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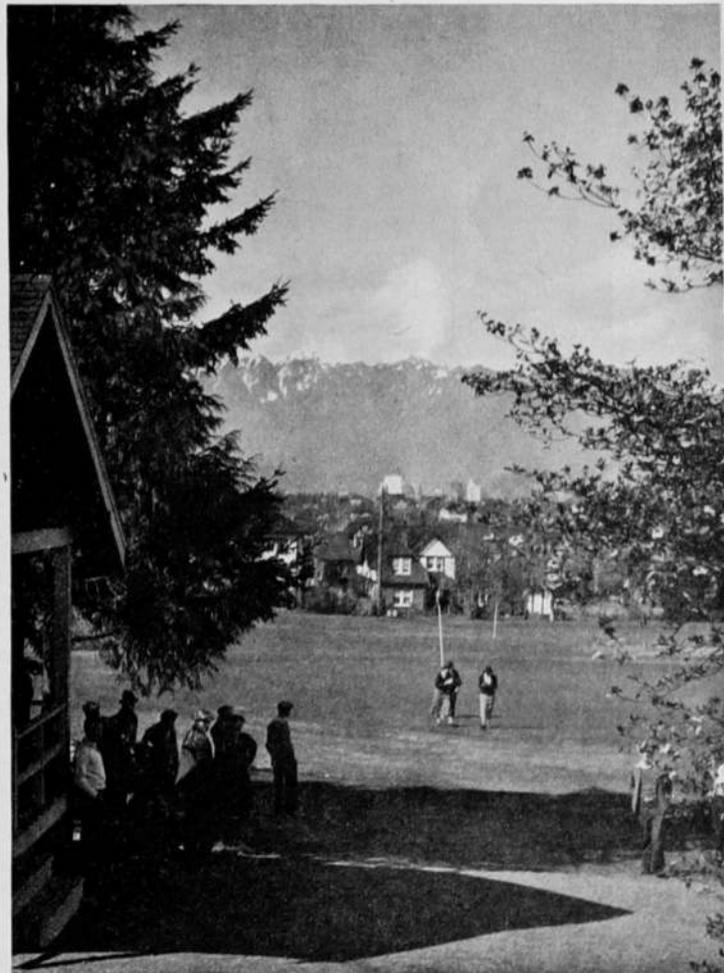
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## Over a Year — Briefly Fair Americans in Spotlight

In the United States, the country which turns out probably more outstanding golfers than any other country in the world, there are four players who share the spotlight of major achievement during 1934. It is a unanimous choice that gives to Lawson Little Jr. the honour of undisputed first place. As is well known, he achieved a feat only twice previously duplicated once by the inimitable Bobby Jones. His achievement consisted of victories in the British Amateur Championship and also that of his home country, the United States. The other three players are Olin Dutra, Paul Runyan, and Miss Virginia Van Wie.

### Little Ranks First

Even if the matter of outstanding achievement for the year were close enough to be disputed, in the final analysis Little must necessarily have been chosen on the strength of the manner in which he won both of his crowns. He is a vicious hitter, and he has shown such remarkable control in his long game that he stands as the peer of distance-getters in the amateur world to-day. We spoke of the manner in which he won his two titles. He did so by starting each tournament with his game well in control, and rising to heights gradually as the tournament progressed. As the week continued to roll by, his game became better and better until in the final rounds he gave the galleries the most magnificent display of golf that have been offered since the day of Bobby Jones.

Little has youth, and a sturdy physique, (although he is not the giant which pictures and newspaper writers are prone to credit him as being).

### Who He Beat In The Finals

He defeated Jim Wallace, a Troon ship's plater, by a score of 14 and 13, and went on to completely dominate the

American Amateur Championship defeating "Specs" Goldman by a score of 8 and 7. There is no reason why Lawson Little, considering the encouragement and confidence which are naturally imbued with such success as he experienced this year, should not maintain his position for some time in American Golf.

One may consider that Henry Cotton, Olin Dutra, and Paul Runyan were the three outstanding figures in the professional world of golf. Cotton achieved a comeback for Great Britain by annexing the British open Title for the first time that an Englishman had done so in a solid decade (marked chiefly by American victories). It was not an ordinary victory which Cotton achieved, for behind it was something of super-showmanship as well as brilliant shot-making. There was something strange about Henry's finish in the British open Championship. He played three rounds of golf which bespoke the super-man. A 67, a 65, and a 72 gave him an unbelievable lead of eleven strokes facing the last round.

### A Tense Finish

Cotton, a man who has only nerves of the type that re-act to give his tournament play a touch of brilliance, was followed by 6,000 seething golf enthusiasts—praying for a victory for Cotton and an Englishman! It was no wonder that the gallery felt this way, for this pleasure had been denied them ten long years.

With an overwhelming lead, the crowd was now making that fatal golfing mistake of desiring their favourite to be cautious. Every golfer knows the outcome of trying to play safe and "steer the ball."

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*Left, Lawson Little, of California, the critics choice as the outstanding golfer of 1934. In capturing the British and American Amateur the sturdy Californian certainly produced remarkable golf, what is more, he proved himself a real sportsman*



## Over A Year — Briefly

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Somehow Cotton began to feel an urge to be careful, too. He began to play as if hypnotized by this one desire, and as a result his game broke completely. By the thirteenth he had taken enough "fives" to allow his pursuers to come well within hailing distance of him. Brews, the African professional, was really only two or three strokes behind at this point having made up a deficit of eight strokes. Cotton seemed to be struggling with himself and a swing that was worn and tired. The gallery was grimly silent in his wake. Would the faultless Cotton let them down now? The whole thing was settled on the fourteenth tee, when after watching him with anxiety the crowd breathed a sigh of relief to see Henry hit a perfect tee shot that showed he had conquered the tension which had set in. He played the last six holes in 2 under par and won by a five stroke margin.

### *Dutra's Victory*

Olin Dutra's victory was none-the-less notable in that as a sick man he threw caution to the winds in the last round of the United States open Championship and went out to play against doctor's orders. It was a gruelling test but the bronze Californian won his greatest victory playing under this handicap.

### *Runyan Fooled The Critics*

The slightly built Paul Runyan who is this year's American Professional Champion became American's leading player contrary to the expectations of golf critics everywhere. His game is the essence of control, and he is as accurate with his wooden clubs as some of the best are with their irons. His timing and fight made him the high money winner of the winter tournaments (in which he amassed \$7,000.) He also captured the Metropolitan open championship which all told undoubtedly marks him as United States most dependable performer.

### *A Feather in California's Hat*

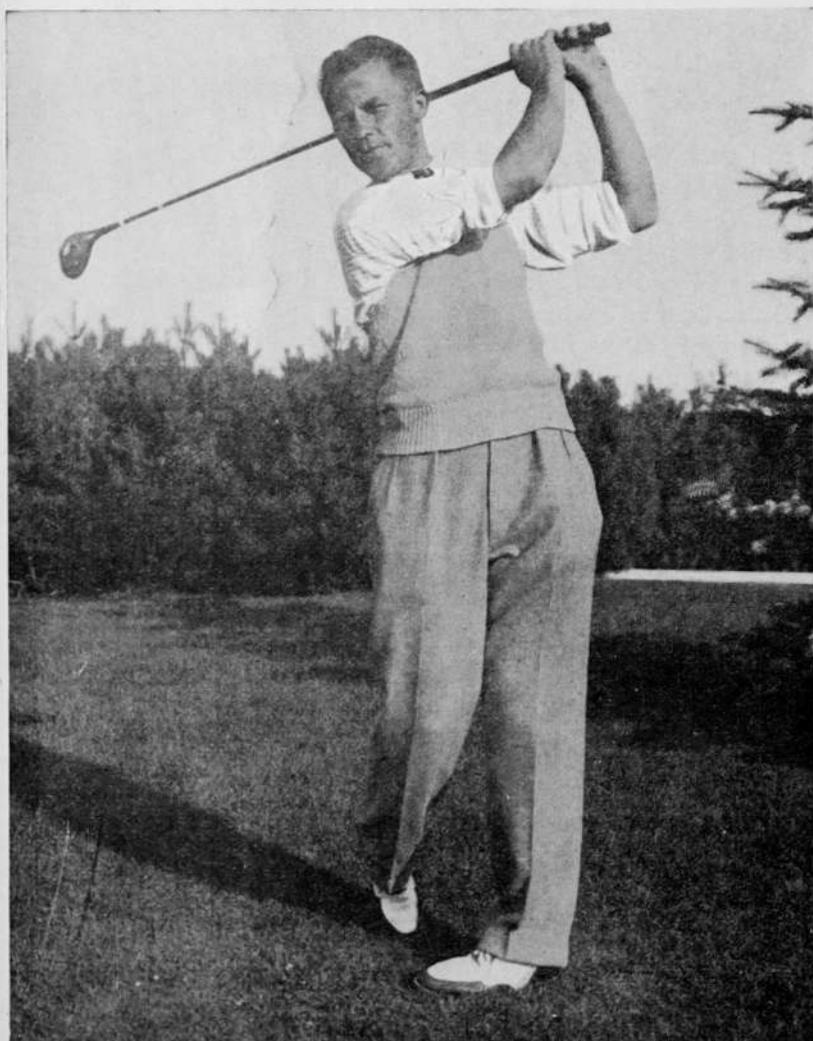
California has produced two champions in a single year, one who is a double winner. Of the men who were distinctly threatening in the open championship of the United States we find Gene Sarazen, Bobby Cruickshank, and Wiffy Cox. These three at different times appeared to have victory in hand only to see their games fail them at the crucial moment, and in the end Dutra, the sick man, slid through to victory.

