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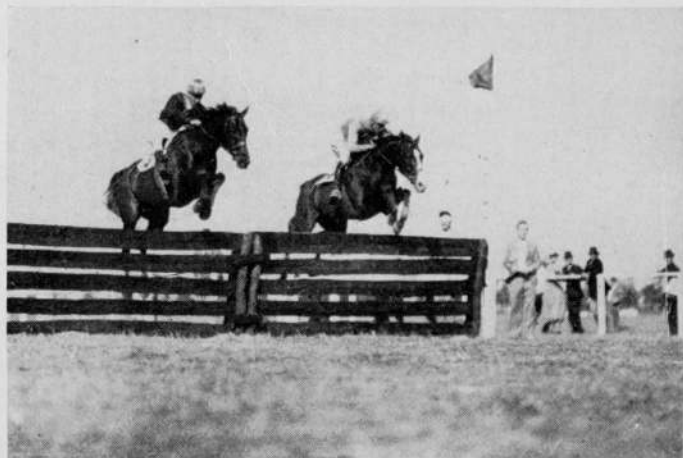
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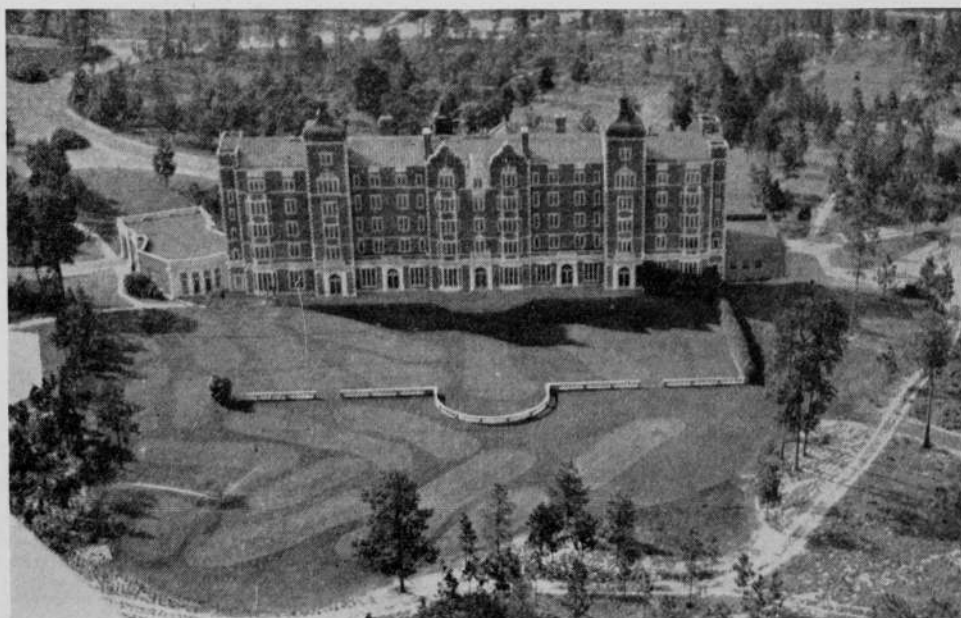


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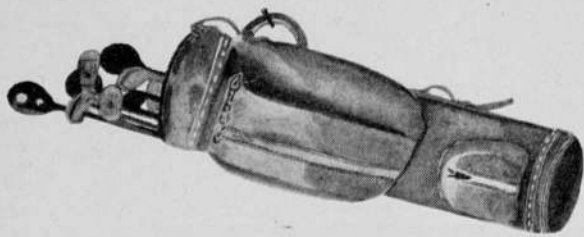
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# Good Golfing Words FOR THE MONTH

A golfer was in the habit of engaging a caddie who was badly troubled with that distressing complaint, the hiccough. One day the man badly missed his drive, and turning to his caddie he said: "That was all through your confounded hiccough."

"But I didn't hiccough," said the lad.  
"No, I know that," said the angry man "but I allowed for it!"

In Aberdeen, it is said, the round is always twenty holes instead of eighteen. You see, it is the custom to play the nineteenth hole twice—going out and coming in.

"I took up this game," the hopeless novice said apologetically to his caddie, "merely to practise self-control."

"You ought to have gone in for caddy-ing, sir," was the bored-one's sole comment.

Did you hear of the unfortunate case of the duffer who knocked a divot so steeply up in the air that it fell back on top of him and the caddies had to spend the best part of two hours digging him out?

"I'm told that the course at Claybury-on-the-Clay is pretty good. How is it for length?"

"No good! The only long drive at Claybury, is the one from the station to the course."

Colonel: "What the blazes do you mean by giving me a caddie like that? I cursed him all the way round and he took no notice of me whatever."

Caddie Master: "You asked me for the best caddie I had got, and I gave him to you, sir! He's deaf and dumb."

"You say he is a tea-planter! Does he come from Ceylon?"

"No! from St. Andrews. He has planted more tees on that course than any other member of that club.

A young girl and an elderly woman were waiting in the club house for the other members of the foursome to arrive.

"Have a cigarette?" asked the girl, offering her case.

