

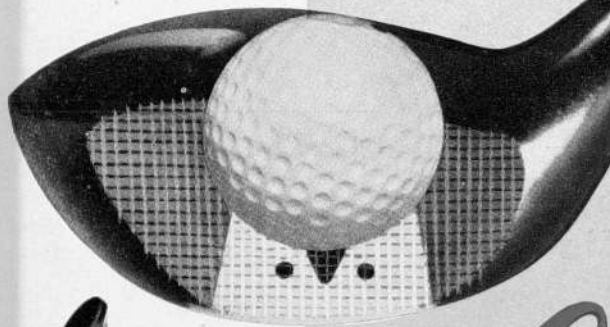
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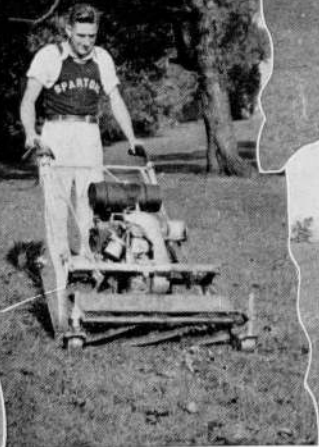
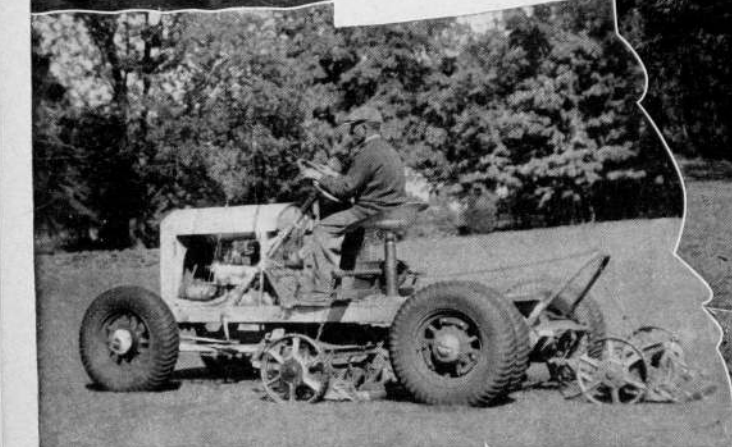
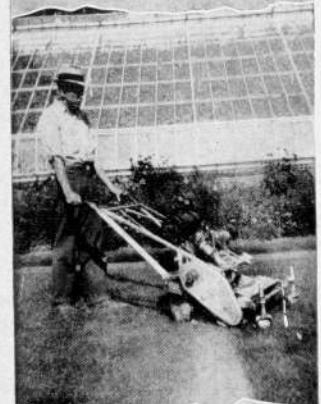
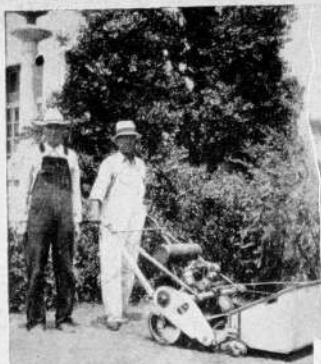
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## THE EDITOR'S MAIL

February 18, 1938

Dear Pickens:

I think you have put your finger shrewdly on the real danger-spot. It's not the 14-club rule nor the new U. S. stymie rule, but the possibility that these may be symptoms of an approaching epidemic of rule-changing.

If this sort of thing becomes a fad in the States, one can easily imagine that the R. and A., defending the ancient sanctions of the game, may stiffen against any and all changes. Canada then is in a nice dilemma — forced either to change the rules for the sake of the existing pleasant relations between Canadian and American players and associations, or to stick by her convictions at the risk of disputes over conflicting rules in international play.

The stymie change is announced as "solely a trial" — which sounds like a confession of weakness. And the U.S.G.A. "does not feel that the stymie is opposed to the spirit of the game". Then why change it?

I cannot help feeling that the golfers on the U. S. committee must have yielded with misgivings. Where did the pressure come from? Not, surely, from the great body of golfers who know the stymie as an exciting element of match play that produces some of the game's most dramatic moments.

Remember the stymie that Nash had to negotiate on the 18th green at Ottawa Hunt last summer? Farley was one up on him, in the eights of the Amateur, and Jack needed that stroke to stay in the game. I have never seen a golf crowd get such a thrill as that one did when Nash holed out.

Let us hope that the year's trial will be enough, and that the U.S.G.A. will see the wisdom of leaving well enough alone.

Sincerely,

Alan Anderson,  
Winnipeg Tribune.

The Canadian Golfer,  
Dear Sirs—

As an artist and golfer I wish to compliment the management on your last two cover designs. They struck me as distinctive and original and I

couldn't refrain from letting you know my reactions to them.

Your well written and interesting articles also help us to "keep our eye on the ball" till the season opens up again.

Sincerely,

Albert H. Robinson

(Royal Canadian Art Acad.)

March 3, 1938. Montreal.

February 25th, 1938

Dear Mr. Pickens:—

On my return to Saint John from Montreal I was very pleased indeed to read the January issue with the corrections to errors made in the previous issue. Several here in Saint John have spoken to me commending your magazine for putting the matter straight, and I have had favourable letters from the two Thomsons, and Mr. Walter Harrison, from Florida in this connection.

With best regards.

Yours very truly,

Frank N. Robertson, Saint John.

Hon. Sec.

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February 22, 1938

Dear Mr. Pickens:—

From a golfer's view point I think your new cover design is certainly more appealing than the more conservative one you ran last year. I think sportsmen generally will even appreciate the bright colours on the covers of your last two issues. I like your general layout better also— seems breezier. After all golfers want something lively.

Hope you keep up the trend in this direction. It ought to sell you a few more copies.

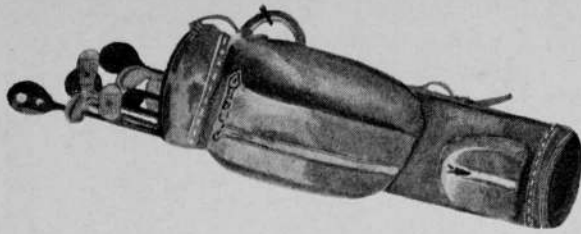
How about a little more news for the women. My wife is just as enthusiastic as I am, but doesn't find much during the winter to interest her in Canadian Golfer.

Hope you don't mind these suggestions.

Sincerely,

R. H. Walters,

Calgary, Alta.



## Good Golfing Words FOR THE MONTH

● "What's the trouble in the consulting room?"

"Somebody threw out that umbrella of the doctor's that always stood in his room."

"Why! it was absolutely in tatters."

"No matter. It's the one he used to illustrate his style of play to his patients."

● Why is it that foursomes are always so unpopular?  
Because players always set out expecting the partners to play as well as they claim to have played yesterday.

● Who is it when he's off his game, Holds course and clubs and heat to blame, And offers endless reasons lame?  
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Who is it, when we're feeling blue, Turns up with strength refreshed, anew, And wallops us by 3 and 2?  
The Grouser.

● A famous legal golfer used always to call his niblick "Faith....  
Faith, as you no doubt remember, moves mountains.

● Topper, after hitting his approach off the edge of his mashie: "Well, it's dead, anyway!"

Slopper: "Yes, but a very paralytic death!"

Topper: "How do you mean, a paralytic death?"

Slopper: "Oh! the result of a bad stroke, you know!"

● Nobody ever took his eye off the ball and saw a good shot!

● A. H. Padgham suggests that one common source of error in the golf swing is hitting with the body too soon. It seems that the golfer's difficulty is the old one that has bothered countless murderers—what to do with the body!

● The Pro: "The secret of good putting is confidence."

The Novice: "That's all very well, but unless you're a good putter, where is the confidence going to come from."

● The late Mr. Justice Avory was once driven into by an impatient undergraduate, who came up to apologise  
"I'm so sorry," he stammered, "I can't think how I did it. It was . . ."  
"The longest drive you've ever hit," said Mr. Justice Avory, "I know. They always say that."

● The Promoter: "How many acres do you absolutely need for a golf course?"  
The Golf Architect: "Oh, comparatively few. It isn't the course that takes up the room. It's the rough that you have to have at the sides."

● Friendly Golfer (to player searching for lost ball): "What sort of a ball was it?"  
Caddie (butting in): "A bran' new one—never been properly 'it yet!"

● "Confound it," said the Major, "I never seem able to make my ball go where I want it to!"

"Just as well," retorted the Captain. "If it went where you sometimes tell it to go, it would melt!"

● He: "Your father has given his consent."

She: "Did he say anything about the sort of home a girl who golfs as I do would expect?"

He: "No, he said a girl who does as much of that sort of thing as you do wouldn't need a home at all."

● The golf club's best grouser at the nineteenth hole was complaining of the worm casts on the greens, and through the fairways. In strolled the captain, to whom the grouser turned and said:

"By the way, isn't this the time of year to treat worms?"

"Yes," the captain admitted, "what will you have?"

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## Dates of coming events

- March 16-19. Annual Spring Tournament (1938 Club Championship); Sea Island Golf Club, Sea Island, Ga.
- March 16-20. National Amateur-Pro Best-ball Match Play Championship; St. Augustine, Fla.
- March 18-23. Florida Year-Round Clubs Women's Championship; Miami, Fla.
- March 21-26. Ladies' Annual Spring Tournament, Sea Island Golf Club, Sea Island, Ga.
- March 22-24. Tenth annual Women's Mid-south Championship 54 holes, Mid-Pines C.C. Southern Pines, N.C.
- March 22-26. Bermuda amateur championship, Riddell's Bay G. and C.
- March 23-25. 36th Annual North and South Open; Pinehurst, N.C.
- March 28-31. 36th Annual North and South Women's Invitation Tournament; Pinehurst, N.C.
- March 28. 4 Men's Championship of Palm Beach, Palm Beach, Fla.
- March 31-April 2. Annual Master's Tournament at Augusta, Ga.
- April 2. Best Ball—Four Ball Tournament, Sea Island Golf Club, Sea Island, Ga.
- April 4-8. The Annual Augusta Senior Championship. Open to players 55 years of age and over. First sixteen to compose Championship flight.
- April 4-9. 38th Annual North and South Amateur Championship; Pinehurst, N.C.
- April 16-24. Florida Year-Round Clubs Men's Championship; Miami, Fla.
- April 19-22. Second Annual Four Ball Championship; Pinehurst, N.C.
- April 24-30. English Amateur Championship; Moortown.
- May 13-14. L.G.U. Internationals, Burnham and Berrow.
- May 16. British Ladies' Open Amateur Championship, Burnham and Berrow.
- May 23. British Amateur Championship, Troon.
- May 26-27. First round Hiram Walker Annual Invitation tournament Lakeview Golf Club, Toronto—Second round; June 2nd venue not yet selected. Final twenty-five players remaining play last round June 10th at Lakeview Golf Club.
- May 28. St. Andrews Tournament, St. Andrews East, Que.
- June 3-4. Walker Cup Matches U.S. vs England St. Andrews, Scotland.
- June 9-11. U.S. Open Championship; Cherry Hills Country Club, Denver, Col.
- June 16-18. Ontario amateur Championship, Scarboro Golf and C.C. Toronto.
- June 18. Fifth Annual Invitation Tournament and play for Duke of Kent Trophy, Kent Golf Club, Que.
- June 20. Lucifer Golfing Society of London annual Overseas Invitation tournament Qualifying round. All residents of the British Dominions who are in Old Country at time are eligible. This to be played at Stokes Poges. Final to be played June 22-23 at Walton Heath. Dinner at Savoy Hotel following final June 23. Ten shilling entry dinner included.
- July 4. British Open Championship, Royal Cinque Ports, Deal.
- July 14-15. Ontario Open Championship, Summit Golf and C.C. Toronto.
- July 16. Manoir Richelieu Golf Club Invitation Tournament, Murray Bay, Que.
- July 25. Wellington Cup Matches, London Hunt and Country Club, London, Ont.
- July 26-30. Canadian Amateur Championship; London Hunt and Country Club, London, Ont.
- Aug. 18-20. Canadian Open Championship; Mississauga Golf and Country Club, Toronto.
- September 7-8. Curtiss Cup matches U.S. vs. England, Essex Country Club, Manchester, Mass.
- September 19-24. U.S. Women's National, Westmoreland, Wilmette, Ill.
- September 27-28. Canadian Ladies Interprovincial matches Royal Ottawa Golf Club, Ottawa. Canadian Ladies Medal Championship (simultaneous).
- Oct. 1. British Curtiss Cup team (ladies) vs. Canadian ladies' team Royal Ottawa Golf Club, Ottawa, Ontario.
- Oct. 3-8. Canadian Ladies' Open championship, Royal Ottawa Golf Club, Ottawa.