Miss Van Wie, who won her third American title this year becomes automatically the foremost woman player now competing.

### *What of Tommy Armour's Win*

In the two major Canadian tournaments the Amateur and the Open two familiar figures again took the spotlight. In Toronto, at the Open played over the Lakeview Course,

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*Left Albert C. Campbell the wiry wee Scot from Seattle who performed the different task of winning the Canadian Amateur for the second year in succession*

# C. S. W. G. A.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

*The new executive which will guide the affairs of the Canadian Women's Senior Golf Association are Mrs. Arthur Miles of Toronto, President; Mrs. R. S. McLaughlin of Oshawa, Vice-President for Ontario; Mrs. Arthur D. Fry of Montreal, Vice-President for Quebec and Mrs. A. Leslie of Toronto as Honorary Sec.-Treas. All these ladies have been prominently interested in the golfing, sporting and social life of Canada, and will undoubtedly be worthy successors to the executive committee formerly headed by Mrs. A. E. Mussen of Montreal, the widely known and exceedingly popular founder of this organization.*

*The Senior Women's Association like the balance of the ladies' associations throughout the Dominion is a highly organized and smoothly operating unit. Their programme each year providing the incentive for a maintained interest in their golf, and the popular opportunities for golfing-get-togethers*

Right—MRS. A. MILES

Lower Right—MRS. R. S. McLAUGHLIN

Below—MRS. ARTHUR FRY



# Present Day Golf Allows Wide Variety in Clubs

## Number Should not be Limited

By BOBBY JONES

*Ball Today Livelier—Requires Different Technique*

**A**ROUND Brookline, during the American amateur championship, there was some discussion among a few of the players to the effect that the number of clubs which a golfer may carry should be limited to some such number as seven, or eight, or nine. I have no expectation that such a proposal will ever be officially adopted, but it may be of academic interest to examine its merits.

At the outset, it can be admitted that there has been great improvement in the implements of the game during the decade or two just past, and that the modern matched set of four woods and nine or so irons does make the game easier than it would be if we still had to use the clubs of twenty years ago. Nevertheless I cannot see that these facts supply any reason why a player should not be allowed to carry as many clubs as he desires and can pay for. When we talk of "buying shots in a store" we are talking so much rot, for there are no clubs that can be used successfully without the employment of skill.

So far as concerns the average golfer, if more clubs could be designed which would make the game easier for him, I should say he ought to have them. Whether I said so or not, he would probably run over me getting to them, even in the face of official prohibition. I think most golfers are good enough sportsmen to respect the outlawry of ribs and mechanical aids, but, they will see no reason why they should be denied a legitimate club which will help them. For them the game is not easy enough yet.

### *Game Has Changed*

Obviously, the limitation would have to be restricted in its application to tournament play. In this field it could be enforced. But why should it? The seven, eight, or nine club idea comes from what is almost the ancient history of golf, when the gutta percha ball was in use. It comes from the time when Harry Vardon wrote that he "seldom used a mashie for a distance of more than eighty yards." Today Lawson Little or Paul Runyan would say that they never use a mashie from less than 140 yards except for a run-up shot,

The difference is the ball. Few, if any, of the present generation of golfers have played with the guttie. I have and I know that with it one would have little use for a number of the clubs which the modern ball has made indispensable. There is hardly ever any difficulty to be experienced in stopping the guttie, and always just as Vardon did, you will want to keep it down with a straight-faced club to get better control. But the modern ball is different. It wants to go places. Nowadays, when you have to make a pitch of eighty yards over a bunker from a heavy lie and with a following wind, you go for the biggest niblic you can find. And even then while the ball is in the air you are praying something will stop it.

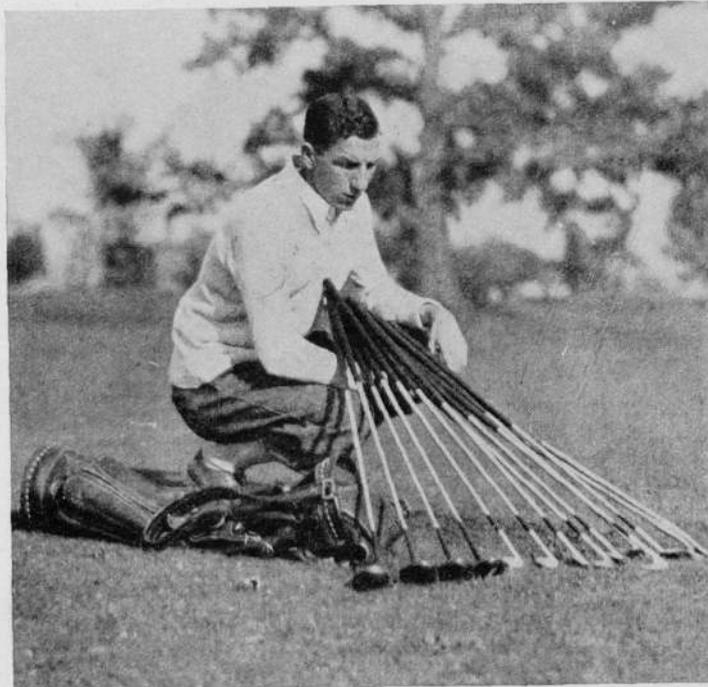
Good golf in the old days required skill, and it still does today. But the mechanics of the game are different. We cannot go back in one respect and leave everything else the same. The new mechanics have even developed a new technique, as early photographs with you can see by comparing those of today.

### *No Change In Players*

But in 1887, Sir W. G. Simpson wrote in his "The Art of Golf;"

"Golf has some drawbacks. It is possible, by too much of it, to destroy the mind; a man with a Roman nose and a high forehead may play away his profile. For a golfer Nature loses her significance. Larks, the casts of worms, the buzzing of bees and even children are hateful to him. Rain comes to be regarded solely in relation to the putting greens; the dairy is detested, botanical specimens are but 'hazards,' twigs "break clubs." Winds cease to be east, south, west, or north. They are ahead, behind or sideways, and the sky is bright or dark, according to the state of the game."

The game may have changed but those who play it have not, in the least.



ROSS SOMERVILLE

*Bobby Jones states in the accompanying article that he believes in a complete set of clubs. We agree but offer the suggestion that those buying new equipment should make sure it is suitable as well as good. The right clubs certainly save strokes*

# SHORT PUTTS

By RALPH REVILLE

## More and more a young folks game.

Mr. John L. Griffith of Chicago, President of the National Collegiate Institute in his 1935 review of college sports particularly emphasises the growing popularity of golf amongst collegians and predicts the coming year that the game will appeal to "ever increasing numbers of college men and women." In Canada too, there is no question that golf is more and more being taken up by students alike in Collegiates and High Schools and Colleges. This is particularly gratifying as the successful future of golf rests with the youth of any country.

## An Old Timer Passes

The death is announced at St. Andrews, Scotland, of Colonel William Playfair the oldest member of St. Andrews and probably the world's oldest active golfer. The Colonel passed away on December 27th—the anniversary of his 92nd birthday. He was admitted to the Royal and Ancient club as a member in 1866 or sixty-nine years ago. He was quite one of the outstanding figures at "the Mecca of Golf" and was well known to many prominent visitors to St. Andrews including Canadians. He was a most lavable old golfer.

## More Stymies

Last month, at the instigation of the United States the question of the abolition of the stymie was discussed by the Rules of Golf Committee of the Royal & Ancient at St. Andrews. Like "Banquo's ghost" apparently this vexatious question will not down. For forty years now it has been discussed pro and con with varying if any success—once or twice governing bodies in the States did ban it temporarily. It is understood that the Rules of Golf Committee again decided unanimously not to interfere with such an important element of the game, so golfers the coming season in Canada as elsewhere will have to play stymies, nolens, volens.

The United States Australian team returned home this month after a most brilliant tour of the Antipodes. There were four Tournaments in Australia and the U. S. team members won three of the four. The biggest plum went to Jimmy Thompson, not a team member but a member of the Professional Golfers Association of America. He won the Centenary Open and the tidy top sum of \$5,000. All told there was something akin to \$18,000 in prize money in the four contests and the Americans annexed \$17,000 of it—not bad picking. Besides the team got \$2,500 for a match in Sydney and the same amount for a match in Melbourne and lesser sums for other engagements. As a result of their tour "way down under" the team members and their wives, had a grand time, paid all expenses and came back with a much bigger profit than they would have earned in the Winter tournaments in



LEO DIEGEL

the States over the period of time they were in Australia.

It is interesting to note that Leo Diegel, four times Canadian Open champion, was the biggest individual winner. He was second in the Centenary Open, won the Centenary Match play, tied with Runyan in the Peninsular Open and won the Open in Sydney. Leo won close to \$6,000 single handed and just nosed out Thompson, who took a commanding lead in the race when he pulled down the \$5,000 prize in the Centenary Open. Advices from Australia are to the effect that the Americans made a great hit with golfers throughout the Antipodes and it is generally conceded that as a result of their visit a great fillip has been given to the game.

## British Want Cotton and Changed Dates for Ryder Cup

The British Professional Golfers Association has written the Professional Golfers Association of America asking that the date of the Ryder Cup matches scheduled to be played in the United States next year should be advanced from June until October. The Britishers claim and claim not unjustly, that the heat conditions in the States the latter part of June or July, militate against their players. Later in the season both teams would be in the pink of condition and prepared to give the galleries a much better brand of golf.

