1954 and 1956 Curtis Cup Teams.

Miss Lesser, the 1955 USGA Women's Amateur Champion, is the fiancée of John Harbottle, Jr., of Tacoma, Wash. Both are graduates of Seattle University where they were members of the golf team. Mr. Harbottle is currently studying at the University of Washington Dental School.

Miss Romack, the 1954 USGA Women's Amateur Champion, is engaged to Edward Wayne (Bud) Porter, a native of Alturas, Cal. The couple will be married on May 11. In addition to her competitive accomplishments, Miss Romack is a member of the USGA Girls' Junior Committee. Mr. Porter is currently the associate golf professional at Haggin Oaks Golf Course in Sacramento, Cal.

Time of Decision

The last months of 1956 were a time of decision for five of the country's prominent amateur golfers. In quick succession came the news that Ken Venturi, Miss Margaret (Wiffi) Smith, Tommy Jacobs, Doug Sanders and Joe Conrad were leaving amateur ranks to pursue professional golf careers. They leave amateur golf with records of distinction and best wishes for future success as professional golfers.

Equalled His Age

The Royal Canadian Golf Association has added another name to the roster of golfers who have matched their age and golf score. The late George S. Lyon, of Toronto, Ontario, President of the R.C.G.A. in 1923, equalled his age from his 69th

birthday until he was just short of 80. On a number of occasions he accomplished the feat on his birthday.

Mr. Lyon was one of the colorful figures in Canadian sport. He played his first round of golf at the age of 38 after distinctive success as a tennis player, cricketer, swimmer and baseball player. He was eight times Canadian Amateur Champion, winner of the Canadian Seniors title on ten occasions and runner-up in the USGA Amateur Championship in 1906.

Miss Hoyt's Age

It now develops that Miss Beatrix Hoyt was 16 years old, not 17, when she won her first USGA Women's Amateur Championship in 1896 at the Morris County Golf Club, in Morristown, N. J. Her correct birth date is July 5, 1880.

Newspapers at the time of her victory uniformly carried her age as 17, but Miss Hoyt, who is living in Thomasville, Ga., informs us that they were in error. She is, of course, the youngest to win the event.

Education Through Golf

Golfers of the Westchester County (N. Y.) Golf Association have contributed a total of \$37,785 to the Reinach-Turnesa Caddie Scholarship Fund since its beginning a year ago. As a result, six caddies from Westchester County are now pursuing a course of study at either New York University or Fordham University.

Tournament Sites Changed

Gasoline rationing resulting from the Suez crisis is responsible for a change in the sites of the British Amateur and Open Championships for 1957.

The amateur, scheduled to be played from May 27 to June 1 at the Royal St. George's Golf Club, Sandwich, has been changed to the Formby Golf Club, Lancashire, England. The Open Championship will be played over The Old Course at St. Andrews, Scotland, from July 1 through 5, instead of at Muirfield, Scotland.

The new sites are nearer population centers and have much better railway transportation than St. George's and Muirfield.

Good News in Books

An addition to many golfing libraries during the Christmas season was the new \$4.95 edition of Herbert Warren Wind's epic *The Story of American Golf*, which was originally published by Simon and Schuster in a boxed, \$15 edition in 1948. In the interim, the text has been completely up-dated to take into account all developments since 1948, and the up-dating includes an entire new chapter entitled, appropriately, "The Age of Hogan." Anyone who could only gaze wistfully at the first, expensive edition can now take the same material into his home and spend many happy winter hours getting acquainted with the golfing greats—because Mr. Wind has tremendous zest for golf history and a great talent for characterization.

A second pre-Christmas edition, *The Golfers Own Book*, is a potpourri of golf history, a guide to golfing facilities throughout the country, golf instruction and prose in one volume. Edited by Dave Stanley and George G. Ross, the volume contains a variety of information calculated to supply specific facts and a background of many golf subjects. Articles by Bobby Jones, Johnny Farrell, Johnny Revolta, Cary Middlecoff, P. G. Wodehouse, Paul Gallico, and many others, are delightfully interspersed with a choice selection of golf cartoons.

Prince Fumitaka Konoye

The death of Prince Fumitaka Konoye in a Soviet prison camp was recently announced by the Japanese Foreign Office in Tokyo. Prince Fumitaka, son of Prince Fumimaro, former Premier of Japan, was a well-known amateur golfer and captain of the Princeton University golf team in 1937.

Educated in the United States, he was a graduate of the Lawrenceville School, Lawrenceville, N. J., in 1934. He captained the Lawrenceville golf team and reached the semi-final round in the championship division of the Eastern interscholastic golf tournament in Greenwich, Conn. Shortly

before returning to Japan he reached the quarter-finals of the Metropolitan Amateur Golf Championship.

Fraser M. Horn

We record with great sorrow the passing of Fraser M. Horn, General Counsel for the USGA, on November 13, 1956. Mr. Horn, a partner in the New York firm of Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle, had been General Counsel for the Association since 1950.

A graduate of Yale University and the Harvard Law School, Mr. Horn was a member of the American Bar Association, New York State Bar Association and the Bar Association of the City of New York.

Mr. Horn had entries for many years in field trial circuits. His retriever, Major VI, was the 1954 national champion of his class.

Necrology

It is with deep regret that we record the death of:

AL ESPINOSA, prominent golf professional. Mr. Espinosa tied Bobby Jones for the 1929 USGA Open Championship at Winged Foot Golf Club, Mamaroneck, N. Y., but was defeated in the playoff. He was a member of the Ryder Cup team on three occasions and won the Mexican Open Championship five times.

CLIVE T. JAFFRAY, a member of the Executive Committee of the USGA in 1909 and 1910. A well-known banker and industrial leader in Minneapolis, Minn., Mr. Jaffray was a member of the Minikahda Club in Minneapolis.

WILLIE KLEIN, golf professional for the past thirty years at the Wheatley Hills Golf Club, East Williston, N. Y. Mr. Klein was the 1938 New York State Open Champion and won the Florida Open in 1925.

REGINALD A. WHITCOMBE, 1938 British Open Champion. Mr. Whitcombe was the Irish Open Champion in 1936 and played in Ryder Cup competition against the United States.