## HIRAM WALKER PLANS

Mr. Jackson Walton of Toronto, originator and boss of the annual Hiram Walker Invitation tournament, the event which draws more players than any other event in Canada, has released plans for his 1938 tourney. The Tournament will be played in threesomes; opening dates a week later than usual on May 26th-27th; first round at Lakeview, second round venue has not been decided, and a return to Lakeview's fine layout for the final round. Four hundred entered last year. As many are expected in 1938. Would not be surprising to see five hundred this year in the Hiram Walker Company's golf fete. Seventy-five players and ties will qualify for second round on June 2nd. Twenty-five and ties continue to the final back at Lakeview, June 10th. At this club the banquet and prize presentation will be held on the same date.

New wrinkle introduced this year is that all players who wish to be eligible for a prize must have Ontario provincial handicap cards. This will not be necessary for the first round, but those entering the second must show their cards. Handicaps used in the first round will be closely checked. The tournament requires no entrance fee.

More than passing credit must be given to Mr. Jackson Walton for his efforts to make this tournament the popular fixture that it is.

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HE'S A CLEVER golfer all right" my golf gallery companion said, "no getting around that, but what gums him up with the fellows is that darned efficiency bug of his."

We were watching the last brace of competitors in the qualifying round of the Ormskirk Championship. Decker, the man under discussion, only needed a par four on this last hole to go into a tie with the leader. Tall and stringy was Decker, quick in his movements and apparently oblivious of the small crowd that grouped itself around the tee.

When he stroked his drive I could see that he kept his gaze fixed unswervingly in the direction the ball had taken and as soon as possible struck out along the line

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of its flight. He was a type easily recognized. A regular race horse. A fine one to have in front of you on a Saturday afternoon.

My friend on the tee spoke again. "This Decker's the most efficient bird I ever knew. Prides himself you know, on having every action count. Maintains that 'unnecessary motion is a treadmill on the road to success' and," here my companion spoke warningly behind his hand, "if you ever let him get your ear he'll bore you to death explaining how practical his ideas are."

As the forward surging gallery slowed down to a stop, the voice at my side continued, "Here, for instance, is the way that guy Decker does things. He carries his pipe, tobacco and matches all in one pocket. He brings the pipe and tobacco out at one and the same time and when he returns the tobacco to his pocket his hand comes out holding a match. He'll explain to you that he uses an old-fashioned wooden match to avoid returning a box to his pocket, can you tie that?" My friend shook his head as he chuckled.

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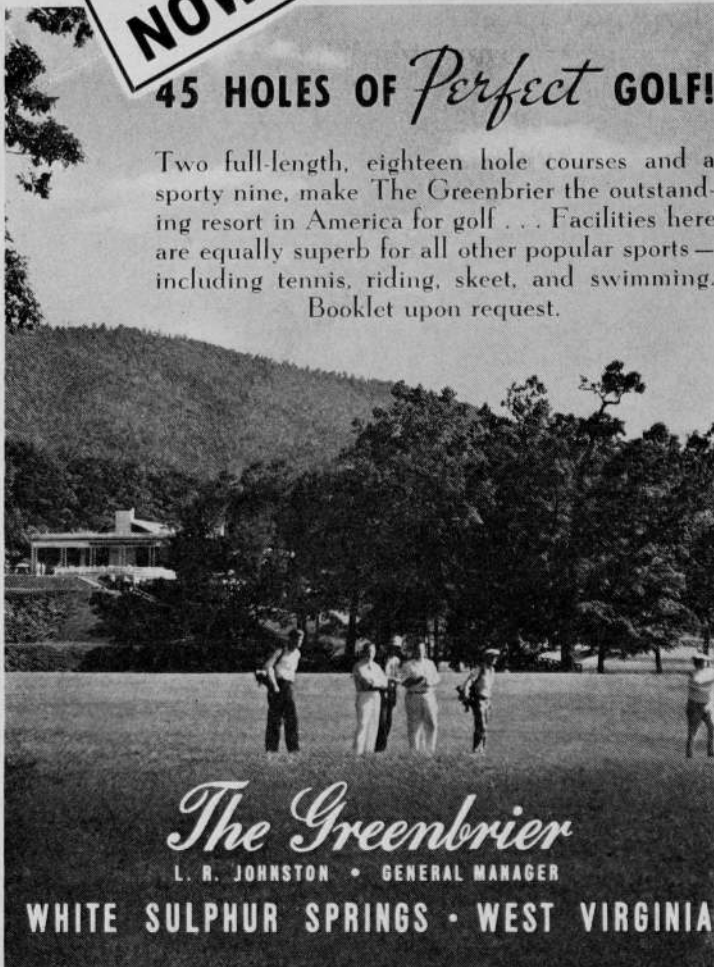
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# Bunker Gossip

Calgary Country Club has made a good move in placing the managerial responsibilities as well as the professional berth in the hands of the popular Jack Cuthbert . . . Jack has quite a task on his hands but Calgary's leading course should find the former Manitoba amateur, Open, Saskatchewan amateur and Open titlist capable of his new job . . . Jack also was amateur champion on several occasions as well as winning the Western open title . . . he is a former columnist for the Winnipeg Free Press and lived in Edmonton before coming to Calgary . . . Vancouver Golf and Country Club to pay \$50,000 off on mortgage . . . building a fine new club house at a cost of \$15,000 . . . thanks to the collecting efforts of C. C. Smith who has raised \$23,000 from members . . . some members wanted to re-name Club "Burluitlam Golf Club" which is where the Club is situated . . . however this was voted down . . . will go on being known as Vancouver Golf and Country Club . . . nice work Mr. Smith . . . the "June and January" tune certainly applies in British Columbia this year . . . the success of Walter Gravlin's Invitation tourney at Uplands in Vancouver bears this out as far as golf is concerned . . . over a hundred entries . . . topped by Jack McKinnon and Joan Fraser . . . popular figures in Vancouver golf . . . speaking of winter golf on the West Coast of Canada . . . Lee Steil, Seattle gentleman who swept both the scratch and the handicap events at last year's Mid Winter Empress championship, has been heard from . . . the popular Empress annual affairs are going to have Mr. Steil back again for another try at his dual achievement of 1937 . . . the dates March 7-12 . . . Paul Glasser will be on hand also . . . Steil defeated him for the Beatty Cup last year . . . with Bob Gray, formerly at the Essex Club, Windsor Ont., at Scarboro this summer, and par-conscious Bobby Reith, former Winnipeg golf king, at the Essex club, Toronto and Ontario have respectively added professional playing strength . . . we should not be surprised to see Reith do well in tournament play once he gets his work in hand . . . Gray of course is proven now and is probably Canada's third or fourth ranking professional . . . Reith's best golf should be uncovered now that he is a professional, his was a very natural jump and the son of a son of a professional should find the new surroundings to his liking . . . Manitoba seems to be quite enthusiastic at the prospect of National handicapping . . . or rather provincial handicapping along nationally prescribed lines . . . the Manitoba G. A.'s work at standardization of handicapping has been greatly dependant of the efforts of Dr. R. W. Robertson . . . he has done fine work . . . of course a standard method of *course rating is the basis for successful standardization of handicaps* . . . most all the Western provinces will find considerable lowering of par necessary when the Eastern system (which has been approved by the R.C.G.A.) comes into effect . . . shouldn't be long now until individual national handicap cards may be seen in Canada . . . could be issued through the provincial associations perhaps . . . Pete Pryke to be Jack Cuthbert's assistant at the Calgary C. C. . . probably he'll do most of the teaching in view of Jack's many duties . . . Pete is a brother of Joe Pryke, professional at Prince Rupert Club . . . prominent golfing Canadians playing in the south . . . Howard Batten, Toronto, H. R. Cockfield, prominent Montreal curler, and George Beddoe,

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### C.L.G.U. Makes Important Changes

The Canadian Ladies Golf Union has eliminated the Close Championship of Canada from their 1938 tournament schedule. Progressive Mrs. Edwin Crockett of Toronto and her Committee, sensing the wane in general interest in this event for various reasons, deemed it expedient to cut the extra week of play so that interest might be centred on the important Inter-provincial team matches and the Canadian Ladies Open Championship.

Reasons for the change are, no doubt, centered about the fact that when the major ladies tournaments are played in the West the absence of a foreign entry for the Open makes the Open and Close merely the same tournament played twice. Likewise the Close event coming the week after the Open is definitely and anticlimax and a useless expense

for the ladies. The Close event began in 1922 and was introduced to give Canadian women a title of their own during a period when the foreign invasion saw the Open crown consistently taken out of the country. Now with Canada's lady stars on a par with the world's best the Close is hardly worthwhile even from this point of view.

The Canadian Open will be played in Ottawa at the Royal Ottawa Golf Club October 3rd-8th. The Inter-provincial team matches will take place in the same city at the same club, September 27th and 28th.

As chief attraction which makes the 1938 meeting likely to be the most outstanding in some years, a team match will be played between the British Curtiss Cup team which will come to Ottawa October 1st to compete against a picked Canadian squad. In place of the old

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### New Dominion Junior Championship

The Royal Canadian Golf Association has recently made known plans for the organization of a junior championship of Canada to be played in 1938. This event will be held at the London Hunt Club in London Ontario in conjunction with the Willingdon Cup matches and the Canadian amateur championship.

Arrangements have been made to supply the various provincial associations with expense money to send the junior champion of the province to London along with the Willingdon Cup team. In fact the junior representative will travel with this team and serve as the fifth man or alternate.

The Junior Championship will take place at the same time as the Willingdon Cup matches which is contested at thirty-six holes medal play. The provincial junior

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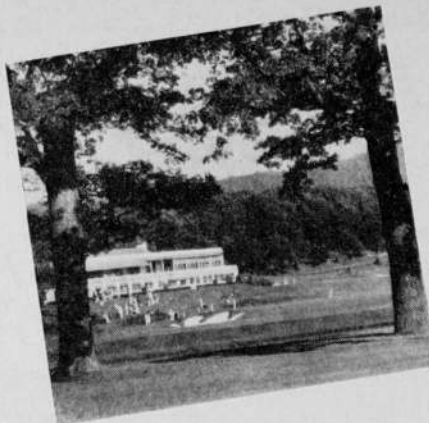
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The Royal Ottawa Golf Club, pictured above, will be the scene of the 1938 Canadian Ladies Open championship and Interprovincial team matches. Also the special team matches between Canada and the British ladies Curtiss Cup Team. Dates for these events extend from Sept. 27th through Oct. 8th.

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## 160 YEARS AND WHITE SULPHUR

Spring 1778, the virgin forests which crown the Alleghany mountains echo the moccasined footsteps of a small party of pioneers. Two Indians leading the weary group through hostile Indian country in search of a miraculous health-giving natural spring beat the underbrush to allow a rough litter, borne between two horses, to pass. On that litter lay the pain-wracked body of a Mrs. Anderson. Exactly 160 years ago they reached their destination, Mrs. Anderson became the first white person to bathe in the spring, and White Sulphur Springs was discovered for the world.