Then there is the question of Henry Cotton, the British Open champion who as a result of having a professional position in Belgium, under the Ryder Cup rules, is ineligible to play on the British team. Without Cotton, the British team is in the position of Hamlet being played without Hamlet. It would seem therefore in the best interests of International golf, that both these questions should be dealt with in a conciliatory manner by the P. G. A. of America.

Canada too, is interested in the controversy, because the British team, following the usual custom will visit this country next year after playing in the U. S. and October is one of our most delightful golfing months. Then also, everyone here would like to see Cotton.

## Another Fire

Fire last month gutted the main building of the Erie Downs Golf & Country Club at Bridgeburg, Ontario, causing a loss estimated at \$40,000. This is a particularly popular club with golfers of Buffalo who thanks to the Peace Bridge are within easy distance of the Club. The members are planning to replace the buildings in time for the opening of the 1935 season. Erie Downs has a large and influential membership including many Canadians, although residents of the Bison City largely predominate.

# A Big Money Event for Canada

## The General Brock Open Tournament at Lookout Point Niagara is Certain to be an Outstanding Affair

For the first time in the history of Canadian golf Canada is to stage an open tournament in which the prize money will compare favorably with the most remunerative competitions played in the United States, each winter and summer. If successful, this event will be an annual affair and will probably be the forerunner of other similar events in Canada. It is confidently expected that the prize money will amount to \$4000, with a juicy slice to the winner, and that every star of the United States and Canadian golfing firmament will be seen in action.

According to present plans, the tournament will be staged by the management of the General Brock Hotel at Niagara Falls, Ont. and will be known as the General Brock Hotel Open tournament. The course selected is the popular Lookout Point Country Club, at Fonthill, Ont. which can be reached in less than twenty minutes from the hotel. It is one of the longest courses in America, having a yardage of over



Canada's First Money Tournament will be played in the famous Niagara district in the early part of June over the Lookout Point Course

6900 yards, and its par of 74 has rarely been equalled so excellent is its natural hazards and trapping. Unquestionably, it will prove a fine test for the paid brigade.

The tournament will be a three-day affair and will be conducted along the lines of the Canadian Open championship with eighteen holes medal play on each of the first two days and thirty-six holes on the final day, with the sixty leaders eligible for play. The dates have not been definitely set as the committee is trying to prevent any conflict of dates with any important United States or Canadian open tourna-

ment, but it will probably be held in June.

The idea of the tournament was conceived by Vernon G. Cardy, president of the General Brock Hotel, who is well known as a golfer and sportsman in Montreal where he personally manages the Mount Royal Hotel. According to the request of Mr. Cardy, the tournament will be under the direction of B. L. Anderson, of Toronto, who has successfully conducted Canadian championships for the last twenty years, and he is now working out the details which will be announced in the near future.

### 1934 CHAMPIONS GOLF

#### Men's Champions

United States Open—Olin Dutra, Brentwood Heights, Calif.  
United States Amateur—W. Lawson Little Jr., San Francisco.  
P.G.A.—Paul Runyan, White Plains, N. Y.  
British Open—Henry Cotton, England.  
British Amateur—W. Lawson Little Jr., San Francisco.  
British Professional—John Busson, Harrogate, England.  
Walker Cup—United States.  
Canadian Open—Tommy Armour, Chicago.  
Canadian Amateur—Albert Campbell, Seattle.  
Canadian Professional—Jules Huot, Quebec.  
Metropolitan Open—Paul Runyan, Metropolitan.  
Metropolitan Amateur—T. Suffern Tailer, Cherry Valley.  
Metropolitan P. G. A.—Leo Mallory, Wee Burn.  
New York State Amateur—Eddie Driggs Jr., Cherry Valley.  
Long Island Open—Joe Turnesa, Old Belleaire.  
Westchester Open—Paul Runyan, Metropolitan.  
New Jersey Open—Craig Wood, Hollywood (N. J.) Golf Club.  
Long Island Amateur—Albert W. Biggs, Crescent Athletic—Hamilton Club.  
Westchester Amateur—Richard D. Chapman, Greenwich.

New Jersey Amateur—James W. Brown, Forsgate.  
Metropolitan Junior—August Boyajian, Old Westbury.  
New York State Junior—Billy Ward, Syracuse.  
Metropolitan Public Links—Charles Amantoles, Staten Island.  
Metropolitan Senior—Morton B. Downs, Brookville.  
Western Open—Harry Cooper, Chicago.  
Western Amateur—Zell Eaton, Oklahoma City, Okla.  
North American Senior—R. W. Smith, Pittsburgh.  
Founders Cup for Seniors—J. W. Beaumont Pease, England.  
United States Senior—Charles H. Jennings, Miami, Fla.  
Duke of Devonshire Trophy—United States and Canada, tied.  
Lord Derby Cup—United States and Great Britain, tied.  
Lesley Cup—New York.  
National Intercollegiate—Charley Yates, Georgia Tech.  
National Intercollegiate Team—Michigan.  
Eastern Intercollegiate Team—Yale.  
Eastern Interscholastic—Bob Knowles, New Prep.  
Eastern Interscholastic Team—Hill School.  
United States Public Links—David A. Mitchell, Indianapolis.

Western Conference—Charles Kocsis, Michigan.

Western Conference Team—Michigan.

#### Women's Champions

United States—Miss Virginia Van Wie, Chicago.  
British—Mrs. Andrew Holm, Scotland.  
Canadian Open—Mrs. Alexa Stirling Fraser, Ottawa.  
Metropolitan—Miss Maureen Orcutt, White Beeches.  
New York State—Mrs. Leo G. Federman, Lakeville.  
Eastern—Miss Maureen Orcutt, White Beeches.  
Long Island—Mrs. George Viebrock, Queens Valley.  
Westchester-Fairfield—Miss Marion Fisher, Oak Ridge.  
New Jersey—Miss Charlotte Glutting, Rock Springs.  
Metropolitan Junior—Miss Marian Bradshaw, Braidburn.  
Metropolitan Public Links—Miss Mollie Shapiro.  
Western—Mrs. Leona D. Cheney, San Gabriel, Calif.  
United States Senior—Mrs. C. H. Vanderbeck, Cynwyd, Pa.  
Griscom Cup—New York.  
Curtis Cup—United States.  
Metropolitan Interclub Team—Women's National G. and T. C.

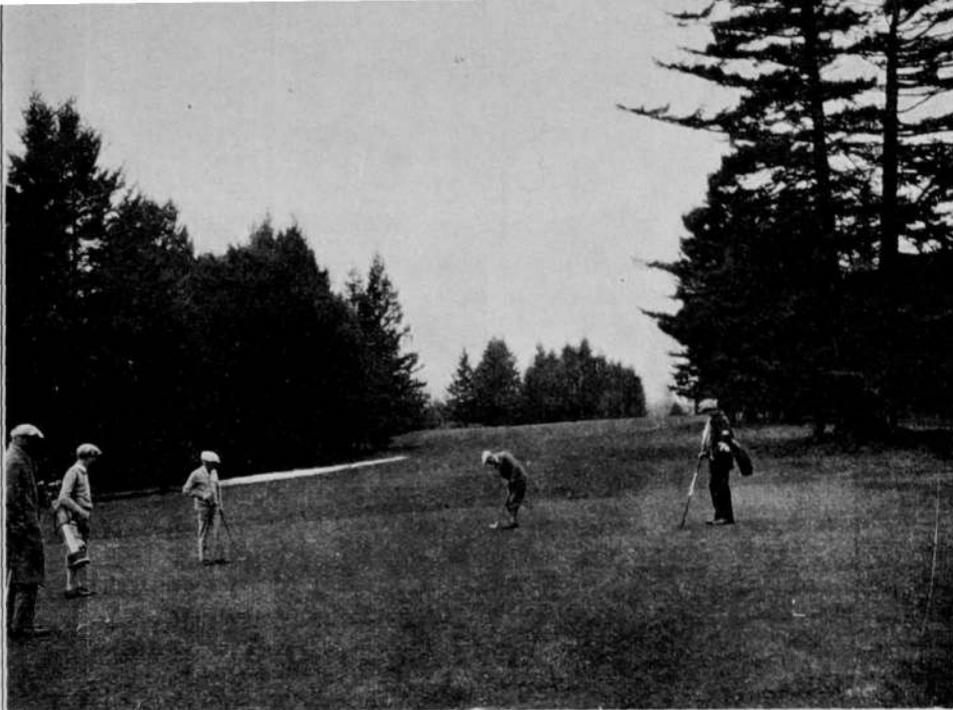
**J**ULES MacIntosh, golf enthusiast and player of no mean ability, found himself on the first tee of the Country Club in the finals of the Amateur Championship.

There were five thousand gathered around the small teeing space, and as he looked about them he found he did not recognize one of them. Almost immediately he sensed the hostile feeling amongst the crowd. But this did not bother him particularly at first. However when he caught his caddie in the very act of cutting the bindings on his driver he knew that something was amiss. Of course he immediately dismissed the boy and applied for another. To his utter astonishment and great rage the president of the association popped out of the crowd wearing a huge red streamer, reading "Official" and said "Look here MacIntosh, you'll take the caddie we assign or none at all!!"

Brow-beaten in this way, Jules was left quite speechless, and was further agonized by the fact that the entire gallery had heard and were laughing, loud and openly, at his embarrassment. Well, he'd show 'em. He'd carry his own bag. When he picked it up, however, he was certain that he had never felt such a back-breaking weight in his life. It took all his strength to lift it, and to make matters worse he became suddenly aware of the terrific heat. From behind a cloud the sun had shown his face without warning, and was now burning down mercilessly upon the already parched golf course.