The older woman looked at her in extreme annoyance. "Smoke a cigarette!" she cried indignantly. "Good gracious, I'd rather kiss the first man who came along."

"So would I," retorted her companion, "but have one while you're waiting."

"Would you call that a bad lie you have got, Colonel?"

"I might! But it would be a dashed inadequate way of describing a d — m disaster!"

"Why do you carry a spoon as well as a No. 1 iron?"

"Oh! Just for scooping the ball out of casual water."

"If a caddie can make one complete cigarette out of seven cigarette ends, how many can he make if he collects forty-nine ends?"

"Seven, obviously"

"No, eight. He makes another out of the seven ends he has left from his own smoking."

The clerical golfer lost the cup by a putt on the home green in the final round on Saturday afternoon. He was disappointed, for he badly wanted the trophy.

Next morning he absent-mindedly gave out as his text. "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose the last hole?"

"What do you think of the course at Llanfairfechan?"

"Well, that's rather hard for me to say."

"What's old Jorkins looking so pleased with himself for?"

'O He has at last succeeded in hitting a tee-shot in one."

"Why do you call your partner Louis when his name's Bill?"

"Because every time he gets into the bunker at the fourteenth he loses his head."

The Tennis Fan: "You know, I think the standard of play among ordinary players is higher in tennis than it is in golf."

The Golf Fiend: "That may be so, but you let the golfer have two services from each teeing ground and think what the standard of golf would be like then."

The Novice: "What is meant by 'the secret of good timing?'"

The Veteran: "It means getting on to the first tee just before the slow four-ball is ready to start."



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## Stymie Reactions

THE recent American decision to modify the stymie ruling in match play to read that "a ball which stymies another and lies within six inches of the holes shall be lifted and replaced without penalty" has brought forth a flood of comment from the outstanding players of the world. Here are a few opinions concerning the new move — the second major rule change the U.S.G.A. has instigated in two years.

Chick Evans of Chicago, former Open and amateur champion wrote as follows:

"I like the stymie. Match play is dull without it. I think the stymie should remain in the game. It has successfully stood the test of time."

Tommy Tailer, former Metropolitan champion and socialite golf leader in that district, expresses his opinion of the stymie:

"It is a fine shot when played properly," says the former metropolitan champion. "I feel very strongly that it is a fundamental part of the game of golf."

Frank Strafaci of New York who placed ninth in the U. S. Open last year and who is generally regarded as one of the East's best amateurs, feels inclined to regard the stymie as a shot to be taken just as if one was behind a tree, a fence, or a barn from which there is obviously no other recourse than to make the best of it. He also feels that controversy is likely to arise over the marking and placing of balls if the rule is changed.

Johnny Goodman, national champion who is a most representative student of the game writes:

"I like the stymie. No one is so capable as to intentionally lay a deliberate stymie. It should be considered a rub of the green. A person who plays an intentional stymie hurts himself. To perform a stymie takes a delicate shot. To play delicate shots in golf is part of the game."

One interesting observation was made by Donald MacPhail who states that he likes the self-laid stymie as it is a just penalty for a man's carelessness on the greens.

Of considerable interest was the reaction of Henry Cotton in England when questioned upon the stymie change in the United States. Henry, the arch-individualist, said he was flatly against the new rules and general changes and would probably withdraw from a tournament the first time anyone lifted his ball or vice-versa in match tournament play.



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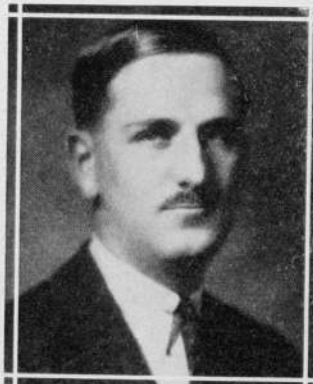
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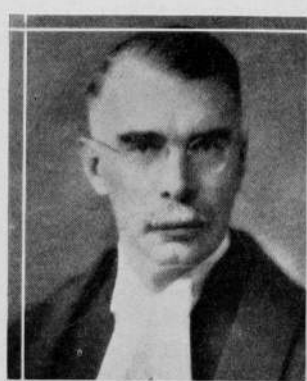
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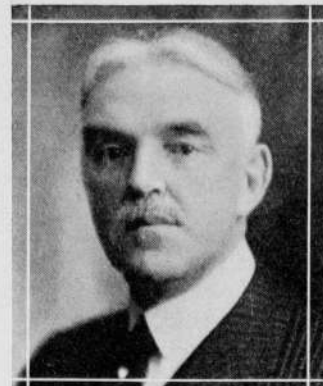


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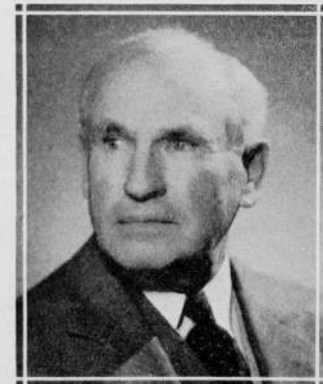
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### Royal Canadian to Experiment

The 1938 season will be carried out in somewhat the nature of an experiment insofar as the Royal Canadian Golf Association is concerned. By this is meant that the ruling body of the game in this country will be trying a new plan of things as regards to the set-up of its relationship with the various provincial associations. The first move to instate the provincial golf associations as individual units of the major body will be made. This in turn will induce incorporation of the clubs within the provincial associations as individual members of the R. C. G. A.