Hence White Sulphur Spring this year takes pride in celebration of a 160th anniversary—a privilege which few resort centres are able to do on this continent. Myriads of Canadians, Americans, and Continentals have visited and enjoyed this sport and social rendez-vous during its long and distinctive history as a summer, spring and fall watering place.

White Sulphur, situated in the magnificent rugged mountain country of West Virginia, has served the changing tastes and modes of the most discriminating patronage through the passing years, and on this occasion of its 160th



*Spring Golf where Sam Snead learned his shots*

anniversary CANADIAN GOLFER take the opportunity to further acquaint holiday-seeking Canadians with the offerings of what we consider to be one of the grandest communities of the mid-south.

Since it is golf with which we are primarily interested let us suggest that as one of White Sulphur's anniversary festive ceremonies a monument be

raised to the above-mentioned. Mrs. Anderson as an Honorary Patron Saint of the Royal and Ancient Game. We feel this would be very much in keeping, for had it not been for the suffering of this same Mrs. Anderson (which incidently is a good Scotch name anyway) White Sulphur Springs, the golfing center, might never have come into being.

Actually, however there are three grand courses in White Sulphur. Two of eighteen holes and one a nine hole layout. Careful construction with an eye turned to the respective requirements of the champion, duffer, and dub makes it possible for any player to find what he wants in the way of golf here.

The Greenbrier Golf and Tennis Club is most unique for the first and last greens of all three courses are within

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# Talking about Golf

EDITORIAL

H. R. Pickens Jr.

**I**N JANUARY we devoted this column to our opinion concerning the policy of the United States Golf Association which recently allowed several major rule changes. Naturally our interests in the doings of the U.S.G.A. go no further than the effect which American actions may have on the game generally. Our real aim in that editorial was to stimulate thought toward what we are convinced is the right conclusion when contemplating rule-changing as an *executive habit*.

The altered stymie rule recently effected in the U.S.A. was the chief target of our concern. This we felt to be an indecisive measure which bespoke either a lack of concern or rather poor understanding of the game. It was obvious that from it would arise international repercussions. Beyond this we could find almost no leading American players who were in favour of the change. The whole thing seemed a meaningless waste of time which could only bring criticism upon the heads of the American association. This it has done, but in fairness we feel that the motive behind the change, which we have since learned, should be devulged.

This came out in a recent conversation with Mr. Perry Hall of New York, member of the U. S. Association which put through the stymie change, and it gave us an inkling as to why this obviously trouble-boding move was made. It was, in a sense, the first effort on the part of the U.S.G.A. to *regain national conformity to a single set of rules*.

As is well known the various district associations of the United States have long taken it upon themselves to alter and make their own rules. For instance the Western Golf Association has not "played the stymie" for some years. Other Associations have similar individualities as far as rules go. Result for instance — rule decisions handed down say in California would not necessarily hold in the Metropolitan District, etc. Hence only when American players come together for national tournament play do they meet under a completely common code, for then decisions are left to the U.S.G.A. In short, the powerful sectional associations educate players to different rules simply because the U.S.G.A. for some reason has never bound these associations together under one general code. Now realizing the importance of rule conformity within the country, the U.S.G.A. is forced to this stymie compromise as a move toward reconciliation.

We feel that the U.S.G.A. will either ask the Western Association to re-instate the stymie ruling

next year or itself go the rest of the way by eliminating that exciting phase of match play from the national rule book. To Canadians this sort of bowing by the national body to a district association seems much on the order of placing the cart before the horse.

Upon a little thought it seems only logical that sectional officials should not be empowered to change golf rules. They might suggest, but the national group should have the final decision simply because its members are better equipped and more seasoned in judgment to assume this responsibility.

The only instance in recent years of a provincial body in Canada stepping ahead of the R.C.G.A. in the matter of adopting a major rule occurred last year when Ontario ratified the fourteen club rule before the R.C.G.A.! If the latter body had waited and followed the British in this matter as they originally planned, Ontario would have been the only part of the country with club limitations!

Such individualism in the matter of rules robs golf of much of its universal aspect . . . and certainly does little to enhance the game. National and international rule conformity is essential for the continued popularity of golf. (Imagine tennis with different rules in different countries.)

The best way to obtain and maintain this conformity, is to invest the power to make and change rules with only the national associations. Here in Canada we have the opportunity to do so this coming season as the Royal Canadian Golf Association experiments with a new plan to incorporate each provincial association as a unit of the major body. The provincial bodies will run golf within their provinces, but we hope they will see the wisdom of looking to the R. C.G.A. for all rule interpretations and changes.

Provincial executives under the new arrangement will be serving a kind of apprenticeship for their work within the provinces will enable them to understand the problems of their portions of the country so that they may look to its needs when graduated to the executive board of the R.C.G.A. For this reason their power should limit itself to the administration and promotion of golf provincially along *nationally prescribed lines*.

In Great Britain there are numerous warm discussions and a good deal of interest in proposed changes in the rules of golf, yet the game is played with the same rules throughout the country! That is because the four main Golf Unions look to the

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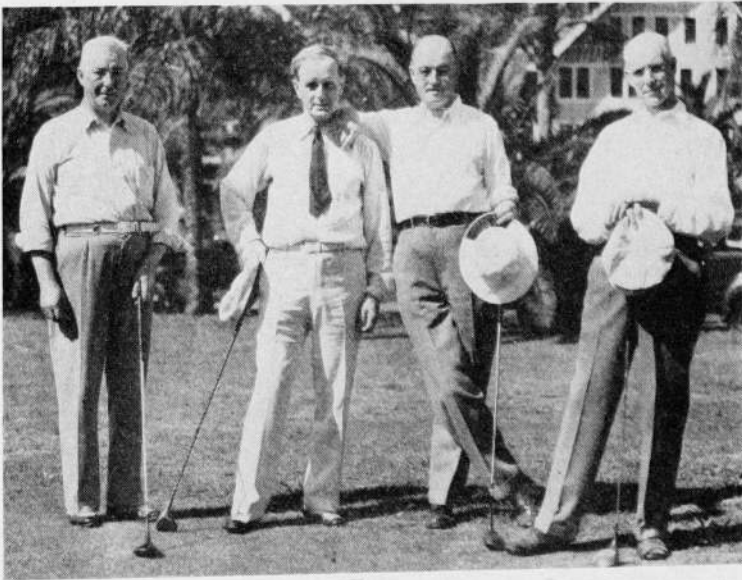
COMMENTS ON EDITORIAL (of REASONABLE LENGTH) WILL BE WELCOMED BY THE EDITOR

# Some Canadian YEAR-ROUNDERS

Mrs. Elizabeth R. McGill of Montreal (right) and Mrs. Thomas Rudel of Bay-side N. Y. (formerly Doris Taylor of Montreal) playing Pinehurst as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rudel of Montreal whose winter home is in Pinehurst, N.C.

At Bellevue Biltmore, Belleair Florida, Mrs. J. E. Dodd, Mr. W. K. Trower, Mr. F. A. Donaldson, Mr. A. W. MacMaster, all of Montreal.

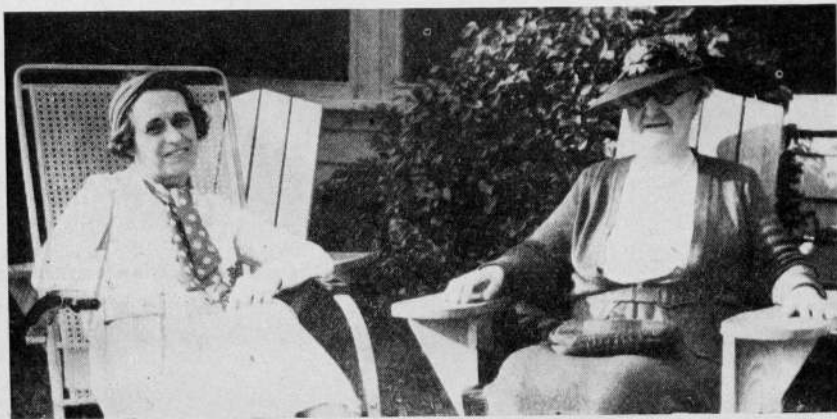
Below: (left to right in two separate pictures) Mr. James Searlea, Mr. Rolph Knode Mr. Terry McGovern, J. B. Martin. All taken at Belleair and all from Montreal.



Swinging at Right: Mr. Eric Thomson, noted Canadian golfer from Rothesay N. B. who winters at Pinehurst, photoed here at Belleair Fla. Mr. Thomson's hobby is the great Riverside, Saint John N. B. course which he has caused to become one of the best in Canada.

Below: taken at Augusta Ga. Mrs. J. W. Benning Sr. of Montreal and Mrs. Benning Jr. of Victoria B. C. at the Forest Hills Hotel.

Lower right corner: William Rudel of Montreal in Pinehurst taken at the Pinehurst Country Club.

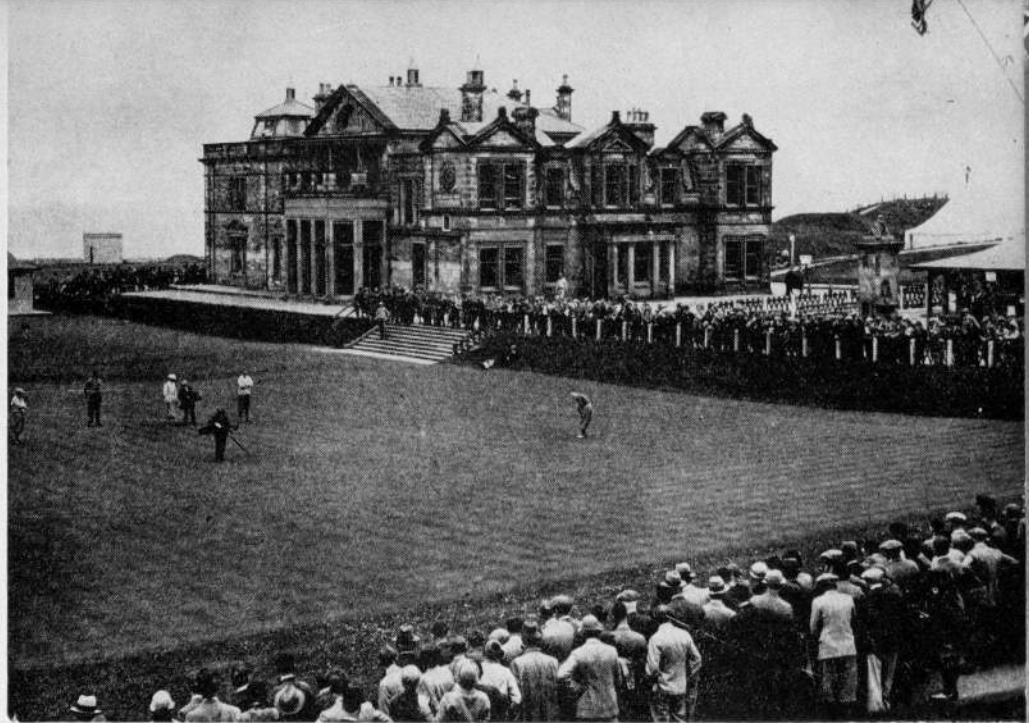


# EVOLUTION

IN

## GOLF'S

## CRADLE



As incredible as it may seem, prominent residents of St. Andrews, Scotland, in a public meeting at the Town Hall in the grey town by the North Sea, recently told a native gathering that in ten years time the Old Course would no longer be fit for championship play — that it would be outmoded. These men advised that if St. Andrews was to keep its place at the front of the golfing world, it must build a modern championship course.

Provost Reid called the meeting to order and put the citizens in proper frame of mind to hear a plan to modernize St. Andrews golf by making this statement:

"In order to maintain our premier place in the golfing world we must apply our minds and keep pace with the demands of the present day. We should welcome any who, by reason of their knowledge and experience, can help us to maintain that position and make progress."

It was after this introduction that Sir Guy Campbell, prominent in British golf and the village of St. Andrews, told the town meeting that:

"Ten years from now the Old Course will no longer be a championship course."