Amid all this anxiety he had quite forgotten whom he was playing, all he knew was that it was the most important tournament that he had ever played, and that he had reached the finals with some masterful golf. Then the crowd parted and he remembered. He was drawn against Bobby Jones, and the great player came forth upon the tee, greeting him with a single nod. Without a word the familiar figure of the great champion took the honour and smashed the ball some three hundred yards straight down the fairway. Just as MacIntosh was about to take his back swing someone coughed just behind him; almost in his ear. He was lucky to get a hundred and eighty-five yards down the fairway with the scuffed result. Nevertheless, he was able to halve the hole by holing a ten yard chip shot. That was the way the match continued to go, but the farther he went the hotter it became, and every time he played one of his phenomenal strokes the crowd groaned louder and louder.

His bag was an insufferable weight, and he felt that at any moment he must give up the task of carrying it. At the



## Mid-Winter's Night-Dream

### A Short Hallucination

By the Editor

The gallery had now started to crowd him, and though he complained to the officials all he could get was a shrug of their shoulders. At the sixteenth he had to fight his way through a crowd, and when he came out on the other side part of his shirt was missing, and he had only three clubs. (He had been carrying his clubs in his hands). He thought to himself what an article of complaint he would write if this game ever actually came to a close, and if he could emerge without being mobbed. Why were they all against him? Perhaps they knew that he deliberately tried to lay stymies when putting!! How could they have found this out. Perhaps he deserved the treatment they were giving him for it was a pretty low trick to make a habit of always putting where the other fellow would likely be hindered by your ball. But nevertheless, they were carry this thing a bit too far. They had no right to tear his shirt off, or steal his clubs!!

As he looked at his score card at the seventeenth he remembered that he was playing Jones, and to his amazement found that he was still all even. His score read two under par. This was wonderful golf! The thing that was impressing him, however, was that his feet were burning until they pained him. He sat down beside the water hazard and taking off his shoes soaked them, but the water was almost boiling too.

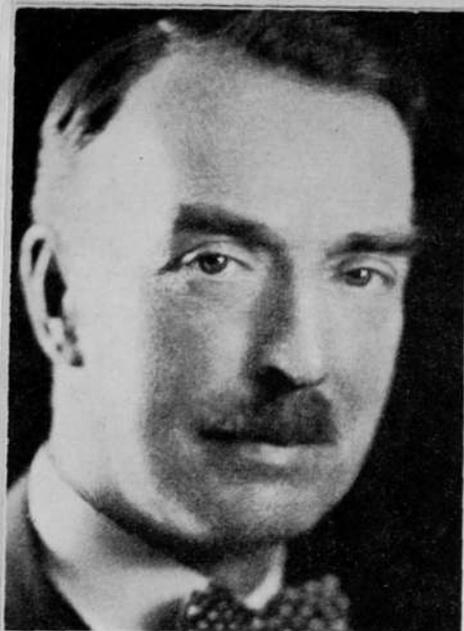
With only his stockings on he was about to take his drive when a man with a demonish face and a huge camera flashed a light before him on his back swing. Of course he fanned. This was the last straw. With a vicious lunge he struck the camera with one hand and the man with the other. Taken unaware the fellow went over backwards and down into the water hazard in front of the tee. Like a leaden pellet he and his camera sank from sight. A few bubbles showed on the surface beside his floating straw hat.

In utter horror MacIntosh begged to be let free by the gallery who were holding him. He screamed for someone

eight hole he actually did discard the leather container; at the eleventh he had to take off his sweater; still he was so warm that he could scarcely breathe. Strangely enough, however, the match was close.

Every time he thought the hole lost he would, by some great fortune, play a phenomenal shot.

He was holding even with Jones in a terrible match!!



GEORGE FORSTER  
President of the R.C.G.A.

# Outstanding events of the

## January

U. S. Amateur Championship is changed to all match play.  
Geo. H. Forster elected President of the R.C.G.A.  
George L. Robinson heads Ontario Golf.

## February

L. W. Barker elected President of the P.Q.G.A.  
Jules Huot leads Canadians in the South with fine scoring.  
Quebec Golf Club honoured by King George, re-named ROYAL QUEBEC.  
Mid-Winter Empress tournament played at Royal Colwood—won by Bob Morrison.  
Mrs. A. J. Grey, Colwood, Fred Painter, Gergevale, also score.

## March

Ted Fenwick brings Bermuda Amateur Title to Canada.  
Honorable Michael Scott chosen as Captain of British Walker Cup Team.  
Royal & Ancient St. Andrews re-define amateurism.

## April

Bobby Jones failed to place better than thirteenth at his tournament in Augusta.  
Andrew Kirkaldy, famous St. Andrews Professional passed away at the age of 74.  
Mrs. Glenna Collett Vare announced decision to play abroad.

## May

Mrs. R. C. Sweeney won the Vancouver title.  
Fred Hoblitzell won the Opening Ontario Golf Association meet at Hamilton.  
Brantford Golf Club honours Ralph H. Reville, former Editor of CANADIAN GOLFER.

## June

Lawson Little wins British Amateur title.  
Dick Moore British Columbia titleist.  
Canadian Amateur to be played all match play.  
Great Britain criticizes Walker Cup choices by St. Andrews.  
Miss Mary Hunter wins Ontario Championship.  
Olin Dutra wins U. S. Open.  
Frank Corrigan wins both the Open and Amateur Spring Quebec Championships.

## July

Phil Farley wins Ontario Amateur Championship.  
Madame Dagenais wins Quebec Ladies' Championship.  
Henry Cotton walks off with the British Open title.  
British Columbia Willingdon Cup team chosen.  
Hiram Walker approaching competition won by Fred Hoblitzell of Toronto.  
Mr. C. M. Gint Cain won the New Brunswick Amateur Championship, and also that of Nova Scotia.



GORDON TAYLOR, Jr. Toronto  
with 72.5 scoring average in tournaments



Left JULES HUOT Kent Club Quebec.  
Canadian Professional Champion

# year 1934 summarized

## August

Tommy Armour wins the Canadian Open.  
H. H. Richardson takes honours at the Seigniory Club.  
Alex Weir of Winnipeg scored a comeback in the 1934 Amateur Manitoba Championship.  
Sandy Somerville plays smartly to win from stylish field at the Manoir Richelieu.  
Paul Runyan takes Gene Sarazen's American Professional title.  
Tom McGrath is victor in the Ontario Open Championships at Mississauga.  
Tony Longo of Mamoroneck, N. Y. won the second Hiram Walker approaching tournament.

## September

The late Jack Matson of Vancouver won the Jasper Park Totem Pole tournament.  
Mrs. F. Sayward Wilson defeated the women entries in the same tournament.  
Albert "Scotty" Campbell of Seattle, won his second Canadian Amateur Championship of the year.  
Jules Huot recorded a 68 to win his first Canadian professional championship.  
British Senior's and British Women's International teams arrive in Canada.  
Gordon Taylor wins the 1934 Quebec Championships.  
Mrs. A. B. Darling wins the Seigniory Club Invitation tournament.  
Miss Virginia Van Wie takes the Western Women's United States Championship.  
Mr. E. A. and Frank Corrigan won their third Quebec Father and Son title.  
British Women's team tie all Montreal 3½ to 3½.

## October

Englishwomen's team turned back Canadians 8½ to 3½.  
Mrs. Alexa Fraser won the Canadian Open Championship.  
Gordon Taylor Jr., Toronto, comes to the spotlight with an average of 72.5 shots for the season.  
Jules Huot honoured by Kent House Club.  
Mrs. F. H. Hankin wins Canadian Women's Senior Championship.  
Lawson Little adds U. S. Amateur title to that of the British.  
Great Britain and United States tie in Senior championship.  
R. M. Gray wins Canadian Senior title.  
Hugh Jaques of Whitlock winner of the new Metropolitan Trophy donated by the Metropolitan Golf Assoc. to Que.  
Bobby Reith won the Manitoba Open.  
Bob Burns, Hampstead, wins Montreal Professional golfers title.  
Don Sutherland won the British Columbia Closed Championship at Colwood.  
United States women defeat British players by a score of 6½ to 2½ at Chevy Chase.

## November

Mrs. C. B. Ford, Shaughnessy Heights won the Canadian Closed Championship.  
Mrs. Dorothy Campbell Hurd won the Philadelphia City Championship.  
Mr. E. C. Gould of Brantford nominated for R.C.G.A. presidency.

## December

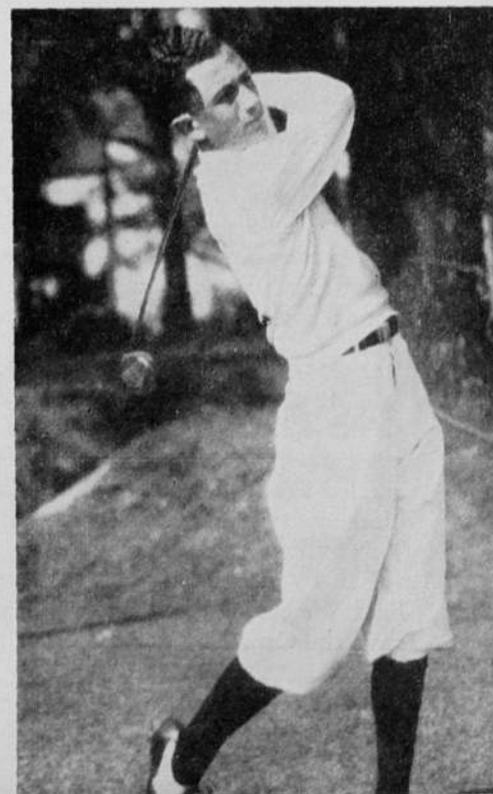
Jack Matson, famous Victoria golfer passes away.  
British Professional averages published showing improvement in 1934.  
Bermuda golfing programme published.  
The Editor of Canadian Golfer prays for a handicap reduction in 1935.