At the recent annual meeting of the R.C.G.A. in Montreal Col. Claude Brown of London was installed as president of the association to succeed the popular John I. Rankin of Montreal who served so well in 1937-38. As vice-president Montreal's outstanding Mr. J. Ernest Savard of Laval finds the trail to the R. C. G. A. leadership to which he will likely be elected in 1939. Other members of the Executive for the coming year will be found in the masthead of this publication appearing on this page at the right.

The annual meeting showed that the Open championship, income from which

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E. A. Harris, Toronto, O.G.A. President

### Ontario Keeps Step

Highlight of the Ontario Golf Association annual meeting which took place recently was the election of Mr. Ernest A. Harris of Toronto to the presidency of this powerful golfing body. Mr. Harris, a member of Rosedale, succeeds a namesake Mr. Frank A. Harris of Mississauga to the lead position of golf in that province while the latter has graduated on to the Royal Canadian Golf Association Executive committee. Seven new directors came into office on the O. G. A. at the same meeting. Also J. G. Thompson, London, and L. W. Jackson, Toronto, were named as vice-presidents of the Association. J. Lewis Brown was retained as Secretary-Treasurer which post he has held for several years.

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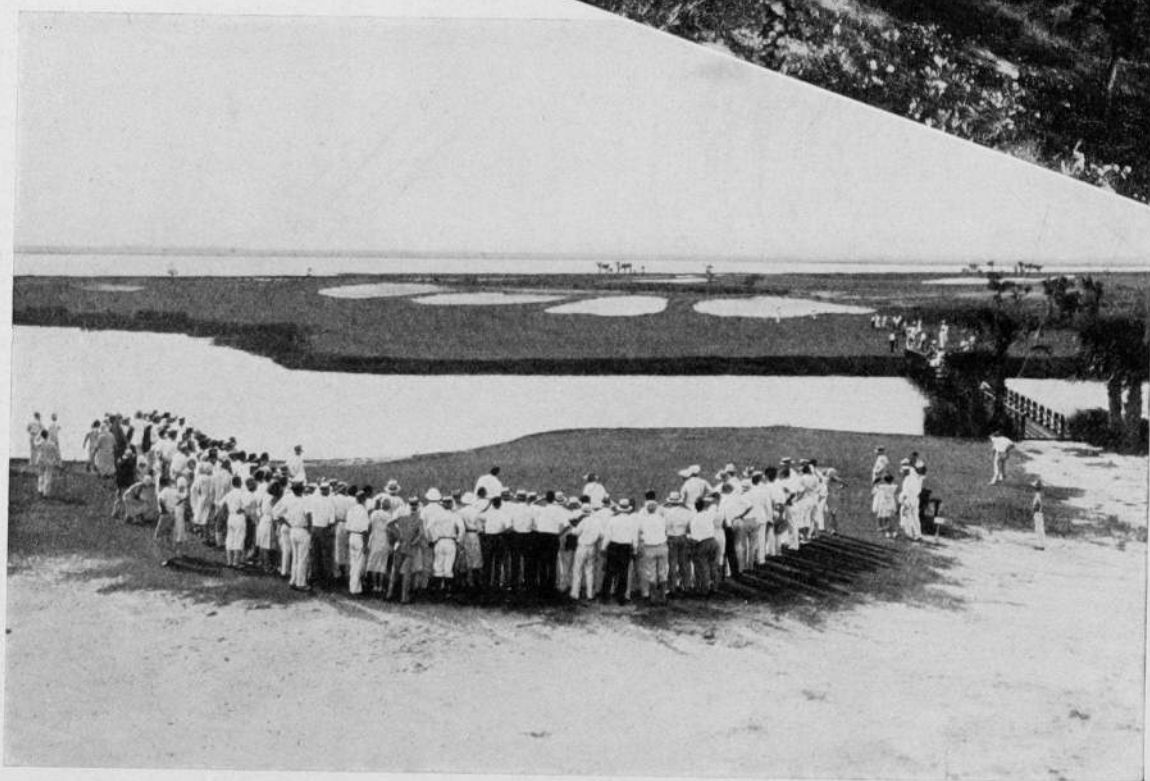
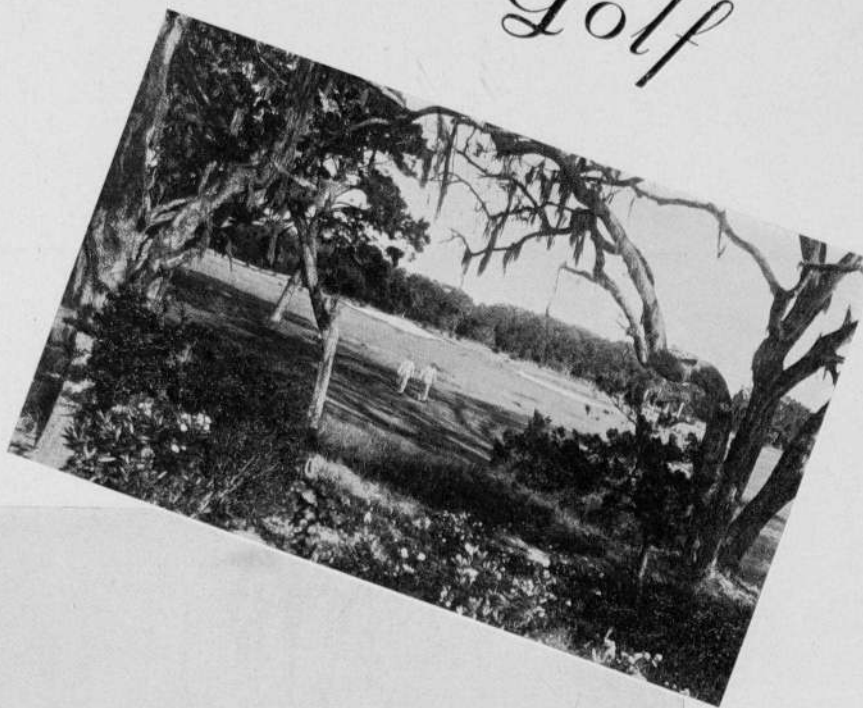
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## AT SEA ISLAND