Such a statement would appear to approach sacrilege in St. Andrews. Had it been made even a few years ago the individual would have been run down Golf road and out to the sea. The thousands of American golfers who have played the Old Course were extremely careful never to speak but in high praise of this historic linksland. America's greatest champions racked their brains to think up new ones, as to why Old St. Andrews was a celestial place to play the ancient game.

And now the march of time, working on a canny race, has caused the experts to realize that if the business of St. Andrews as a place to play modern golf is to be maintained, that a new championship test should be constructed over the available linksland and the Old Course kept forevermore as golf's greatest memorial.

Chief proponent of the scheme is Sir Naire Stewart-Sandeman, M.P. a rate payer and resident of St. Andrews all his life. He opened his remarks by saying that he loved St. Andrews and then proceeded to take the Old Course apart, as follows:

"If nothing is done, St. Andrews will remain just a place on the German Ocean. Old and famous golfers would turn in their graves if the present citizens did not use their in-

In all its austerity and super-conservatism St. Andrews in Scotland must face the facts that golf has outgrown its birthplace. Hence the old course rests in danger of becoming archaic for championship play. Even St. Andrews' residents realize something must be done to maintain St. Andrew's world-wide prestige! Above is the old grey St. Andrews club house—a landmark to all travelled golfers.

fluence to get another course. St. Andrews is not turning out the great players she used to do.

Sir Naire said he refused to believe this was because the present youngsters were not so good as those of by-gone years, but because the enormous wide fairways, entirely different from those of other championship courses, did not give the St. Andrews youngsters a chance.

Sir Guy Campbell, who exploded the bombshell of the meeting when he announced that in ten years the Old Course would not be a championship test, went on to explain that the citizens had to consider making the most of their assets while the ground was available, and said the proposed new course could be made very quickly and very cheaply and that it would stand up under anything that was likely to happen in the next 100 years.

Provost Reid pointed out that the citizens wanted to see the hotels, boarding houses and other houses crowded with visitors who would bring money into the city. He complained about people who used the beaches, undressed in their motor cars or behind bed sheets. These people, he said, brought their own food and left nothing in the city but empty bottles and a mess which the city had to clean up. He wanted these people curbed and the paying visiting golfers given what the experts thought they needed.

Rate payers were advised that the proposed new course would cost approximately \$25,000. When rate payer D. Milne asked if a guarantee could be given that the cost would not be more than five thousand pounds, Sir Naire replied:

"If it goes outside the figure, I will pay the extra myself."  
(APPLAUSE)

On a motion by Sir Naire, seconded by Mr. Edward Blackwell, St. Andrews widely known internationalist, a resolution supporting the project was carried and it now moves into the Town Council.

The Royal and Ancient Club of St. Andrews, according to speakers, had not been advised officially of the proposal and while this organization rules the game of golf for

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# Is there a CHAMPION in the House?

## HAS THE WEST A CHANCE FOR THE AMATEUR TITLE?

By *Stu Keate*



KENNY BLACK  
of Vancouver.

I wonder if there's ever going to be a Canadian golf champion produced in the West?

There never has been, yet. It's funny, too — when one considers that the boys out in British Columbia can play very nearly all year 'round, while their brothers in Ontario, Quebec and the Maritimes shiver in the wintry Eastern blasts, their clubs stacked in the hall closet.

Ken Black and Bobby Reith, both Westerners, have made noble efforts to snaffle the crown. In 1933 Ken gave Albert "Scotty" Campbell a stiff battle in the final at Shaughnessy Heights, and in '35 Reith made his way to the last bracket against Freddy Haas at Winnipeg. But both times the Canadian boys were beaten.

For a while, a few years back, it looked as if the Westerners might crash through. But now the ranks are sadly depleted. Stan Leonard, most prodigious socker west of the Rockies, harkened to the call of the showering legal tender and figured he'd better get in the downpour — with his umbrella upside down. He turned professional. So did Bobby Reith, Russ Case, the "Mysterious Montague" of British Columbia golf, passed on to other fairways . . .

So who is there left? What young man from the verdant Western plains, where the deer and the antelope are alleged to play (and are they ever over-handicapped!), will ever subdue the placid Mr. Somerville? Or the genial Phil Farley? Or the handsome Gordon Baxter Taylor?

Well, in British Columbia there's a pair of Kennys — Lawson and Black — and a host of juniors who have been threatening to "arrive" for about the past five years. As far as can be ascertained, they are still in the process . . .

Then there's Brian Hopkins, who is not nationally known, but highly regarded in the Pacific Northwest. He's a side-

kick of Black's; and easy-gonig, urbane stylist who toured Marine Drive one day last fall in the incredible total of 61 strokes. And of course, southpaw Jimmy Todd continues to loom large in the Victoria scene.

In Alberta, there's young Johnny Richardson of Calgary, "Hank" Martell, Open and Amateur champion of the province, and the consistent Stew Vickers. Up at Jasper Park a youngster named Jimmy Hogan is making the lads tend to their biscuits and a Calgary caddie named Frank Tearle is also nudging the little white "rock" with considerable finesse.

But you never can tell about Alberta. Maybe Aberhart will start issuing script instead of green-fees, and then where will they be?

About Saskatchewan, then. As everyone knows, there's been a drought out there and — with due respect to Messrs. Arnold Lozo and George Bigelow, both of them fine fellows — it would seem that the blight has also impaired the golf crop.

What of Manitoba? With Reith gone to the moneyed ranks, their chances of producing a Canadian title-holder seem more than a shade remote.

This boy Ernie Palmer played some sparkling golf in the first round of the Willingdon Cup matches at Ottawa last summer; had, in fact, the lowest nine-hole score of the field on the way out. But he finished the day with an inglorious 87 and no champion ever took that many strokes.

My friend Allan Anderson, who golf-columns for the Winnipeg Tribune and can call every blade of grass on Manitoba fairways by their first name, assures me that the blond, lanky Herb Pickard is really some stuff when he hits his stride. He failed to do that in Willingdon play at Ottawa, posting a pair of mediocre 82's, but flashed some sweet golf in defeating "Sonny" Adams, one-time Ontario champion, in the matches later.

So that's the picture for the four Western provinces — Black . . . Todd . . . Lawson . . . Richardson . . . Martell Pickard. Not a very imposing lot when you stack them up against boys like Somerville, Farley and Taylor in match play.

Of the lot, Black appears the most formidable. Runner-up to Campbell in 1933, winner of the \$5000 Open in Vancouver in 1936 with a 72-hole total of 273, he has had more tournament experience than the rest and can fire his shots under the competitive heat with a composure that is downright amazing.

I asked Black a year ago if he thought the West would ever produce a Canadian golf champion. A bit abashed, he demurred at first. Ken doesn't like to "pop off". But finally he broke down.

"Yes", he said, "I think we will, some day. I guess we're about due to knock it off, the next time they bring the championship out to the Coast. I wouldn't be surprised if one of our boys won it. Maybe Stan (Leonard); I might even stand a chance myself".

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# Caddies Now and Then

by Bertie Paxton

THE SUBJECT of caddies has been a good deal debated of late in some of the golf magazines. Those who can remember the miserable ragged boys who used to fight for your clubs at Musselburgh and North Berwick can only wonder at the extraordinary change that has come over this class of humanity. To the average golfer in these days a caddy was a perfect nuisance but one that could not be dispensed with. Golf bags had not yet been invented and so, without a caddy, you had to lay your clubs down on the grass which was very often wet. Furthermore, the players behind you could drive into you at will, as you had no standing on the course.

A hundred years ago, if the old prints are to be believed, the plight of a golf caddy was even worse. Golf caddies in these days were usually broken down old men who frequented the links at Leith and Musselburgh trying to pick up a shilling to get something to eat. As a rule, they were so miserably poor that they were to be seen wearing somebody's cast-off clothing. Think of a golf caddy wearing a battered silk hat and a torn tail coat — the cast-off clothes of one of his patrons! How would a modern up-to-date player like to see the remains of his last year's Sunday silk hat following him round the golf links on the head of his caddy? Yet in the memory of one or two still living a hat or two of that description were still to be seen at Musselburgh; and there was a venerable caddy there, nicknamed the "Deacon" who used to wear an old broadcloth surtout which no doubt had been present at many a church service on the back of its former owner.

But with the spread of golf, a new type of caddy sprang up. He called himself a professional caddy. A professional loafer would have described him better. He was usually a young man who had outgrown the caddy boy stage! Too lazy to learn how to make or mend a club; too poor a golfer to call himself a professional; and, as a rule, too fond of whisky to be of any use at all.

Big Crawford, the celebrated North Berwick caddy was a man of that type. Of all the humbugs that ever were seen on a golf links, Big Crawford was the most bare-faced and by far the most successful. Those who can remember his first appearance as a caddy can only wonder at his success. He knew nothing about golf. No one ever saw him try to swing a club. He never tried to teach the game, and yet, as time went on, his advice was usually asked when he was carrying clubs: and it was generally followed. One of the best-known East Lothian golfers used to assert that Crawford was worth four strokes a round to anyone. It is not very easy to see how



The above picture, taken at the Mt. Bruno Caddy Camp outside of Montreal a few years ago shows two of the boys working in the scullery department of this very worthy venture. Out-of-town clubs solve caddy problems with such summer settlements for youngsters who could otherwise never get out of the city in the hot summer. The travelling caddy, a personality even back in the days of which Mr. Paxton writes in the accompanying article, today makes bag-totting a profession. He also makes his transportation his own responsibility. Hence remote clubs which get lots of play generally have enough caddies. This accounts is for the decrease in clubs which now have organized caddy camps in the summer.

he could assess the value of a caddy so accurately or how he arrived at such a conclusion but he stuck to his opinion and never played a competition without him.

It was refreshing to see Crawford going after a job, especially if the newcomer on the links was a stranger. There was no caddy master in those days; the caddies just fought for the clubs. When the confusion was at its height and the would-be golfer was nearly torn to pieces, Crawford generally arrived on the scene. He used to scatter the caddies in all directions with the authority of a policeman.

"You are looking for the best caddy on the green, sir? Here he is;" and the big humbug used to straighten himself up and slap his chest. A minute later he was escorting his prize to the tee; and the other disappointed caddies retired into private life among some of the bunkers.

There was a curious distinction between a man of Crawford's type and an ordinary caddy boy. A caddy boy carried the bundle of clubs on his shoulder but a professional caddy always carried them, "under his axter," — if you know what

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### Louis Miller in Bermuda

Louis Miller of Chester, N. S., and Mrs. W. H. D. Nichols of Staffordshire, England, in February won the mixed foursome competition preliminary to the start of the fifth annual Mid-Ocean invitation golf tournament. Miller and Mrs. Nicholls posted a best-ball gross score of 76. Their 10-stroke handicap left them with a net 66. B. S. Halsey of New York and Mrs. J. W. Nicoll, Montreal, were third with a net 77. E. E. Wyman of New York, teamed with Mrs. D. Nickson of Montreal for sixth place with 83. Mr. Miller has long been prominent in the Bermuda tournaments and is a former Bermuda amateur champion. Mr. Ted Fenwick of Montreal, another perennial threat to the Bermuda crown will not likely compete this year because of a shoulder injury suffered skiing earlier this winter.

### British on Stymie

Here is the voiced opinion of the British on the recent changes made by the United States in connection with the stymie ruling. Writes "the Scene Shifter", columnist in "Golfing".

"The United States Golf Association is doing a little more monkeying with the stymie. They have tried different ways of reducing this traditional element in the game without going the full distance of abolishing it. The new American rule henceforth is a ball on the green may be lifted if it lies within six inches of the hole as well as when the balls lie within six inches of each other.

In announcing the change, which will be effective throughout 1938, the Association stressed the fact that it was adopted purely as a trial.