A. C. "SCOTTY" CAMPBELL  
Canadian Amateurs Champion for 1933 and 1934



GORDON B. TAYLOR  
Province of Quebec, Champion Amateur



Right PHIL FARLEY, Ontario Amateur Champion

## Mid-Winter's Night-Dream

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to dive in for the drowning photographer, but no one would. It was a quick sand hazard someone said. In untold agony he watched the last bubbles cease to rise and felt the hangman's noose around his neck as they disappeared. He wished now he had taken his wife's advice and given the game up. In fact he had wished he had never seen a golf stick in his life. Look what all his practice and work had gotten him. He was a murderer.

Then the course policeman appeared riding up on his bicycle. Placing his hand upon Jules shoulder he said in a harsh tone, "Well, MacIntosh, you've done it at last. I knew you would some day, but before I take you in, you've got to finish this match, it wouldn't be in the sporting interest of golf if I made you quit. Now go ahead and play. It'll be your last game." With that he melted into the crowd.

This was ghastly! But strangely enough it was his face and his feet that were bothering him most. He felt as if he must shout with pain for they were burning him so.

Reaching the eighteenth hole the match was all square, and both he and his opponent drove some two hundred and fifty yards down the fairway. Just as he was about to take his second shot, the course policeman came up to him again and whispered "look here MacIntosh I'll see that you get out of that murder if you win. I've got my roll staked on you, but if you lose, you swing!"

Despite the fact he was shoeless, his feet were still burning. His cheeks too seemed on fire, and the crowd now in a high state of excitement were actually making noises to distract him. Someone right behind him was ringing a bell with a sole purpose of rattling him. He took a firm grip on his club. Much firmer than usual for he must hit this short correctly. Unfortunately his grip was too tight

for his mid iron snapped in his hands and he had now only his driver and his putter. He had a good lie so he decided to hit the ball with his driver and a half swing. He wished the person would stop ringing the bell while he made his shot but it was no good to appeal to the gallery's sense of decency. Again he took his back swing. This was followed by a crack and a light feeling of the club in his hands. He saw the head of his driver go zooming over his shoulders. He had now only his putter, and the gallery were laughing so hard that he felt like breaking it over some of their heads. The heat by this time was unbearable on his head, and he couldn't put either foot down for long. He addressed the ball again with his putter, and with a determined swipe struck it a mighty blow. Despite the bell that was still ringing everyone became silent as they strained their eyes to follow the flight of the ball. Then to MacIntosh's utter horror he realized why no one could see it. The heat was so great that the rubber had gone soft, and it was sticking to his putter head. Suddenly he realized that he was going to hang, and behind him he felt the course policeman grasping him by the shoulder. "It's too bad Jules he heard the voice say you had better come with me." As he heard this last part of the sentence the course policeman's voice suddenly changed from a deep bass to an unmistakable contralto. "Come along it's time to go to bed" he heard the voice continue you'll be burning your feet if you sleep in front of this fireplace any longer. It's just rung eleven o'clock and I think it's time that all respectable people were in bed.

Jules MacIntosh opened his eyes with an effort for the glare of the fireplace was almost blinding. Picking up the golf magazines that lay on the floor in front of him he noted that the soles of his shoes were still painfully hot. With a long deep yawn, as much from relief as from fatigue, Jules MacIntosh went to bed.

## Over a Year — Briefly

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Tommy Armour, a venerable American-Scottish shotmaker won his third victory in this tournament. It was one of those affairs where the ultimate winner got out in front at the start and never relinquished his lead though challenged seriously by two players, Ky Lafoon of Denver who finished two strokes behind him, and Fay Coleman, a slightly built former California Amateur Star. It was not the most exciting tournament, but was a fine demonstration of skill and experience by Armour. His faultless style seemed sounder than ever.

### *Campbell, Repeats*

At the Canadian Amateur Albert Campbell of Seattle showed that his victory in the West in 1933 at Shaughnessy Heights could hardly be termed an accident. He battled Sandy Somerville tooth and nail to come from behind several times, and eventually win on the last green. This tournament was marked by an exceedingly strong invasion by American players. Jesse Guilford, Jack Munger, Fred Wright, Johnny Nies, and a number of other players gave the Canadians some colourful and exciting matches.

### *Again A Champion of Canada*

The outstanding ladies' tournaments of the year in Canada saw Mrs. Alexa Stirling Fraser win another major title at the expense of Miss Ada MacKenzie in the finals of the Open. Mrs. Fraser, a quiet brilliant shotmaker showed all of her old mastery to score over her old rival. It is something of a credit to point out that these two players who won the Canadian title back as far as 1919 and 1920 are still at the top rung. In spite of strong challenges which came this year chiefly from Great Britain.

### *Eleven Years Tor is Beat*

The women's Closed Championship saw another veteran, Mrs. C. B. Ford of Vancouver, turning in a splendid victory. Mrs. Ford a former titleholder in 1934 culminated a fine record in the East with a victory over Mrs. R. W. Gouinlock of Toronto.

### *Teams Which Competed in Canada*

In the team championships of 1934, British Columbia again won the Willingdon Cup composed of a team of fine playing youngsters, Kenny Black, Dick Moore, Stan Loen-

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# The Putt — "A Right Hand Sweep"

## No Excuse for Loosing the Touch During the Winter Months

By GILBERT REDD

The common complaint of the "snow bound" golfer in Eastern Canada is the loss of the feel of the club and on this account he has my sincere sympathy but there is no need or excuse for this complaint being extended to the putting stroke. In other words he has no real reason for losing his putting touch since that is the one and only part of golf that can be carried on the year round even though it may at times add a little wear and tear to the living-room or library rug.

But regardless of rugs if the game of golf is worth the time, effort and money that most people put into it, a Chinese or Persian rug should not be permitted to stand in the way of one maintaining that "sinking feeling" which he must have to play par golf.

Daily "rug" practice with the putter will maintain that putting touch and will start your new season off on the right foot, not that I suggest that one should stand on his right foot to putt for he should not. The putting "sweep" is not a one-foot shot, it is not a body

shot, it is not a two-hand shot. The properly executed putt is definitely and decidedly a "one-hand (right hand) sweep." The putt is a delicate operation, it is like threading a needle. But, you say, the left hand takes an active part in needle threading. So it does until one learns that by sticking the needle in the cushion or in the unholstered arm of a chair to hold it steady the right hand can do the work with much more ease than with the help of the left hand. And so it is with putting.

Let us start this putting operation from the ground. The position of the feet must of course be comfortable. Any putting instructor will tell you that, but the theory of putting which I am advocating places two requirements upon the feet, first, a position which will not allow the body to sway or move in any way, 2nd., a position that makes an exaggerated forward movement of the right arm a natural and easy operation. I do not care what happens to the clubhead in the back swing or the forward swing until such

time as the clubhead contacts the ball. You will agree with me that until the ball is struck the clubhead can have no effect upon it. What does matter is what happens to the clubhead after it contacts the ball, in other words the six inches behind the ball is not the important part of the putt but the six inches ahead from the point where the ball is contacted by the clubhead is the part that determines its course. Have you ever tried to let your clubhead go definitely through the ball at the time of contact so that it will strike a blade of grass six inches ahead of the ball in a direct line that you wish the ball to travel? By doing this you will get the feel of the club as expressed above when I stated that you should stand with your feet in such a position as to let your right arm swing freely out ahead of the ball.

I now come to the question of the hands upon the club. To make this sweeping stroke a success one must take the putter definitely in his right

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Note the similarity of the putting styles of four of the West's best, and its in the west they really drop them

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# Jots From the Canadian Golfing World an Elsewhere

By T. HIGH

## Back To England

"Wally" Smithers, who for the past six years was assistant, and a "right good assistant too" under Karl Keffer, professional at the Royal Ottawa Golf Club, left this month for England where he has been appointed professional at the quite famous Wentworth Club in Surrey just outside of London. He succeeds no less a celebrity than George Duncan. This is certainly a very high honour for Smithers who during his residence in Canada, more than once came close to winning major championships. He is a very fine player indeed and it would not surprise his many friends in Canada, if in the years to come, he should with the added opportunities he will now enjoy, loom in the British Open and other premier championships.

Another former Canadian professional, "Jimmy" Kinnear formerly of the Glendale Club, Hamilton, has been engaged as professional at the McFadden Golf Club, Rock Hill S. C.



Mr. Vernon G. Cardy well-known Montreal golfer, and popular manager of the Mount Royal Hotel who is largely responsible for the inauguration of the new General Brock Open Golf tournament to be staged at Lookout Point near Niagara Falls. Details appear on page 11

*Among the many Canadians visiting in the Bermudas during the holiday season were the well-known and popular golfing brothers, O'Donald and O'Neill Higgins from Prescott, Ontario. O'D., is standing on the bench to the left, watching his partner drive down one of the narrow fairways. The opposition, Mr. F. G. Rounthwaite and brother O'Neill also take a keen interest. The picture was taken on the Mid-Ocean over which an international invitation tournament will be played in February*



O'D. HIGGINS

F. G. ROUNTHWAITE

O'N. HIGGINS

## Some Technical Terminology

There is a saying which governs the correct usage and pronunciation of terms and proper names. It is that common usage makes a term or a pronunciation correct. With this in mind it is not unlikely that we draw the line rather finely in condemning the terminology used by most golfers. Despite what may seem a superficial check-up undoubtedly there will be many terms, most commonly used which in the following list will completely appaul many experienced golfers. It is not unlikely that certain words which have been used for years in a certain sense may be found here as meaning a completely different phase of the game.