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If you've ever longed for an island all your own—a veritable kingdom where you could do just as you pleased with your every whim anticipated—you'll find a close approach to this Utopia, without the responsibility of ownership, at Sea Island, off Georgia's southern coast.

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boat, or plane. The Coastal Highway joins the Causeway, fast trains can be stopped at nearby points on the mainland. The Sea Island Yacht Club is directly on the Inland Waterway traversed now by so many yachts. And the new Glynn County Airport on the island has paved runways with government lighting.

Golf on the Sea Island Golf Club's superb course, noted for its combination of a strictly seaside nine and an inland nine, is an outstanding sport at all seasons. Throughout the spring a series of frequent tournaments inspire friendly rivalry on the links,

with the Annual Mid-Winter Tournament February 24-26, the Annual Spring Tournament for the Club Championship March 16-19, and the Annual Ladies Tournament March 21-26, highlighting the season.

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# Talking about Golf

EDITORIAL

H. R. Pickens Jr.

OF late years throughout Canada golf has taken on many commendable and worthwhile aspects of organization. The major golf bodies have been most active in this regard with the result that splendid competition and association has been provided for the better players. Provincial and National event calendars keep the low handicap golfers well provided with strenuously active campaigns. Provincial associations in some cases schedule as many as thirty tournaments during our comparatively short Canadian seasons—and for the tournament “regulars” this means plenty of activity.

This flurry of rather crowded fixtures seems to have been a natural outcome of what the golfing public desires yet in the bustle of organization really only a small percentage of the entire golfing public is being considered. It is coincidental that at the same time one of the finest venues of social and competitive promotion which the game can offer is being somewhat forgotten.

We refer in the first instance to the fact that the events appearing on most sectional association fixture cards are attractive exclusively to the *class A golfer*—in reality to only the best of this general handicap classification. In the second consideration we have in mind the widespread disappearance of the old inter-club competition which used to bring two clubs into rivalry represented by large teams. Strangely enough such events, rated as highlights of the season a few years back, have been almost completely discontinued in many of the larger golfing centres.

The reason for this dearth of inter-club competition is based upon the fact that under the super-organization of sectional associations it is supposed that the bulk of players who might be interested in taking part, cannot be counted upon to represent their clubs more than once or twice in a season. Even this is possible only when there happens to be a let-up in the regular schedule!

We realize that an additional series of, say, eight inter-club matches during the year might be out of the question for top ranking players in the various clubs simply because there is not enough open time on the regular schedules. This is particularly true in the so-called larger centres. Such opinion is evidently held by provincial executives of such provinces as, for instance, Quebec, where the clubs of the provinces are organized into four club divisions and on one day each year club teams of eight men meet in competition for the championships of their re-

spective divisions. The divisional team-winners automatically qualify for the division above while each last place club drops back into the groups below. These events are conducted in a similar fashion to the Walker Cup matches with four two-ball foursomes being played in the morning and eight singles matches in the afternoon. One plays against the other three members of his foursome—each of whom represent a different club. The competition is at match play with a point being given for each opponent whom one defeats. Half points are given for draws and, of course, no points for a loss. Two-ball teams may win three points by defeating all its three opponents, and each singles player may win three points for victory over the other three players in this foursome. The highest possible number of points any team can register is thirty-six. The team scoring the greatest number is the winner in that division.