The stymie, when negotiated, is one of the most pleasure-giving shots in the

game, moreover it is a skilful shot; and, anyway, no golfer with an approach putt should finish more than six inches off the hole!"

Some might call this sort of attitude the conservatism of the British — we just label it a deeper knowledge of golf which is quite general among the British. To America has gone the competitive wreath perhaps, but Britain is still the home of the Royal and Ancient Pastime.



Mrs. D. Nickson of Montreal who is again in Bermuda this winter and playing considerable golf in the various tournaments which form a great attraction to winter visitors.

### England's Method

The British have finally decided that they can best select their Walker Cup team this year in the following way. The four British golfing Unions representative of the Isles will be each asked to select a list of players and submit these in turn to the Selection Committee which was this year instigated to do the final choosing. These lists of players will be culled by the Committee and those chosen will be asked to compete in a two day trial at St. Andrews where the matches will later be held. From this showing and based upon this most representative Committee's long experience the eventual team will be chosen. A tremendous number of ways for the choosing

of this most seriously-considered team in the history of British golf, have been advanced, but this method was at last adopted. From the look of things the U. S. players have something to consider. Such players as Frank Pennink, Kenneth Scott, and a number of such golfers in their early twenties who for the past few seasons have been developing a different instinct towards golf, will give the Americans their sternest battle in the history of the amateur classic. We do not feel that this year's American squad is the strongest that has represented the U. S. and we do feel that the best team in Britain will be picked. Four Americans will be visiting the Old Country for the first time. These will be Charlie Kocsis, Marvin Ward, Ray Billows, and Fred Haas. Johnny Goodman, Johnny Fischer, Charles Yates and Ed White will be retained from the last squad. Donald Moe of the 1930-32 teams and Suffern Tailor of New York will complete the invaders. Yes, we think Britain has a fine chance this year if ever!

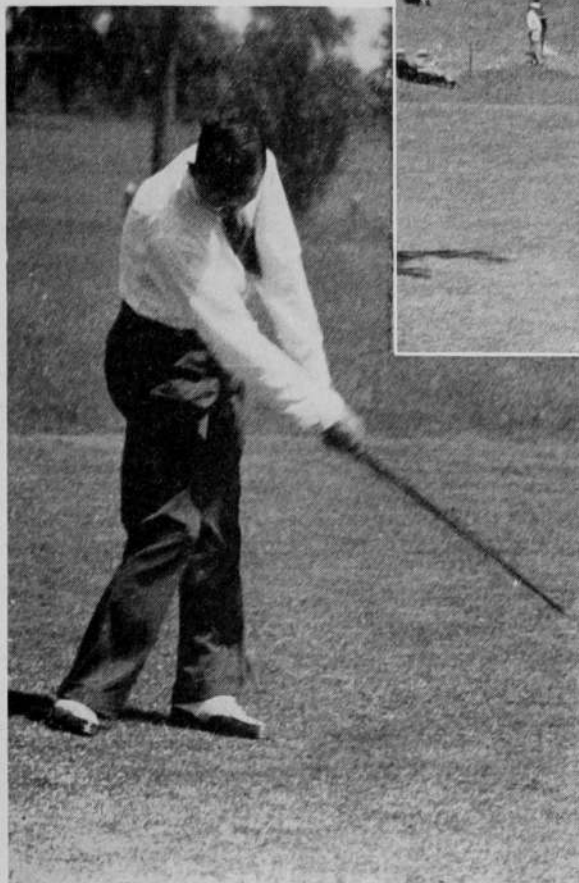
### Vines a Super-Athlete

Recently Ellsworth Vines, great American tennis player, made the statement that he would rather miss two meals than go without a round of golf. It is generally recognized by impartial judges that Vines is today the greatest tennis player in the world. yet he turns to golf even more avidly than he does to the game at which he is "tops". Not that "Elly" is far from the top at golf, for he has a state handicap of three, and in a recent Open tournament in California he shot scores of 73-74-73-83. The last round was a case of terrible weather and a little of the old jitters! Indeed golf can effect even the most seasoned athletes of other sports that way! Showing further Vines enthusiasm for golf the tennis star made the statement that he would give anything to be on the American Walker Cup team some day! A. M. Reid, president of the U.S.A. Golf Association ruled Vines an amateur despite the fact that he is a tennis professional. He comes under the same title as Babe Ruth in that regard. Incidentally Vines is a very long hitter with fine touch around the greens. His marvelously developed sense of timing and steel-flexed muscles developed in tennis have equipped him well for his new love — golf!

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Photos taken at Oakland Hills at the U.S.A. Open Championship in Detroit, of Robert Gray Jr. author of the accompanying article. Note the extended left arm after impact. Also the left heel flat and the left leg braced. On the right, driving from the first tee. Below playing a mashie pitch.



## HITTING AGAINST THE *Left* SIDE!

by Robert Gray Jr.

Scarboro, Toronto

The late Ring Lardner once wrote that the only way he could tell if he was in the right position at the top of his backswing was by the degree of discomfort he felt: If he had wound himself up so that he felt most uncomfortable, then he knew he was in the correct hitting position.

The remark was meant to produce a laugh but there is more than a kernel of truth in it. The golf beginner feels uncomfortable because everything about the swing is unnatural. In the first place, it's a left-hand swing and most of us are right-handed; and secondly, it's a back-hand swing and the natural swing is fore-handed.

Before we get into this rather technical discussion of hitting against the left, let's look at the position of the hands on the club for a moment. The left hand must be well on top of the club, the palm down, with the back of

the hand staring you in the face, so to speak. The outer ridge of the hand then faces along the direction line of the shot. Got it?

Now, then, the feeling a golfer has to have before he

can begin to master the swing is that he is hitting with this back ridge of his hand.

The most important factor in the entire swing is, I believe, this feeling that the left hand dominates it. I'm not sure that it really does, because I know that the right hand provides the punch—or most of it. But I make a deliberate effort not to think of the right hand at all. Once I do get to thinking about it, or ignoring the left, the right invariably gets in too soon and all kinds of things start to happen.

By regarding the left hand as the master I get the correct feeling about the stroke, and the right hand seems to come in at the proper time all by itself. Whenever I get "hot" I always have this peculiar feeling that I'm literally making the shot with my left hand; it almost seems then as if I can't get off line and as if I could flick the ball anywhere I wanted.

I try to keep my left arm straight on the backswing and through every shot until the ball has been struck. I know there are many golfers who don't keep a straight left arm throughout the entire swing. There was Harry Vardon, for instance, one of the greatest stylists of all time. Those pictures you still see of him when he was in his prime show a very definite bend in the elbow at the top of the swing. And I'm told he even went so far as to say that trying to keep a straight left arm ruined more golfers than it made. I think I know what he meant; that the effort cramped them and tensed them up. And that, too, may be so.

But the point I'm most anxious to make is that at the moment of impact that left arm must be straight or there can be no power behind the blow.

Vardon's left arm may have been crooked both going back and coming down, but he certainly straightened it out as the clubhead swept through the ball. From observations made while teaching I am convinced that any bending of the left arm tends to produce a chop instead of a swing. And that's why I like to see that left arm straight at all times.

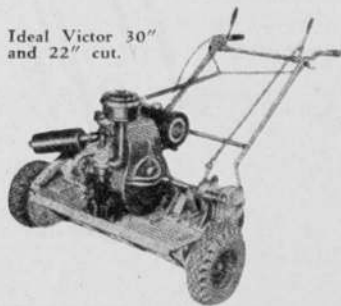
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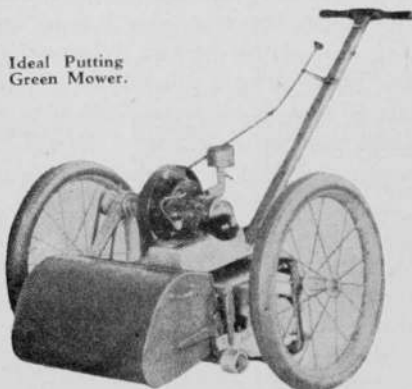
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## Dominion Junior

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title-holders will play in those two rounds and the junior posting the low total for the two rounds will be declared Canadian junior champion for the ensuing year.

A special trophy has been donated for the event by Mr. C. H. Slater of Hamilton Ontario and this will be known as the Buckingham trophy to be held for the year by the title-winning junior.

The date for this contest will be July 18th. Provincial associations should take note of this comparatively early date and make adequate arrangements to have their elimination contests, provincial championships, or whatever sort of event by which they are going to choose their junior representative, played in advance of this date.

The present plan of the R.C.G.A. is to set the Junior age limit at 19 and under. This does not coincide with all provincial age limits for juniors and is a matter which must be "ironed out" in order to make this fine plan a success.

## C. L. G. U. Changes

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Close championship, the golfer scoring lowest in the 36 hole Interprovincial championship will be returned "Canadian medal play champion." These four attractions played over only ten days this year instead of two weeks will condense the tournament play and centralize national interest. The international aspect with the visiting British stars and certainly a strong group of American stars will make the 1938 Canadian Ladies Open the second most important women's title in the world. Only the American National championship in which all the American stars will be entered will carry more weight.

It is likely that Canada will see Miss Pam Barton, 1936 British and U.S.A. champion in action. Also Miss Patty Berg, current American star may be at the scene of action when the firing begins in October!

● "There's the man who cured my slice," said the eighteen-handicap player pointing across the breakfast table.  
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## Keeping in Touch

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### California Generosity to Pros.

In passing one might be moved to say that California is rather generous to golf professionals. This year was a "lean" one as the Los Angeles Open almost became "extinct" for want of backing. Even in the face of this near-calamity six tourneys provided \$24,000 for the travelling-troupe to shoot at. However this is really a meagre expenditure for the amount of publicity which the Sunshine State of the west receives from these six tournaments. To buy the same amount of space in newspapers of the continent, the various Chambers of Commerce would have to spend plenty more than the \$24,000 now placed on the line. California spends less and gets better organized publicity for her six tournaments than do the Eastern Winter Sunshine States which promote many more big money tourneys. Hence you may gather that all which glitters is not of necessity "the McCoy", even the so-called generosity of California in donating \$24,000 annually to forty or fifty hard-working professionals who are trying to get along! Indeed "the boys" are just the tools for a refined sort of ballyhoo which resort-centres are very anxious to obtain. Hard though it may be for the layman to see, the whole scheme pays everybody — except those whose scores aren't quite low enough.

### Cooper again Ahead

It looked like the old master, Harry Cooper, Canadian Open champion and last year's leading money winner, was about to take a slide this year from his place as foremost player among the American pros. All through the Southern circuit and most of the California schedule Harry didn't make "pin money" as compared with his great start in 1937 — which he ended with over a \$14,000 total. Finally, however, at the Oakland \$5000 event Harry "got going" and collected first money. Then at New Orleans' Crescent City \$5000 tourney Harry again "clicked." As a result the sparsely-thatched veteran now heads *Revolta* in the professional "money-accumulation sprint" through 1938. Harry doesn't beat the field when anyone's too "hot", but when a good conservative score of say five under par is good



Mr. J. Irving Smith of Toronto and several of his pets snapped in a relaxed moment after a brisk ride through the pine-cut bridle paths of Pinhurst N.C.

enough to win — just count on the man who has never won a U. S. title! Adding a word in this connection we imagine a fellow like Sam Parks Jr. who won the U. S. National championship in 1935, but who has not won anything since, would trade that title for a little of Harry's ability to pick off top money through the summer and winter circuits with even half the regularity that Monsieur Cooper seems capable of doing.

## Talking about Golf

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Royal and Ancient of St. Andrews for final judgements. Conservative perhaps to the point of being brittle, the venerable R. and A. however has succeeded in holding the game to a single form throughout the passing years. That form has been maintained by a zealous reticence toward rule changes.

With the co-operation of the provincial bodies the R.C.G.A. can this year assume a similar vigilance for the game in Canada. By investing this power in the R.C.G.A., provincial associations will find their rightful and most serviceable positions in golf's administrative picture.