If you wish to check yourself merely inspect the term printed in bold type and without looking at its meaning. See how many of this list you are authentic in defining.

**BAFF**—To strike the ground with the club when playing, and so to loft the ball!

**CUP**—A depression in the ground causing the ball to lie badly.

**BYE**—The holes remaining after one side has become more holes up than are remaining to play.

**FOURSOME**—A match in which four persons engage, two on each side playing alternately the same ball.

**FOUR BALL MATCH**—When two players play their better ball against the better ball of two other players, the match is called a "four-ball match."

**BEST-BALL MATCH**—When one player plays his ball against the best ball of two or more players, the match is called a best-ball match.

**COP**—The top or face of a bunker.

**FLAT**—A club has a "flat" lie when the head is at a very obtuse angle to the shaft.

**FOG**—Moss; also thick, rank grass.

**FORECADDIE**—A person employed to go ahead of the players to watch where their balls go.

**FLUKE**—Bringing off a shot successfully which was not played for or contemplated.

**GOBBLE**—A putt played with such force that, although it goes into the hole would otherwise have gone some distance beyond.

**GREEN**—First the whole links or course; second, the putting-green within twenty yards of a hole, exclusive of hazards.

**HEEL**—First, that part of the head between the face and the neck; second, to hit the ball of the heel.

**HOSE**—The socket of irons into which the shaft is fitted.

**NECK**—The bent part of the head of the club where it is connected with the shaft.

**ONE OFF TWO, ONE OFF THREE ETC.**—When your opponent has played three strokes more, your next stroke is "one off three;" when he has played "two more," your next stroke is "one off two," and so on.

**PUSH SHOT**—A stroke played with an iron club, with stiff arms.

**RUB OF THE GREEN**—Whatever happens to a ball in motion, such as its being deflected or stopped by any agency outside the match, or by the forecaddie, is a rub of the green, and the ball must be played from where it lies.

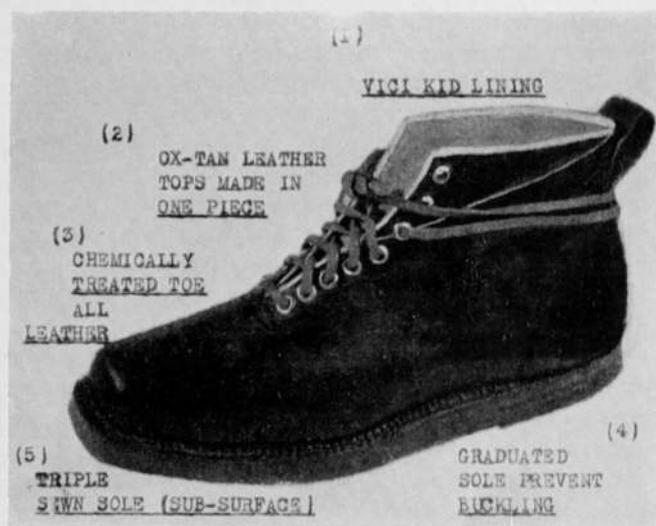
**SCARE**—The part of the club where the head and shaft are spliced together.

**SCLAFF**—To hit the ground before striking the ball, thus robbing the stroke of a good deal of its strength.

**SCREAMER**—A very long stroke, so called from the whistling noise made by the ball.

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# A Condensed Introductory Survey of Golf and its History

**T**HERE has long been a discussion as to just which country was the earliest direct ancestor of the modern game of golf. Two countries have claims which narrow the field down pretty well in making a final judgment. It has been settled rather definitely that modern golf dates from the fourteenth or fifteenth century, although it has been accredited that even in times before the Christian era shepherds using their crooks played something in the nature of primitive golf. Using pebbles (for balls) while alone, or sometimes in competition with fellow-shepherds, it is supposed that they "batted about" in more or less haphazard fashion, showing at least that the idea of the game has long been a native conception with man. Almost as natural as it is for a man to throw a stone is the inclination to strike at a moveable object on the ground with some sort of a staff. It is only a step from this to the taking of an objective at which to direct the missile. This is the fundamental idea of golf, and its age really dates back beyond any definite knowledge of its origin.

1.\* We are all very likely to think of Scotland as the birth place of golf, but strangely enough the land of the heather has a contender in Holland. To be sure Holland's claim lies chiefly in two facts, first and probably most important, is that the present name is just a slight shift from the Dutch word "Kolf" which was the ancient forerunner of the game as played in Holland. However, "Kolf" means "club" also in Dutch, and thus there is a possibility for some coincidence to enter into this consideration. The second of Holland's claims may be seen in the British Museum. It is a drawing of the fourteenth century, and shows three Hollanders, each with staffs in hand. The question is, do the knobs on the end of their sticks represent the "heads" of golf clubs or not? If so, Holland's contention is legitimate, but there is also just as good a possibility that these are merely knobbed walking sticks. In Scotland the words, "gouff" "Gouf," "gowff" and also "golfe" all were used to describe the game, not the implement.

## Editor's note.

This article compiled with a bibliography is the most comprehensive introductory survey of golf which we have ever seen. If you have friends who are considering golf during the coming season there could be no more useful article to give them some knowledge of the game and its background than this one compiled by Gilbert Redd.

2.\* Holland points out that it supplied golf balls to King James VI, of Scotland, (later King of England). That is true. But it did not sell him golf balls (leather casings stuffed to hardness with feathers) until 1618, which was centuries after the game started in Scotland.

Golf was played in Scotland first either very late in the fourteenth century or early in the fifteenth. Its growth was negligible for over two generations. But in 1440 it began to intrigue the Scotch, and when 1457 arrived, the ruler of Scotland became alarmed, regarding golf as a menace to the practice of archery, a compulsory national sport. As a result, Parliament, meeting in March 1457 ruled against "golfe," as well as "futballe" condemning indulgence in each and directing the people to forget both sports and practice archery. Parliament of 1471, added a newer ban. But no one paid much heed. Golfers continued to golf.

3.\* In 1491, Parliament fired a terrific broadside at the sport. Not only did it forbid the game but it fixed a fine and imprisonment both for the offending players and also the persons on whose property the barred game was played. This might have killed the sport completely, or wrecked it for centuries, if King James IV, of Scotland (1488-1513) hadn't become infected with the golf virus.

It seems that soon after King James signed the new law of 1491, one of the noblemen argued with the King in favor of "golfe." To prove that the game was fascinating, strength building and health giving, he gave a private demonstration before the King. The ruler looked on and, in the end, was

a jeering critic. He said it required no skill to hit the little ball. He was asked to prove it, took a swing—another—perhaps a few more. Whether he "cussed" a bit is not known. But it is established that he went to bed that night resolved that with the dawn he would arise and conquer the driving part of the game. Thus he became a golfer.

When it became known, that the same King of the Scots who had signed the edict against golf, was himself an addict, the law, naturally, became a joke and the game was played rather openly in Scotland. However, the rule remained on the books until 1592. Legislation then was enacted in Edinburgh whereby the game was permitted "except on Sundays." This soon was changed to "on Sundays except in times of sermon." That was the last futile effort to handcuff golfers in Scotland.

4.\* On North American soil the earliest record of golf comes to us in 1729. For a time it was thought that Canada was the first part of this continent in which the game was played. But in Herbert Manchester's book "Four centuries of Sport in America," recently published by Derrydale Press, New York, one notes that an inventory of Gov. Burnet's possessions made in 1729, revealed "9 Gouff Clubs, one iron ditto and 7 dozen balls." Manchester also reports an item which appeared in the Charleston, S.C., "City Gazette Daily Advertiser" on October 13, 1795, which read in the form of an official announcement of a golf club anniversary to be held at a club house in Harleston's Green. Of course, this was completely disproving the Canadian claim which dated no earlier than 1860. At that time Britains and Scots then living in Canada, renewed their enthusiasm for the game and played with fort officers, using borrowed equipment. Later they sent to England for balls and clubs. A three hole course was established in Quebec which is actually recorded, while Montreal undoubtedly had such a layout on which to entertain visitors from the Old Country.

In the United States, John G. Reid, a Scotchman who settled in Yonkers,

## Short Putts

By RALPH H. REVILLE

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A month or so ago, Mr. P. D. Ross, of Ottawa, was notified by the Ontario Government that his services as its representative on the Ottawa Hydro-Electric Commission, would be dispensed with. This "political" move created wide-spread and unfavourable comment throughout Ontario as Mr. Ross had for many years given unstintedly of his outstanding abilities to the Hydro cause. A sequel to this interest-

ing incident occurred this month when the Ottawa City Council unanimously appointed Mr. Ross as its representative on the Ottawa Board so his invaluable services will fortunately be retained by Hydro interests in the Capital.

Mr. Ross, who is President of the Ottawa "Journal" one of Canada's outstanding newspapers, in his younger days was, like his equally four famous brothers in Montreal, a great amateur

athlete. The past twenty five years he has devoted all his spare time to golf, and has filled many important Executive offices including President of the Royal Ottawa Golf Club, President of the Royal Canadian Golf Association and President of The Canadian Seniors' Golf Association. Although well-up in the seventies—"he don't look it" he still can "wield a wicked club" and is a match for many players thirty and forty years his junior. Without fulsome flattery, Mr. Ross can be given credit for doing more perhaps than any other man, in Canada, to popularize the Royal & Ancient game in this country.