All this is interesting and the tournament brings together the eight best players from each club for one day. It is a splendid tournament and a great deal of interest is shown by the contestants. However it only serves to bring together the top-notch golfers once more—most of whom play together or enjoy each other's society throughout many of the thirty events of the schedule. In that respect such an arrangement resolves itself into *just another tournament*—and at the same time serves to lull the general golfing public's sense of further need for intermingling among members of various clubs.

In this mode of things perhaps ten players from each club are brought together, on and off, thirty times a year—and year in and year out this group, representing the so-called “golfing fraternity,” alone reaps the benefit of the opportunity afforded by golf for bringing together large numbers of sportsmen from various clubs. But it should never be forgotten that one can be a sportsman in golf and still have a handicap of ten or a good deal more.

The deduction from these facts is obvious. The class B golfer is being rather left out and the inter-club match, a great means of social inter-mingling as well as interesting competition, is falling into the class of the archaic. The combination of the two naturally points toward *the arrangement of inter-club class B fixtures*. We think that such events regularly conducted would be heralded with an immense amount of enthusiasm from golfers every-

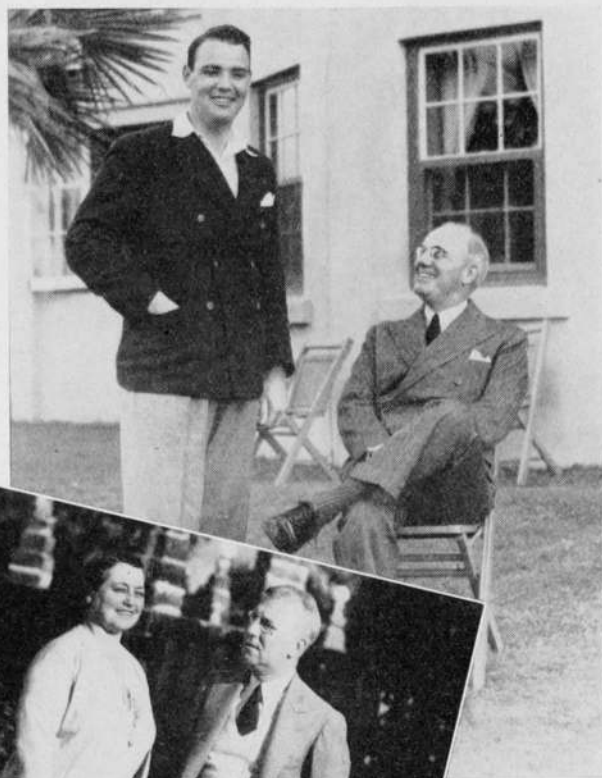
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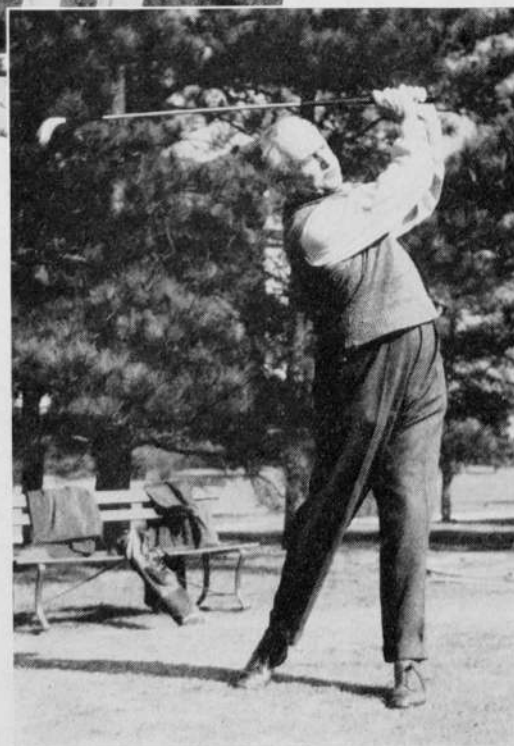
At Belleair Florida at the Bellevue Biltmore Mr. W. G. and George Armstrong of Montreal warm up for a round on one of the hotel's two great courses.

Dr. Fred A. Gaby of Toronto congratulates his son Fred M. Gaby on a win in the Belmont Manor Tournament. The Gaby family were recent visitors in Bermuda.