Certainly they will be safe-guarding the game in Canada from such a dilemma as was responsible for the absurd stymie compromise which was made a short time ago by the U.S.A. Beyond

## Efficiency and Golf

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"Yes sir, he's efficient all right. Watch him now. Never wastes a move, that fellow." as he shoots his second to the green.

Manifesting no interest in his competitors's shot, Decker addressed his ball and without preliminary waggle slammed into it, while I, fascinated by the beauty of its flight watched the ball rise gracefully and float slowly over a greedy trap and settle finally to a stop three inches away from the hole.

Glancing back at Decker I saw that he was shaping a direct course to the edge of the neck joining the fairway and the green. He wasn't wasting either time or steps. I looked estimatingly at the wide stretch of green with that little white spot snuggled up to the pin and chortled, "Efficient, you say? Holy Mackerel, I'd call him uncanny."

There wasn't anything to it, of course. Decker couldn't miss that putt. Medalist honors were in the bag for him. The caddy loosened the stick, withdrew it from the hole and stepped back. With no trace of nervousness at all but with rather a manifest appreciation of the superb efficiency of this, his final stroke of the day, Decker stooped and tapped the ball. It fell over the edge of the waiting cup into the hollow of his open hand. He straightened. The entire play had been a graceful continuity of effective coordinated motion.

I glimpsed Decker later in an alley of the locker room. It was only a sort of side view I had of him as he stood in front of a mirror, a look of dazed incredulity on his face. The Tournament Committee, citing a ruling that a ball cannot be deemed to be properly holed when caught in one's hand, had disqualified him. Decker's right hand held a military brush with which he was straightening out his wind-blown locks while his left hand, raised to his hair but empty, alternately rose and fell in sweeping but ineffective touches.

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all this who could ever bear to hear a visitor from another province playing in one's foursome utter such annoying words as, "But we don't count it that way where I come from?"

● The long spell of good weather had made the fairway unusually hard, and the golfer was in great form.

"It's glorious weather for golf, this," he said to the Irish professional.

"Yes, sorr! It is that!" came the reply. "The ball runs a long way after it has stopped."

## White Sulphur

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sight of the comfortable club house, a building which forms a real sports rendezvous in its completeness. Boasting an extensive schedule of tourneys for hotel guests, White Sulphur offers the golfer several major events this spring and early summer. Chief among these is the Mason and Dixon Men's Golf championship. This event brings together smart golfers and smart people from all over the world. This is the 18th annual Mason and Dixon tournament and starts April 11th.

It would be unfair to pass White Sulphur Springs leaving the impression that golf alone, or for that matter any one major sport, as predominate at this resort centre.

Tennis, for instance, is quite famous in White Sulphur—chiefly because of the action of the Greenbrier Tennis club in sponsoring the first Open tennis championship in history only last year. A total of \$2000 cash prizes was offered. This radical move caused a furor in tennis ranks, but provides White Sulphur with splendid tennis annually. This year the second. Open tournament will take place April 25th. The great Karl Kozeluh will defend his title. Many fine amateurs will also be present.

Beyond this, riding on the finest birdle paths; polo; badminton; archery; swimming—each facilitated by the best equipment and most delightful surroundings! Indeed all this activity against the grandeur of the blue-green mountains, the clear sharp air and the thick sun-bathed foliage of West Virginia—well we recommend, even urge, that our readers make White Sulphur part of their resort experience. The golfer, in particular, and any change-seeking, health-desiring human being will never condemn us for this recommendation!



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### A COLUMN FOR THE LADIES

□ □ □ □ Mrs. A. B. (Dora Virtue) Darling 1936 Canadian Open champion and from this corner's viewpoint about the smoothest swinger ever developed in this country, recently tried a few swings after a year's withdrawal from tournament play. Mrs. Darling, now a mother, recently took some practice shots at the Grant Brothers Golf school in Montreal. Said the great Whitlock player, "All this feels very strange". We doubt that it will feel that way towards the end of next September when the Canadian championship will be in full pace again. Certainly the "lithe slap" which Mrs. Darling takes at the ball never looked strange to anyone who knows much about golf swings!

□ □ □ □ Off in the Bahamas we find two veteran Montrealers whose exploits a few years ago carried them close to the top in Quebec circles. We refer to the ever-popular Kate Robertson of Beaconsfield and her friend Miss Helen Bernard of Royal Montreal. Their many friends certainly envy their winter golf on the Magic Isles off Florida's tip.

□ □ □ □ Still golfing on Vancouver coast Mrs. J. N. C. Clayton and Miss Betty Hicks recently combined to win the Quilchena Club's winter two-ball foursome from Mrs. A. Eadie and Mrs. M. A. F. Roy. Mrs. Eadie was with the B. C. team which came east in 1936 at Royal Montreal and she, like the rest of the Westerners, made very fine friends in the East. Mrs. Eadie's contention was that the West would only develop better players, capable of winning national titles, when the Western courses were "stiffened up" to approximate those in the East. *Royal Montreal's traps would impress any visitor however.*

□ □ □ □ Over at Point Grey the winter par competition saw the ladies' fight a losing battle when winner, Mrs. George McGlashan and runner-up, Mrs. Charlie Dietrich, finished three and four down respectively to the "Old Invariable"! Meanwhile at Shaughnessey Heights Mrs. R. Clement and Mrs. W. LeSage finished first and second in the even hole tournament.



Mrs. Edwin Crockett,  
Toronto.



Miss. H. F. Bernard,  
Montreal.



Mrs. A. Eadie,  
Vancouver.



Mrs. Leo Dolan  
Ottawa.

□□□□ Speaking of changes in the front rank of women's golf the former Miss Helen Hicks of Hewlett L. I. has applied for a reinstatement to amateur ranks in view of her recent marriage. If she regains her amateur standing Miss Patty Berg and Miss Estelle Lawson Page, present U.S. title-holder from Greensboro, N.C., will have real opposition on their hands this year. Incidentally Patty has won three major winter tournaments. None easily however.

□□□□ Due to the fact that the British Ladies Curtiss Cup team is to be in Canada this fall at the time of the Canadian Ladies' Championship there should be strong rivalry for the team places on the Canadian squad which is scheduled to meet the British, October 1st at the Royal Ottawa club. It is expected that the Canadian ladies will also be hosts to the visitors in the Canadian Open championships which take place Oct. 3rd to 8th. With this powerful international field assured from across the Sea no doubt a number of the best Americans will be present to compete for the title now held by Mrs. John Rogers of Winnipeg. In other words the new set-up of the championship and the judicious choice of dates for the Women's open event, which will also take place in Ottawa, should make the 1938 Ladies' Open one of the best in history.

□□□□ For these fine arrangements we vote orchids to Mrs. Edwin Crockett, president of the Canadian Ladies' Golf Union and her progressive committee which re-arranged the new tournament plan for this year. The plan will present a great series of feature matches in Ottawa from September 27th through October 8th. During this time the Interprovincial matches, which will at the same time constitute the Canadian Ladies' medal play championship for the low scoring individual; the team match with Great Britain; and the Open Championship of Canada, will be played. The old and rather feeble Close championship which for many reasons was becoming archaic, has been abandoned. This, in itself, is most re-vitalizing for ladies major golf as new interest will be centered on the one tournament thus giving the open more weight. The Canadian Open championship this year will be the second most important title for women in the world. Only the U.S. championship including more American stars as well as the British Curtis team will rank ahead. Again congratulations to the C.L.G.U. for a splendid comeback and a business-like settlement of a serious problem!

□□□□ The Ottawa golf week should bring out a number of the "somewhat retired" Canadian stars who last year passed up the long trip to Winnipeg for the Open and Close events. We see possibly Mrs. Alexa Stirling Fraser, Ottawa, Miss Ada MacKenzie, Toronto, Mrs. A. B. Darling Mrs. Leo Dolan, Ottawa, Mme. Joseph Dagenais, Montreal, Mrs. E. H. Gooderham, Mrs. F. J. Mulqueen, Mrs. J. A. MacDougall, Mrs. E. W. Whittington, Toronto, Mrs. Rby S. Horne, Calgary, all as part of the field which will make a bid for laurels in the four events scheduled.

□□□□ It should be interesting to note how the new stars who had a chance to shine unchallenged last year in the absence of the above-mentioned players, will fare when they come to this year's test. Mrs. John Rogers, Winnipeg, Open champion last year, Miss Heather Leslie, Winnipeg, Close champion, Mrs. Shuttleworth, Ontario champion, Mrs. D. J. Pearce, Quebec titlist, will be put to an acid test in the defence of their titles. However with the new champions and the old ones all present and keen, Canada should give the American and British invaders more than an ordinary battle.

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Mrs. A. B. Darling,  
Montreal.



Miss. Ada Mackenzie  
Toronto.



Mrs. J. Dagenais  
Montreal.



Mrs. Pierre Bélanger,  
Montreal.



Mrs. A. D. J. Wright,  
Montreal.



Former Helen Hicks,  
Long Island.



Lady Heathcote Amory,  
London, Eng.

## Caddies Now and Then

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that means. Moreover, an ordinary caddy was supposed to hold his tongue, but a professional caddy did not know how. His stock in trade was flattery and humbug; and, if he was good at his business he could make you believe anything. He could make you believe that you were one of the best golfers in creation only, for the time being, you were a little off your game. Men like that were to be hired every day at Musselburgh; and Crawford had no equal at the business.

The want of a caddy master or someone in authority became manifest as golf increased in popularity. Likewise the wretchedly paid caddy boys began to think that they had a right to live, although golfers did not see the necessity. Rows about the rate of pay were a daily occurrence until finally the boys, in self defense, took to stealing golf balls. For the next few weeks every ball that went into a bunker was lost. Some kid lurking there would tramp the ball into the soft sand and then run. When the coast was clear the ball was dug up and sold.

It was a grand game while it lasted, but it did not last long. Amateur detectives took the latter up and, one evening after golf was over for the day, a general round up of the young thieves took place. They were hauled, hicking and screaming, to the place of execution near the first hole. There the executioner held them across his knee and walloped them with his boot. He was a big strong man — very conscientious — and he lived up to his reputation that evening. It was great fun to watch; and, judging by the yells, it must have done the young scamps good. When it was over, the spectators, one and all, agreed that they had spent a very pleasant evening; but what would be thought of a scene like that nowadays! What would people think if they saw the President of one of our big golf clubs out on the lawn walloping the caddies with one of his boots? But there was nothing nabby about golfers in the days when the game was practically confined to Scotland. They had a happy knack of taking the law into their own hands even on a public course like North Berwick. They were also very conscientious especially in such matters as golf ball stealing and Sunday golf. Perhaps that partly explains how such a poor little country as Scotland, has made such a splash in the world. For it should be remembered that, for hundreds of years, Scotland has been a religious country; and, during all that time, Scotland has been a golfing country. What nation, other than the Scots, can say that?

## Evolution in golf's Cradle

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Great Britain, the linksland of St. Andrews belongs to the town and the Council has the last say-so. Opposition from the R. and A. is not anticipated.

The proposed new championship test would be constructed on sand dunes East of the Old Course and running along the West sands. The first tee would be 300 yards from the clubhouse of the R. and A. The ground would be the best of British seaside terraine, adopted to the modern golfing way, with three sets of tees giving these yardages 6400, 6680, 7405 — long enough to take care of the new ball, or any ball likely to be built.

## Champion in the House

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Leonard, of course, is out of the amateur ranks now. And somehow this galleryite feels that Black has changed since he made that statement, a year ago.

Ken is more of a business man than an athlete, these days. He seems to have eased off the pace a bit. Though he would never admit it, he's put on a little weight, and one of these days he's going to walk up that long middle aisle with a sweet Vancouver lass named Mayme.

I doubt whether he has the old tournament zest of three or four years ago. He rarely decides until a few days before a tournament, whether or not he's going to play. He usually ends up by entering, and he usually finishes up near the top, but there it is.