P. D. ROSS

## Some Technical Terminology

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**SOCKET**—The part of the head of iron clubs into which the shaft is fitted.

**SOLE**—The flat bottom part of the club head which rests on the ground.

**STEAL**—To hole a long, unlikely putt so that it just drops into the hole.

**WHIPPING**—The twine with which the club head and shaft are bound together.



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N. Y. in the 80's, was called the "Father of American Golf," and was erroneously credited with introducing the game in the U.S.A. However, though this distinction now is shorn from him, he is still glorified as the man responsible for the amazing development of the game in this country.

In 1888, when Reid learned that Bob Lockhart, a friend, was going to Europe, he asked Lockhart to bring back some clubs and balls. Reid had golfed in Scotland, but had left his equipment behind. When Lockhart returned with the drivers, niblicks, putters and such, Reid proceeded to lay out a six hole course in a vacant lot near his home. He interested four neighbours. They helped him plot the links. Reid explained the principle of the game to them and on November 4, 1888, the five swung into action.

The other villagers, living in the vicinity of the golf course, used to pause and watch the young men drive the little white ball, chase after it only to drive it again and continue in pursuit. Undoubtedly the villagers would tap their heads significantly and point to the golfers—five very fine fellows, but just a little mad. Nevertheless, we are told that in the following spring the five golfers who used to deposit their coats and hats on nearby apple trees, thereby, being known as the "apple tree gang," began to interest those who looked on more and more. They seemed to be having so much sport from the game that a natural curiosity was aroused. Reid was a very willing teacher, and actually loaned clubs and balls to neighbors in addition to giving free lessons. The result was a number of converts to the game, and the "apple gang" grew in number. At length they built a "locker room." From this start grew the St. Andrews Golf Club in Yonkers.

5.\* Growth of golf in United States has been unbelievably rapid. By 1894 we are told there was nearly a score of golf groups. With the increased numbers it was decided to hold two separate tournaments in that year. One was an eighteen hole tournament conducted at the Newport R. I. Golf Club, in which there were twenty entries. The score of the winner was 188 strokes—an astounding fact when compared with modern day standards. The second tournament was a three day affair, held at St. Andrews in Yonkers. This was the first "match play" tournament in the history of American golf.

Meetings among various golf clubs took place in 1894 during the winter when the United States Golf Association saw its first foundations laid.

At this point, however, it would be well to explain some of the fundamentals of the game as now exist, in order that terms used in common place golf discussion will not confuse the reader. We have already mentioned "match play" in tournaments. This differs from what is known as "medal play," and it is such phrases as these which may well be explained before we go any further in this survey of the game.

There are two terms which characterize all major tournament play. One is "match play" in which a tournament list, involving elimination through defeat, is drawn up. In this case each individual player is drawn against an individual opponent and continues until he is defeated or until all others are eliminated. Each hole is a separate contest, and the player winning the greater number of holes by taking less strokes, for each individually, than his opponent is the ultimate winner.

When the player is confronted with the field at large, and the object is to compile a lower score for the combined eighteen holes, that type of play is known as "medal play." Three of the four major tournaments of golfdom are played over the 72 hole "medal play" route. These are the British, American and Canadian Open Championships. The American Professional Championship alone is played in the "match" form. In the amateur classic events, the American, British, and Canadian Championships, "match play" is still favoured.

Golf is played over regulation courses consisting of eighteen holes. Any number of clubs may be used by the player, the average being three "woods," and five "irons." The "woods" are so called because they are composed of a shaft which is run into, and bound to a wooden head which may be weighted at the back with lead. The three usual wooden clubs are known at the "driver," "brassie" and "spoon." All are used for distance purposes, and the ball may be struck such a blow with the former of these as to send it scurrying up a fairway between two and three hundred yards. The iron clubs are distinguished from the "woods" as might be imagined, because they have hand-forged steel heads. They have different slopes of blade which make them useful for obtain-

ing a higher loft to the shot, and, thereby, varying the distance travelled by the ball. The shafts of golf clubs have in times past been made entirely of hickory, a wood which best withstands warping and cracking. Even after innovation of steel shafted clubs which came in the early part of the last decade, wood shafts were considered preferable, for in some way the hickory, absorbing the shock, gave a pleasanter and truer feel when the ball was struck correctly. With the assistance of modern science, however, such features as fibre and rubber sockets which eliminate any direct contact between the head of the club and the shaft, have served to greatly supplant hickory for steel in the shafting of golf clubs.

6.\* The history of the golf ball is even more marked by change than is that of clubs. In the beginning golf balls were not the scientifically perfect things they are to-day. In 1850 a ball made of a specially sewn, hardened leather, cover and stuffed with tiny feathers to an amazing degree of hardness, cost the equivalent in modern money of \$2.00. Naturally the ball did not have the qualities of a rubber ball, and some ludicrous situations must have occurred when trying to play in wet weather. A soggy feather ball must have taken an endless number of strokes to propel any distance. It is a credit to the ingenuity of our forefathers that this type of ball could be made well enough to actually travel as much as 150 yards when new. In 1848 Thomas Moncrieffe obtained some gutta percha in London and had his ball-maker fashion the first so-called "Guttie." The feather ball makers were naturally opposed to this innovation, and pointed to the fact that the smooth surfaced "Guttie" had the habit of taking a nose dive a short distance after it had started on its flight. The behaviour of the ball was much similar to an accentuated "drop" which an American baseball pitcher deliberately imparts to the annoyance of batters. It was found that after the ball had been played with for sometime it did not take this odd dive. This was soon associated with the fact that after much playing it's surface had been cut slightly or at least dented. Cover indentations were the outcome of this discovery. In 1886 there were a tremendous number of people making golf balls all under different names, but twelve years later a Mr. Haskell of Cleveland, Ohio,

issued the death warrant to the Gutta Percha Ball when collaborating with the Goodrich Company he developed a golf ball with a tightly bound rubber core. This new ball when eventually moulded similar to the indented "Gutties" proved to be still more lively, and with still more distance potentialities. The modern golf ball is the most sensitive ball used in any game with the possible exception of the Spanish game of *Jai-Alai*. It is composed of a thin rubber cover with external indentations. Under this cover is a thin film which covers and seals the wrapping within. The outside third of the actual wrapping is composed of fine elastic, the middle third becomes heavier, but of a finer grade of rubber, the centre or core in expensive high compression balls is composed of a perfectly spherical rubber bag filled with various liquids depending upon the make of the ball.

The maximum distances which the golf ball could be driven in each of its three major steps were about 165 yards with the feather ball, about 190 yards with the "Guttie," and between 220 and 240 yards with the modern ball. In this last case, however, record drives of over 350 yards are not unusual, but do require unusual conditions. It has been a general trend that with the improvement and added distance of each new step in golf ball evolution more people have become enthusiastic over the game. We may say then that the farther the ball can be hit the more fascination the game holds.

7.\* Let us pause, however, and consider how this new distance feature has effected a change in the game. Naturally the farther the ball can be hit the longer holes must be made. As a result a championship golf course in 1934 may be anywhere from 6,400 to 7,000 yards. In order to understand this gradual lengthening of golf courses which has taken place it might be well to explain the system of "par" from the elemental view point. The course being divided into eighteen holes of unequal length generally finds all of these falling into one of three par ratings. By par we mean the number of strokes required to negotiate perfectly any individual hole. We may say roughly that it is universal to classify all golf holes under 250 yards as "par three holes," by which is meant that the perfect number of strokes for that hole is three. All holes between 250 yards and 450 yards are considered as "par

four holes." All holes over 450 yards have a "par" of five. (Holes over 600 yards are considered as "parring" at six, but there are probably not more than ten of these on the continent.) In all cases the player is allowed two strokes upon the putting surface (that part of the course, sewn with particularly even-growing grasses, rolled very smooth, surrounding the hole for about fifteen yards, and known generally as the "green"). In this way the modern game has developed to the point where distance and accuracy are absolutely essential in competitive golf. One is expected to reach the green in a single stroke on any hole under 250 yards; on holes from that distance up to 450 yards, two strokes are allowed; on par fives three strokes may be used. Of course there is an infinite scope for bettering par on the putting green, but on well kept courses, keeping an average of two "putts" for each hole can be an extremely ticklish feat. But more important than this, however, are the field shots which in the end spell the difference between championship calibre and ordinary layman golf. It is the mastery of these strokes, the controlling of the drive, and the ability to place the second shot accurately which make golf a tremendous game both in study and in practice. The knowledge and experience necessary to play the literally thousands of different shots which confront the golfer in the course of a season require an amazing amount of concentration, judgment and ability. It was James Braid, the famous British golfer of a decade ago who said "every shot is different, every one presents a new problem, that is the very fascination of golf."

8.\* The rules of golf are one of its most outstanding features. Although United States has drawn up her own code of rules which differ in many details, it is safe to say that golf the world around is played under the code drawn up by the Royal St. Andrews Club in Scotland. "Interwoven with the history and antiquity of St. Andrews are the history and antiquity of golf. The beginnings of both are hidden beyond remembrance. There was no evidence as to when St. Andrews was founded and as to when golf was played." Nevertheless, somewhere along the course of natural development of golf at St. Andrews the rules of golf have evolved themselves and formed the basis for all rules concerning the game. Golf's rules are heavily laden with colour-

ful tradition, and the keenest sense of sportsmanship imaginable. Only through long experience with the game, and a certain amount of study can one know all of the intricate rulings of the game. Similarly the glossary terminology of golf is intricate to the new player or the outsider.