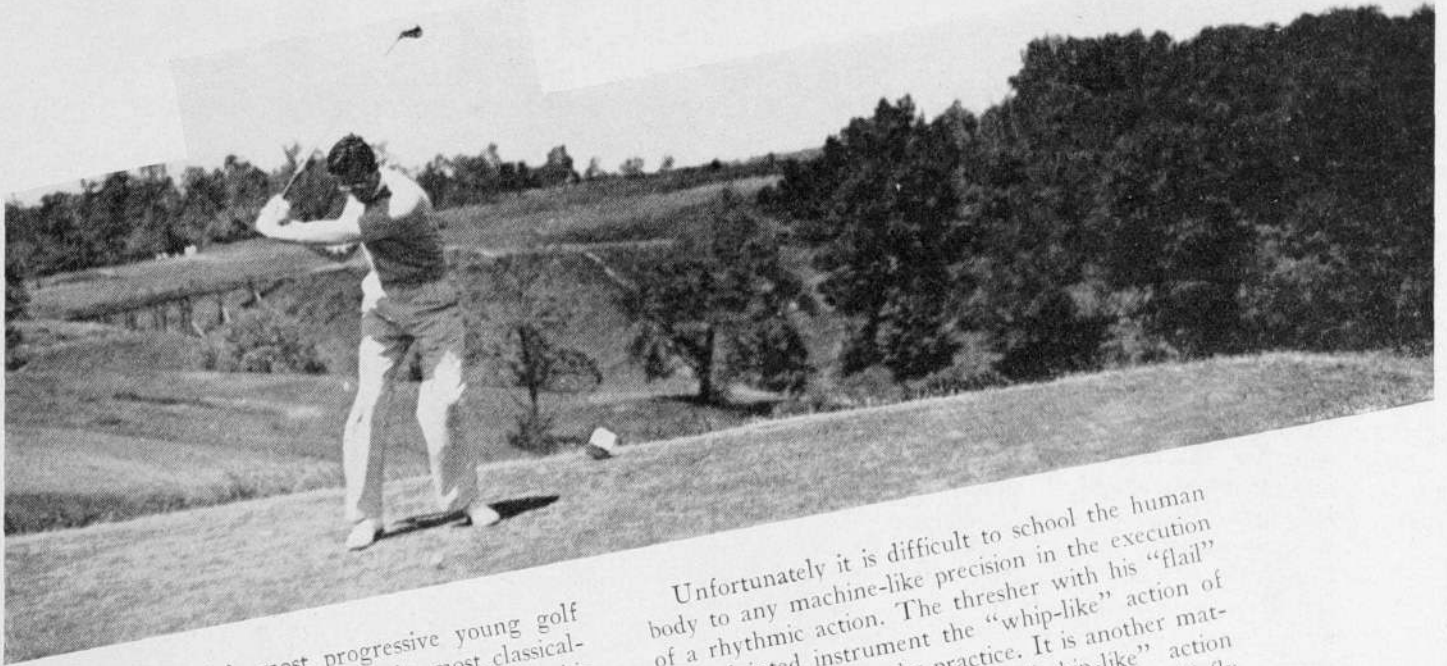
Centre, left to right, Mr. and Mrs. O. Hall of Noranda Quebec; Mr. J. B. Cowles of Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reed of Halifax N.S.; all were snapped while vacationing recently at the Belmont Manor in sunny Bermuda.

Bottom left, Mrs. Sidney P. Powell of Vancouver and Miss Paggy Wattles of Buffalo N.Y. who were photoed at the Royal Spey Golf Tournament at the Belmont Manor in Bermuda. Bottom right, Col. C. S. McInnes of Toronto finishing a lusty swing at the beautiful Forest Hills course in Augusta Ga. where he was recently keeping his game in fettle during the off-season.





# Controlling the FLAIL



One of Canada's most progressive young golf teachers and, incidentally, perhaps the most classically correct swinger among the professionals on this continent is youthful Robert Burns of the Hampstead Golf Club in Montreal. An extremely smooth hitter of the ball, Burns is an outstanding example of relaxed "flail" swinging.

Since it is the "flail" school of swinging with which we intend to concern ourselves, let us first explain what we mean by the term. We may then attempt to illustrate its application from observation of such swings as Burns.

The modern city dweller probably never has had much reason to know what a "flail" is since this instrument has to do with farming and, if we are not mistaken, is today somewhat archaic. Therefore, to explain the "flail", it is a jointed or a very whippy rod with which chaff is threshed from wheat. The action of the person using a "flail" is a long sweep which allows the loose hinged part (or the whippiness in the rod) to complete the beating of the grain.

It is upon such a conception that the "flail" swinging golfer finds basis for his theory. The theory is sound, for every successful expert golfer must adopt the "flail" action to some extent. Upon the extra snap thus obtained is dependant the ultimate power.

Since the thresher generally has lots of beating to do he naturally takes the smoothest easiest action possible. The whip of his instrument really does the hardest part, and his motion is such that it depends upon his extra snap of the "flail". This is comparable to the wrist snap to be found in the swings of all long hitters in golf. For some this "flail" action is natural. For others it is not — particularly when the player happens to be desirous of extreme accuracy and is therefore stricken with a stiff-wristed "steering" tendency.

Unfortunately it is difficult to school the human body to any machine-like precision in the execution of a rhythmic action. The thresher with his "flail" has a jointed instrument the "whip-like" action of which he may gauge by practice. It is another matter however, when this same "whip-like" action must be imparted by the joints of the body (chiefly arms, wrists, and shoulders). Even after such an action is understood there is the necessity of timing it correctly. This, however, is not so difficult if the reader will analyze what his real aim is as he builds up a golf swing.

One's aim in developing a swing should be to find a natural motion which will present the club-head flat to the ball with the club-face travelling at right angles to the desired line of flight. One's next concern should be the development of the speed of the club to its maximum extent as it meets and passes through the ball. In order to accomplish both of these items, the accumulation of speed must be gradual. (Physics defines the word acceleration as the "rate of change of speed". With this definition in mind we say then that one must seek a gradual acceleration of the club-head). This means an even increase of speed, devoid of jerking, swaying or lunging. The whole must have the appearance of ease.