About the rest? It is conceivable that Jimmy Todd or Ken Lawson might win any tournament played over the Royal Colwood course (where it has been rumored the next Coastal championship will be played), for the simple reason that they know every inch of the fairway — and (may I add) a couple of inches in the rough. But they both vow that they're "working men" now and don't get the time for golf that they used to.

There's always another problem confronting the Western boys when the championship is played out in B. C., too. They're subject to an invasion of hot golfers from Washington and Oregon — American boys who can match shots with the finest players in the world.

Within a radius of 150 miles of Vancouver, there's no less than three Walker Cup aces — Harry Givan and Scotty Campbell of Seattle, and Marvin "Bud" Ward of Tacoma. Then there's Don Moe of Portland, Bud Campbell and Harry Umbinetti of Seattle, and a lot of California stars of the calibre of Roger Kelly, Ernie Pieper and Jack Finger. That, my friends, is competition!

But what about those three prairie provinces? Have they a winning trick up their golfing sleeves?

If one can judge from the observation of a scant two or three rounds, this writer would like to nominate young Johnny Richardson of Calgary and Jimmy Hogan of Jasper Park as standout possibilities. At 17, Richardson topped the Alberta team in the Willingdon Cup matches at Ottawa, posting a neat 74 in the second round. He was nine strokes better than the more experienced Martell and Duane Barr.

In every way, he seems to be off on the right foot. He has a good golfing temperament and a smooth swing. With a little more competition he should be popping up in those final brackets before another couple of summers have passed.

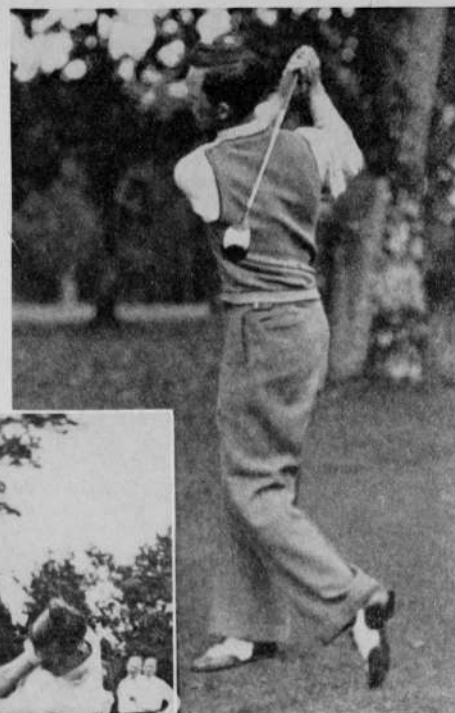
True, Johnny has taken the odd whipping. The Tearle boy trounced him 6 and 4 in the Alberta amateur. But Richardson, a likeable kid, impresses as the type who can "take it" and come up smiling.

Les. Bevan, one-time assistant pro at Jasper Park, has been buttonholing newspapermen in Vancouver for three years to tell them about this Hogan boy. Bevan, a smart golfer himself and one who knows a good prospect when he sees one, predicts a great future for Jimmy. If perchance the Canadian Amateur was awarded to Jasper Park in the next few years, it's hard to say just what Hogan would do to his golfing rivals on that superb layout.

So there are still a few bright spots on the Western golfing horizon. But none (and may a thousand Western nib-

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Two splendid action snaps of Canada's greatest left-handed golfer whose style is so nearly perfect that he is easily transcribed as a model for even right-handed golfers. Note the hips well behind the shot, the stretched arms and the right leg.



## A Word to the "Lefty"

It was last year that we had some correspondence with Jimmy Todd of Victoria B.C. on the problems of left-handed golfers. Jimmy who is the B.C. Open champion this year and a semi-finalist in the 1937 amateur championship certainly bore out his own conclusions by his great record of last year which also saw him win the Victoria city championship and take medalist honors in the British Columbia amateur title-chase. These conclusions resolved themselves generally into the fact that the "lefty's" greatest handicap rests in his mind. Sort of an inferiority due to the fact that so few golfers play from the portside that there is little chance of one emerging a champion in the face of the overwhelming numbers who play right-handed.

Wrote Jimmy Todd last year, "The supposition that the left-hander is one who plays golf without much chance of ever being successful is one which has been quite general in the minds of golfers throughout the history of the Royal and Ancient pastime.

Broadly speaking, the left-hander has always been considered something of a freak for whom top-ranking golf was almost out of the question. This general holding has, no doubt, been responsible for the fact that most "lefties" suffer from lack of confidence. In turn this lack of confidence has held many a potentially ranking portsider back in his quest of a major crown.

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## Bunker Gossip

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also of Montreal . . . visting Forest Hills in March . . . this early practice should "whet the games" of these enthusiasts for spring play in Canada which is just around the corner . . . B. L. Anderson and Geo. Cumming, secretary of the R.C.G.A. and dean of Canada's pros respectively, are playing plenty of golf together this winter at beautiful Ponte Vedra outside of Jacksonville, Fla. . . . Herbert Strong famous golf Architect we understand is another member of the foursome . . . C. C. "Happy" Fraser, Montreal's gift to good nature on the golf course (and in case you have forgotten, a Canadian amateur champion of not so many years back) is off to Bermuda . . . "Happy" should give the Bermuda tournaments a new contender for though not as long from the tees as in his prime "Happy" still plays his short irons like a mas-

## With Diana on the Fairway

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□ □ □ □ Among the Montreal contingent of fairway enthusiasts who are in the south at present we find Mrs. Stanfield, of Marlborough, prominent Senior golfer, in Deland, Florida where she is playing regularly. Mrs. Joseph Degenais, several times Quebec champion, is in Palm Beach enjoying the winter sun and getting her strong game in shape for the spring. Mrs. S. Cunningham Jones is in Palm Beach. Mrs. Jones, a well-known member and former president of Marlborough, is an annual Miami visitor.

□ □ □ □ Two of the younger set of Montreal golfers, Miss Olive Sue Ransom and Miss Yolande Moisan, both of Summerlea, are in New York again this winter. Miss Ransom is at Columbia doing post-graduate work in Chemistry, while Miss Moisan is studying art.

□ □ □ □ Three star Montreal performers have become full-fledged matrons since the beginning of last year. Mrs. Pierre Belanger, diminutive Laval star and former Montreal City and District champion, is mother of a boy age six months. Mrs. A. B. Darling's daughter is now four months, while Mrs. A. D. J. Wright, last year's Montreal champion, also has a four-months-old daughter. In all likelihood all three will be playing some tournament golf in 1938. Congratulations to all!

□ □ □ □ Ralph Guldahl, present American Open champion, has gone out on a limb in predicting that Miss Patty Berg will win the American ladies' championship this year. In face of the fact that the British are sending over the usual group of staunch tournament players, and in view of the fact that the recuperated Pam Barton of London, who in 1936 won the British and American ladies' crown, should be back in health we feel that Guldahl is a bit ambitious for his prodigy. Likewise it is pointed out that a number of "far-from-national-champions" have been giving the "Minneapolis redhead" stubborn battles in the south this winter. This inclines us to feel that Miss Barton is still the lady golfer to beat in any tournament.

□ □ □ □ Sometime ago we read that Lady Heathcoat Amory of London, née Miss Joyce Wethered, recognized as the greatest female golfer of all time, had applied for re-instatement as an amateur. Nothing more has been said or heard from the R. and A. We wonder if the great Joyce will shortly emerge on a real title-seeking quest in the U.S.A. if she is returned an

ter . . . still has the contagious laugh which made his play famous . . . C. F. Ritchie in Ormond Beach golf championship recently . . . Mr Ritchie is a native of Toronto . . . got to the semi-finals of the Ormond tourney where he lost to C. R. Shipley of Philadelphia . . . Mr. Doug Evans, enthusiastic Hampstead player from Montreal and Mrs. Evans are planning to leave shortly for their winter home in Sea Breeze near Daytona Florida . . . Mr. Evans, one of those deceiving lefthanders . . . is always a threat in the Daytona winter events . . . John Anderson, popular president of the Islesmere Golf Club in Montreal was re-elected to another term of office . . . Charles E. Moyle will serve as Vice-president . . . Rumors of a big Canadian P.G.A. tournament in the offing . . . a real "load" of prize money which will rank with sums given in the major U. S. tournaments . . .



Mrs. S. Cunningham Jones of Montreal and Mrs. John Stanfield also of Montreal, both of whom are in the south this winter. Mrs. Jones is in Miami and Mrs. Stanfield is enjoying golf at Deland Florida. Both are prominent Seniors.

amateur, she never did this before when holding that status, but now comfortably situated we feel she might enjoy a return to America which, no doubt, would like to see her in its national tournament play.

□ □ □ □ Miss Margery Kirkham's Golf School in Montreal is attracting quite a number of female aspirants who greatly admire Miss Kirkham's knowledge of the game.

□ □ □ □ Pam Barton wrote a book on golf last winter! The great British girl player was told however that she might not publish it and take any of the profits on penalty of professionalism. Miss Barton withheld publishing on account of this edict by the Royal and Ancient of St. Andrews. She could have gotten around the rule by not taking any of the profit herself. These she could have given to anyone . . . even members of her own family! Strange rule!

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# Use of Nitrogen for Turf

Advice for your Greensman By ALAN BLAND

Today players are demanding much finer turf than they did even a few years ago. This has been due to comparison and "keeping up with the Jones's". One club goes in for fairway watering and fertilizing and has a green growing turf all summer. Players from other Clubs comparing this thick heavy turf with their own hard sun-baked courses, demand that the standard of their home course be raised, even though for years they have been content with their old playing conditions. But the demand for a high standard of turf is only part of the story for after a course has been in play for a number of years the fairways do go back, the grass becomes thinner and more and more weeds show up. We must examine the reasons for this condition which is undoubtedly taking place around us.

Growing grass is simply a farming proposition with some exceptions to general farm practice. I think that if we go over some of the essentials of good farming we may find the obvious reasons for some of our troubles and a comparison may show what we have to do in the way of proper fairway maintenance.

With the settling of the land in a virgin country crops could be grown for a number of years with little if any, return to the soil of the elements which had been removed by cropping. Soon however a time comes where yields begin to decrease and either fertilizing had to be done or the land became poorer and poorer — the extreme being the abandoned farm — of which there are hundreds in some of the Eastern States.

Many of our old courses, whether developed from native sod or seeded with what are considered the best varieties of grasses for fairway purposes, did produce good turf for a number of years, due to the presence of sufficient plant food in the soil. But cropping or fairway cutting followed year after year until a low point in fertility was reached when a distinct set-back was noticeable in the quality of the grass. Clover and weeds become more and more apparent until something has to be done about it. What has happened on farms is happening on golf courses. And here I would like to mention that where water systems have been installed growth has been accelerated, as grass is grown and cut over a longer period each year, so

that the time comes that much sooner when fertilizing must be carried out to supply the plant food losses.

Although you know there are a large number of elements used by plants in making normal growth, ordinary farm fertilizing practice places three of them in a major group — as those needing replacement most regularly. These three are Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potash. Different crops take from the soil varying amounts of each — For example in growing celery fertilizers containing 36% and even 48% Potash are being



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now used. In wheat and oats heavier yields of grain are obtained by using straight Superphosphate, for the formation of seed draws very heavily on the phosphorus in the soil.

Lesser in practical fertilizer importance but still absolutely necessary are Calcium, Magnesium, Sulphur and iron — followed by what are termed the rarer elements, copper, manganese, arsenic, boron, etc.

There are sections in the States where ordinary fertilizing practices did not produce proper results — until the lack in the soil or what are called the rarer elements had been made good. In the case of Boron the plants started to grow when the tissue between the veins in the leaves turned brown, finally dying and leaving a network of the finer veins, then these too became brown and a mere skeleton of the leaf was left. Experiments showed that with an application of Borax running 25 to 50 lbs. per acre normal growth took place. The importance of even these rarer elements

is being shown year by year as more work is being done with them.