Tournament golf has produced many remarkable and colourful figures and stationed them high into the field of sport. The world to-day considers generally that Robert Tyre Jones, Jr., affectionately known as "Bobby" is the greatest exponent of the game in all history. Still a young man he retired from competitive golf in 1930 when he scored an unprecedented series of victories. His achievements that year included the British Open Championship and the United States Open Championship. He was also victorious in the Amateur championships of both countries. This achievement alone without his record of other victories in major tournaments would classify him as certainly the greatest player of modern times. According to Charles MacDonald, one of the foremost golfers of the late nineteenth century, and an outstanding authority of the game, Tom Morris, Jr., the English champion between 1868 and 1872 was equally as good a player as Jones. Other names who down through history have ranked as the outstanding players are H. H. Hilton, J. H. Taylor, Harry Vardon, James Braid, George Duncan, Edward Ray, Walter Hagen, Tommy Armour, Leo Diegel, and a handful of others. The greatest professional of all times from the point of view of colour and ability is Walter Hagen. He and Jones stand alone at the top.

9.\* Women in golf have long been recognized. It was not until 1893, however, that women held any tournaments of national importance. From that time Lady Margaret Scott won the British Women's Championship for three years successively. Women generally speaking do not develop the degree of firmness or accuracy found in first ranking men players. For the most part they are unable to match men in the length of their shots which is a decided handicap. However, it is significant that in the all-time ratings of the first ten golfers, the technique of Miss Joyce Wethered, four times champion of Great Britain, has given her a position in this honored group. The names of the outstanding women



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*Dates for the 1935 American Tournaments*

Inasmuch as Canadian golfers are constantly increasing in numbers who are interested in participation at American tournaments, the following are the dates for 1935 which the United States Golf Association have issued for their major tournaments. The National Open will be the first of four events sponsored by the American Association. It will be played over the Oakmont Country Club course near Pittsburg, on June 6-8.

Oakmont is that championship course where Bobby Jones once tied for, and won, the open title. It is a long layout featured by great lengthy fees which can be set up or back to alter the length of the holes as much as fifty yards. It is famous for its conditioning.

The public links championship will be played on the Indianapolis Municipal course July 29 to Aug. 3, and the Cleveland Ohio Country Club will be the site of the Amateur Championship. This will be played Sept. 9-14. None of these date greatly differ from the time of year at which they have been previously held.

The fourth tournament, and one which more of the ever-improving Canadian women should enter, is the Women's National Championship. This season the date for it will be moved forward to come Aug. 26-31. This approximately a month earlier than usual. It will be played at Hopkins Minn. over the Interlaken Country Club which should be a fine test for the ladies title aspirants. One change in this event will be the playing of all 18 holes matches in the afternoon instead of the mornings as previously was the custom. This move was to attract large galleries. It is a suggestion that some of the promising Western Canadian ladies, who did well in the East last year, try their nibliks in foreign soil.

*Tenure of Golf in U.S.A. is Sound*

With the official report of the past season President Prescott S. Bush was assured by retiring president Herber-Jaques that an optimistic note was the general feeling of golf in the States, and golf generally had gotten a firmer grip over followers in 1934. The report went on to say that "although there was no extensive construction of new courses, numerous municipal courses were completed and plans mapped for others," the report said. "Most clubs that weathered the unusual conditions of the previous five years operated on new bases. The old club spirit so evident in the past was rekindled."

Less encouraging was the steady drop in membership from a high of 1,129 clubs to 839 at the present time which made deep inroads into the operating budget of the association and made curtailment necessary.

*Total Assets Announced*

The report of Treasurer Pierce indicated that the association had made a profit of \$4,650 during the year in spite of the heavy expense involved in sending the Walker Cup team abroad, amounting to \$7,744.28, and in staging the women's Curtis Cup matches in Washington. The total assets of the association at present amount to \$42,682.85.

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**The Putt — "A Right Hand Sweep"**

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hand gripping the club tightly so that when he sweeps the ball the club will act as a part of his hand and arm and he will impart to the clubhead the exact feeling that he has in his hand both as to the direction and force of the stroke. One cannot get the feel of this shot until he has learned to let the clubhead travel in a straight line six inches along the rug or ground following the ball. In other words there must be no lost power between the club and the right arm through the contact of the hand on the club. That must be a definite grip. Your hands must be so arranged on the club as to give the least possible chance for the clubhead to turn or change its course in case the wrist is brought into the action. This means that you should be able to look straight down your thumb along the shaft of the club which gives you a perfectly straight, backward and forward movement which will prevent your wrist from turning, should it enter the action, as it may or may not do, as well

as making it impossible for the wrist to work contrary to the straight, backward and forward movement of your right arm. So far I have said nothing of the left hand and up to this point you do not need your left hand, but inasmuch as there is a left hand looking for something to do and inasmuch as the one-handed putter has not been approved by golfers generally it is well to place the left hand over lapping the right hand merely as a steadying factor but in-so-far as the actual sweep is concerned the left hand takes no part. Another reason for placing the left hand on the club is to allay comment which would naturally come to a one-hand putter and which is not beneficial to anyone's putting.

In order to make these points clearer I am now going to summarize them and I may say that one point is as important as another, in the success of this operation. It all works together. However the most outstanding requirement of all, in my opinion, is that you take a firm grip with your right hand and do not allow your left hand to interfere with its action in any way.

Briefly the points I have brought out, all of which must be definitely followed to get results are as follows:

1. A stance that will keep you solidly on your feet and permit a free right arm movement toward the hole without any movement of the body.
2. A definite grip with the right hand that gives the same force to the clubhead that is imparted by the hand as if the club were a part of the hand and arm.
3. The grip of both hands on the club must be such that the thumbs form a straight line down the shaft of the club giving the wrist a perfectly straight forward and backward movement.
4. The stroke is an arm and wrist stroke and the force of the stroke is definitely imparted to the clubhead through the solid grip of the right hand.
5. Having the above four points fixed now let your clubhead travel six inches along the rug in the direction you wish the ball to travel and keep a tight grip with the right hand. These points definitely followed will produce good putting.

**Reviewing a Year — Briefly**

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ard and Bob Morrison. Ontario was second as was the order of things in 1933 on the West Coast.

Canada's women's team, the first in history of Canadian golf bowed before the invading British players. And in the Interprovincial team matches, also the first ever played in the history of Canadian Women's golf, Ontario headed the list of four other teams barely nosing out a strong Quebec quartette by a scant margin of three strokes.

In the International Senior's tournament United States and Great Britain tied three points ahead of Canada. It was the seventeenth annual Canadian Senior's tournament which this International team match took place. In the Canadian Senior's Championship, R. M. Gray, of Toronto outscored a strong field to take the 1934 title.

**Golf Weathers the Depression**

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*The Officers For 1935*

With the elevation of Mr. Bush a member of the Round Hill Club in Greenwich, to the presidency Archie M. Reid of the St. Andrew's Golf Club, former secretary, was moved up into a vice presidential post along with John G. Jackson of the Deepdale Golf Club, who was re-elected.

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The present day stipulation which governs amateurism in golf is most rigid. Any man who in any way derives direct remuneration for skill, service, or sale of golf equipment with expert advice, is liable to the loss of his amateur standing. As in all sport the professional does in some measure lose something of his social standing particularly at the club at which he is serving. This feeling is more accentuated in England and Canada than it is in the United States, but in all cases is based on an old and extremely conservative attitude.

10.\* Golf is played in practically every civilized country of the world. China, Japan, India, South Africa, South America, and in many surprising out of the way points of the globe. Undoubtedly the United States has produced the greatest number of outstanding players, but Canada and Great Britain are very close seconds in this respect.

There is one feature of the game of golf that should not go unmentioned even in such an elemental survey as this. It is the strange fascination with which golf holds its enthusiasts! There is an intangible element in golf which makes it at times a most satisfying pastime and at others the most exasperating. The subtle difference between perfection and mediocrity is a will-o-the-wisp which urges most people of a determined nature to much study and practice. Coupled with this are the exceedingly pleasant associations made quite naturally in golfing circles. We may feel that the game is one for the "idle rich" and this may have been entirely true during the period just following the World War, but since the recent economic depression golf clubs have had to lower fees and costs to the extent that any medium circumstanced family can, without feeling the pinch

too acutely, play golf either at an inexpensive club, or at the many well-kept municipal courses which practically every town can boast.

In closing there is something to be said to augment the idea briefly touched upon in the preceding paragraph and I do not believe that it can be stated better than by two quotations from Charles Blair MacDonald's Book "Scotland's Gift—Golf". They express the finest essence of the game and what it stands for, and if the reader never takes a club in his hands or ever thinks of doing so it is in these words that I would prefer the thought of golf. MacDonald writes:

"One of the most delightful sensations I have ever experienced in a long life was when I learned of Bobby Jones' renunciation of the wonderful tribute paid to him by his friends and admirers in Atlanta (following his four magnificent victories in a single year) who gave him a \$50,000 house. His refusal of it had nothing to do with his amateur status—that was secure—but he was keenly sensitive about the welfare of the game in its highest significance, but like a true nobleman stood by his convictions.

So many people preach equity in golf. Nothing is so foreign to the truth. Does any human being receive what he conceives as equity in his life? He has got to take the bitter with the sweet, and as he forges through all the intricacies and inequalities which life presents, he proves his metal. In golf the cardinal rules are arbitrary and not founded on eternal justice. Equity has nothing to do with the game itself. If founded on eternal justice the game would be deadly dull to watch or play. The essence of the game is inequality, as it is in humanity. The conditions which are meted out to the players, such as inequality of the ground, cannot be governed by a green committee with the flying divots of the players or their foot-prints in the bunkers. Take your medicine where you find it and don't cry."

And finally:

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