With this goal in mind return now to the "flail" thought prepared to compromise this action into the best possible accumulation of speed and at the same time to control the club-head through the ball.

But how does one go about incorporating the "flail" action into the swing? Briefly and theoretically the "flail" amounts to this. From this address position the *body pivot* and the *hands start the swing!* The club head is, in a manner, dragged

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by Gilbert Redd

Above: Action photo of Bobby Burns of Montreal stopped at beginning of downswing, illustrating the saving of the wrist-cock which will later enable Burns to "flail" the stroke.

# In Recognition of M

**Canadian Golfer presents ranking based  
on 1937 showings of the leading amateurs**

CANADIAN GOLFER'S annual rating of the first fifteen amateur players in the Dominion as based upon their showing of the season just past is a comparatively simple matter this year among the top places of the ranking. Among those near the end, however, difficulty looms at every turn. This can be attributed to the fact that those who have dominated during the past year, and who, as a result, will take high rankings with them into the 1938 season, have almost monopolized the spotlight in the important events throughout 1937. We might illustrate with any of the first three on the list. C. Ross Somerville, of London, Ontario who heads the list had one of his most consistently fine seasons. Sandy did not meet with a single match defeat during the year in major competition in Canada. Phil Farley of Montreal, compiling the most prolifically title-studded season of any player in the Dominion, likewise left little glory for other players in his section of Canada. Then Jimmy Todd, left-hander from Victoria who has skyrocketed to third place after not being placed in the first fifteen last year, held sway with an iron hand in the far west.

In reality Canada's first fifteen has neither altered in personnel, nor in actual change of playing abilities so much as it has from members of the 1937 select group dropping from the field of eligibles.

On our present list seven players who were ranked last year are still "up front" among the golfers of Canada. The most important jump in position was that made by the perennial star, Sandy Somerville, who was last year ranked only sixth after a rather lacadasical season. This year he returns to the number one position which he held in 1935.

Probably Jim Todd's great play which landed him in third place the first time he ever earned ranking was indeed the greatest "surprise package" to appear, but this was only scarcely more impressive than the great return to form of Somerville's clubmate and friend, Jack Nash of London.

Last season Nash barely landed in fourteenth place. Even that was chiefly a rating of respect, but in 1937 Nash, like Somerville, produced enviable golf in every tournament which saw him entered. It was this consistency rather than any great collection of titles which raised the handsome Londoner ten notches to fourth place.

As in other years we have based these selections and their positions upon a joint consideration of recognized abilities and the extent to which Canadian players have been able to utilize these abilities in compiling seasonal records.



**The East scores a comeback taking four of the first five places in Canada's "First Fifteen" this year.**

**Last year the West took the first three places. Quebec and Ontario lead with four representatives in this charmed group.**



# Merit

By H. R. Pickens Jr.

## HONOUR ROLL

1 SOMERVILLE	6 BLACK	11 LAWSON
2 FARLEY	7 RICHARDSON	12 KELLY
3 TODD	8 MARTEL	13 CORRIGAN
4 NASH	9 BOECKH	14 ROLLAND
5 TAYLOR	10 TAYLOR, JR.	15 BARR

## GRADUATES COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES



**Somerville No. 1.** With this in mind let us review Sandy Somerville's achievements for the year and note definitely why this star performer has again returned to the top of the list. Sandy began by winning the Ontario amateur championship at the Sunningdale course in London. In this event he played some stout opponents, but their efforts were in vain as the "silent one" showed early signs of a great year ahead. To this title he added the London Hunt Club annual invitation tourney which he wins almost annually. At the \$4000 General Brock Open tournament Sandy walked off with the low amateur

award with ease. Then followed a great showing which saw Sandy surge to his sixth Canadian amateur championship at the Ottawa Hunt Club in July. During a long tour of the country in which he played numerous exhibitions from Vancouver to Montreal, Sandy annexed the brilliant Totem pole event at Jasper. In the face of such a year there can be no doubt of Sandy's position, yet surprisingly close on his heels we must place Phil Farley of Montreal.

**Farley No. 2.** Phil Farley won more events of major importance this year than any player in the country. He won his second Que-

bec Amateur championship, was low scorer in the Willingdon Cup matches being the only player to equal par for the two rounds, was finalist in the Canadian amateur championship, won the Manoir Richelieu tournament, the Duke of Kent Trophy in Quebec, the Metropolitan trophy in Montreal, the Pheonix Invitation tournament, the Quebec Mixed foursome championship, and set a new all-time record by being the low amateur for a third time in the Canadian Open championship in Toronto. It might be mentioned for the benefit of those who are not familiar with these events which Farley captured in 1937, that they are all equivalent to major victories over the best fields in Quebec and in some cases in the East. There is no doubt that Somerville, as well as he played in 1937 only "nosed out" Farley for Number one ranking by his 2 and 1 victory over the younger golfer in the finals of the Canadian Amateur championship!