The growing of turf differs from ordinary farm crops in various ways and I think we may well consider some of these differences in viewing its fertilizer requirements. We are growing a green crop — not a crop where the producing of seed is its commercial value. We want to promote continuous growth throughout the growing season, but we want sturdy growth and to supply gradual stimulation to the plants so that they will spread out and take up all the ground area forming so dense a turf that weeds have less chance of taking hold.

Nitrogen we will consider first, as it is the most important to us and is the element most quickly depleted. This element goes largely into the production of the leaf and stem of plants, altho it also plays its part in root development as well. Nitrogen starvation can be seen by a sickly yellow tinge to the grass, a lack of growth and vigor, and by the small size of the individual plants.

And here let us make another comparison between growing fairways and farm crops which are removed from the field taking all the elements used to make up their tissues. We cut our grass but the clippings are not removed so that as they decay certain elements are gradually returned to the soil. Under the consideration of phosphorus and potash we will mention this again, now we are considering nitrogen and we find that only a small part of the nitrogen used in growth is again available for future years. So that by the mere fact of promoting growth we lose nitrogen, which must be replaced to keep up the supply in the soil. In order for any mineral element to be used by a plant it must be in a soluble condition — altho both carbon and oxygen, not minerals are taken in by the plant through the leaves in a gaseous condition. While in this soluble condition the elements can be taken in by the root hairs of the plant. Now nitrogen when it becomes soluble is either taken up by the plant or gradually passes away in the drainage water.

Nitrogen can be supplied in two forms, inorganic and organic. Inorganic nitrogen means that it is combined with other elements to form a salt. Two of the common forms are Ammonium Sulphate and Nitrate of Soda. These salts are soluble in water and when applied are either used by plant life or lost in the drainage water, thus quick but tem-

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## A Word to the "Lefty"

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Really however there is no reason for golf being considered a "closed book" for the left-hander providing the individual has his share of normal natural ability and the same willingness to practice which forms the background of any champion's success. The first step in the left-hander's progress is the elimination of the inferiority complex.

It is granted that few if any left-handers have ever annexed a real major title. That is quite natural, however, when one considers how the lefty is outnumbered in all championship play. In the present era of super-golf that business of title-winning falls to only a certain few of the best of all right-handers. Indeed the odds are slight for the "tremendously-minoritized" left-hander.

The day may come however when a "lefty" will break through and win a major crown and in so doing will serve as something of an inspiration to his fellow portsideers. It is only natural that in time this will happen and the rightful number of "lefties" will emerge from the shadows and take their places with the great champions of all time.

The best advice that the writer can give to his compatriots who battle par from "the other side" is to quickly erase from their minds that this method of play is an insurmountable handicap. With this will go the indecision that lurks in all "lefties'" minds that perhaps they should "change over." Indeed if there was ever a real handicap in golf it is to try to play in this so-called "converted" fashion, one hates to think of the minuteness of the percentage of that number who have ever risen to even a fair game much less to places to golf's Hall of Fame. If your left hand seems to want to do the guiding and you find the reverse pivot and straight right arm feel more natural . . . them select your lefthanded clubs carefully and go to it left-handed. Really its surprising how many holes on every course look much easier when you "bat" from the portside."

(Editor's note;) Since this was written last year before

## Champion in the House

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licks come down on me for this blasphemy!) able to quell the titular reign of our effective Easterners or ambling Americans.

It seems to me that Sandy Somerville, that fine gentleman and sportsman from London, will go on winning Canadian Amateur golf championships just as long as he wants to. Maybe, after six championships, the thing will begin to pall on him. At any rate, he still stands out like a lighthouse in the Sahara, and any defeat he suffers in Canadian competition must be regarded a major upset.

It would seem that Phil Farley, the popular Montreal boy, is just about due for a title, too. He has performed for years with distinction and credit, made himself a lot of friends and proven his ability as a topflight golfer. Somehow the "Canadian" has always eluded his grasp, but there are many who will be pulling for him to lift "the big one" just once, anyway.

Then there's Gordon Baxter Taylor of Montreal, definitely a "big-leaguer". For a couple of years, while he was getting established in the business world, he played few games of golf. But at Ottawa he returned to competitive play, ousted the defending champion Freddy Haas, and more than provided that he was back on his game in a big way.

They're a doughty trio — Somerville, Farley and Taylor. In the opinion of this writer, still a shade too good for anything that British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan or Manitoba can produce.

The plaintiff rests . . .

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Jimmy Todd's great year in tournament play which, incidently, carried him to third ranking position among Canada's amateurs, we nominate this bit of correspondence as one of the greatest evidence's of what self-belief can do for a golfer.

porary results are obtained and frequent applications are needed to provide a continuous supply of nitrogen throughout the growing season. But nitrogen can also be applied in an organic form, among the chief being bone-meal, blood and bone, cotton seed meal, activated sludge from sewerage disposal plants were the sludge has not been digested, manure and general organic materials.

The breakdown of organic matter is slow and is dependant on the action of soil organisms. These organisms become more active as temperature increases, so that the breakdown is most rapid in hot weather. And here we find the basic reason why nitrogen in the organic form is used more for fairway fertilizing than in the inorganic form. The nitrogen from organic fertilizers is liberated over an extended period of time thus supplying food to the grass plants many

months after it is applied. A condition we require in fairway maintenance.

I would like to bring out two points here regarding renovation work. It has been proved that this need not be a long process covering years. If a fairway contains the proper varieties of grasses, that is, ones which will survive continual cutting and have the power of spreading out either by rhizomes or stolons even if the individual plants are small, heavy applications of organic fertilizers will produce practically the same result in a season as the same amount of fertilizer applied over a two or three year period — Should the amount of money to be spent on fertilizer be small its well to see that the rates of application are sufficiently high to give really visable results even if only parts of the fairways can be treated. Where whole fairways cannot be treated then concentrate on

approaches and say from 150 to 225 yards from the Tee. This materially lessens the acreage to be fertilized and the decided benefits obtained in better turf makes easier the obtaining of further funds in the future. And secondly, unless there are sufficient grass plants in the area to be treated fertilizer alone will not produce a turf. Sections of fairways may be found where the grass has passed out completely — perhaps due to a variety of reasons. Winter-killing — drought — the ground becoming too compact or other causes. Here reseeding is absolutely necessary and the ground must be worked up into a seed bed. Fertilizing cannot introduce grass, it can only stimulate the grass which is already there.

(Next Month's Continuation — Use of Phosphorus and Potash)

## Hitting Against the Left

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Now for that little business of hitting against the left side. At the moment the clubhead comes in contact with the ball, in the perfect swing, the left leg is firmly braced—the heel is flat on the ground and the knee, joint straightened out. The whole left side is straightened and braced, and that is why you get the feeling of hitting against it.

But the straightening process should begin long before clubhead and ball are in contact. Your left heel should be firmly planted on the ground before your hands have travelled more than

twelve inches on the downswing. If it is not you are more than likely to be off balance, there will be considerable body sway, which in turn will produce either a badly hit shot or one that is off line.

There can be no control without balance, and that is why that feeling of hitting against the left side is so important. It also helps you to anchor your head, which you simply must do if you expect the clubhead to meet the ball properly. All in all it is one of the greatest aids in the book toward grooving your swing—the thing we are all trying so desperately hard to do.

It has been argued that some very successful golfers can't possibly have this

feeling of hitting against the left side, and Joyce Wethered is the name you hear oftenest in this connection. Well, I'm ready to bet that she has and I can prove it. It has been said that Miss Wethered is on her toes when she hits the ball. That's a laugh, as far as I'm concerned.

There are enough pictures of the classic Wethered swing around for everybody to study. The ones that show her at the moment of impact establish beyond any doubt that at this all-important moment in the swing her left heel is clamped down tight on the ground. A fraction of a second later it is raised, because she has an odd mannerism of finishing with a kind of lift. But it is snug against good old mother earth when it should be.

This feeling of hitting against the left is worth striving for. When it comes you'll smack that ball with some authority, and better still, put it where you want it to go.

### Embryo British Heroes

For some names which are likely to appear among the British Walker cup team which we have predicted will really give America a jolt this June at St. Andrews — here are a few — John Pennink, Ken Scott, John Langley, George arter. C. Lawrie — these fellows are the college stars of Oxford and Cambridge. They are all young and excellent golfers. Scott is a tremendous hitter, for instance! The others are all keen men and represent the coming school in British golf as opposed to the old time "Walker Cuppers" who are epitomized by Cyril Tolley, powerful but erratic perennial of past teams. Tolley has a way of winning a few exents just before the picking of the squad, or perhaps beating a few aspiring players at the psychological moment.

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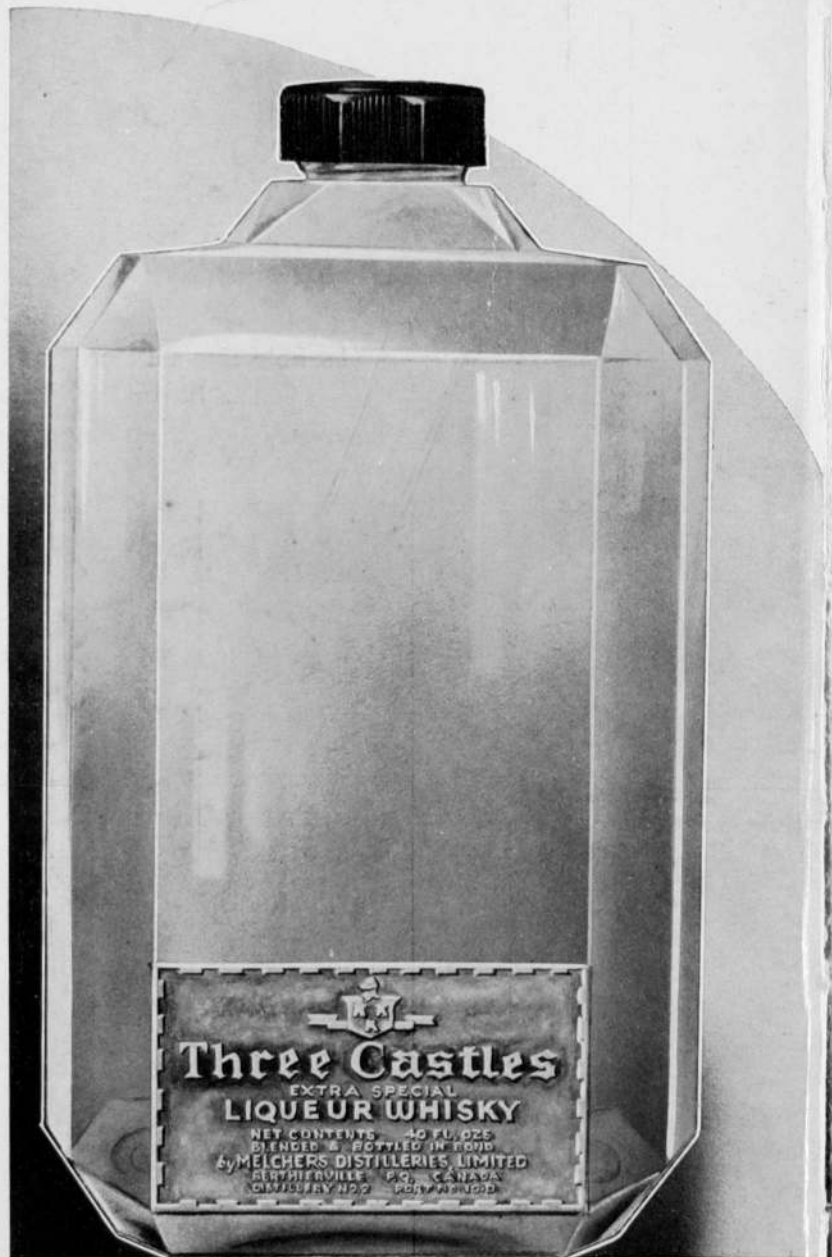
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