**Jim Todd No. 3.** In placing Jimmy Todd at third place in the Dominion, we in no way stretch our imaginations, although most eastern writers are perhaps not sufficiently familiar with the powerful left-hander to give him this accord. At any rate, Jim was a semi-finalist in the Canadian amateur championship; he was medalist in the B. C. amateur championship played at Victoria this year; he won his city title in Victoria; he scored fairly well in the Willingdon Cup matches; and to top off the year he won the British Columbia Open Championship with a six under par total of 270 for the 72 holes. That, we feel, leaves little doubt of this serious-minded golfer's real status for 1938.

**Jack Nash No. 4.** As intimated before, it is a real pleasure to see Jack Nash back up again in number four post after a bad slide in 1936. Jack didn't win titles this year, but he certainly played the golf to take this rung of the ladder. He was low amateur in the Ontario Open championship, placing third in that event which has probably the strongest field of any sectional event in Canada. His rounds were 70-71 three strokes behind the

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## Reviewing and previewing the open and amateur courses

### PEOPLE AND THEIR CLUBS



The beautiful Mississauga Club House at Port Credit just outside Toronto where the Canadian Open championship will be played August 18th-20th.

#### People and their Courses

Altogether it should be a great year for the London Hunt Club in London, Ontario. Indeed, the "Hunt" should be able to boast some outstanding features this year—features which seldom, if ever, have accrued to a single club in the same year before. We refer to the fact that the newly elected president of the Royal Canadian Golf Association, Col. Claude Brown is a member of this club, likewise the Canadian amateur champion, Sandy Somerville hails from this layout, and lastly the R.C.G.A. has awarded the playing of the Willingdon Cup Matches and the Canadian Amateur Championship to the same course! There is, in fact, a fine possibility of members of this splendid old club seeing a club-mate win a seventh amateur championship over the home layout—and then looking on while the first ranking trophy is presented by a club-mate!

Incidentally the dates of the Willingdon Cup Matches and the Cana-



dian Amateur Championship are to be July 25-31. This was decided recently by the R.C.G.A., following approval by the Hunt Club Committee.

#### Only Sandy now at Top

The last time the championship was played at the London Hunt Club, was in 1930 when Somerville won his third Canadian Amateur Championship. That year he defeated Woody Platt in the final, 11 and 10. That event featured such names as Jack Cameron, Carroll Stuart, Nic Thompson, Jr., the Ryans of Detroit, Bill Taylor, Connelly, also Eddie Held of New York, and though only eight years ago most of the boys who are at the top today were then very much "in the making." Gordon Baxter Taylor of Montreal, who was to be champion just two years later failed even to qualify. Indeed, of all those who were tops most have dropped from the picture except Sandy of London Hunt Club. If he wins his seventh championship there this year, we predict that some of his hardest opposition will come right from London and vicinity where a degree of golf-mindedness, quite amazing, has sprung up in recent years through the influence of Sandy and his great running-mate,

(left) Mississauga has had many famous members, but "old John" E. Hall, who is honorary Captain and who has been a member since the club began, is the most beloved and revered.

Jack Nash of the same club. Golfers of the "Sunny" Morse variety—Sunny being the Western Ontario Public Links Champion and hailing from Chatham—should show to advantage performing comparatively in their own locality. The Hunt Club will have several fine "horses" in the field besides the champion. Nash, of course, will be the outstanding alternative, but such players as Norm and Charlie Keene have a great chance of carrying the home club standards far in the July event.

#### "Hooking" Back to college

It will be remembered that the Hunt Club is built around the grounds of Western University. In fact at several points a bad hook takes one "back to college". In 1930 the contestants played through a semi-drought in the Western part of Ontario, and the Hunt Club was baked to the proverbial "frazzie." On top of this a high wind blew gusts of dust across the "stoney" burnt fairways. Distance was no object at all as several par fours were quite "drivable." But the clubhouse at the Hunt Club was, and is, a grand old place with dignity and charm abounding; the course is unique if not extremely difficult; and the playing strength of the membership must be respected most highly!

The course is built close to the intersection of the Medway Creek and the rather turbulent Thames River. Last year the latter went upon a spree which covered parts of the course with four to six feet of water. Silt covered much of the course when the water subsided and the smothering effect of this collodial deposits had to be counteracted by actually carting the material away.

1930 was the same year in which the Willingdon Cup Matches were played on a separate course from the amateur tournament and, the Royal York Club in Toronto saw the Inter-provincial matches. Quebec, at that time, emerged with a rather high score, but still won the event as Royal York's new layout proved too much for most of the contestants.

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# PERSONALITIES

## in the canadian golfing world

Mr. J. W. McConnell, of Montreal one of the outstanding financiers of Canada, has taken over the Presidency of the Montreal Star and Family Herald Company in succession to the late greatly lamented Lord Atholstan. That Mr. McConnell intends to take his newspaper interests in the future, seriously, is demonstrated by the fact that he has resigned his Directorships in the Bank of Montreal, Sun Life and some one dozen other leading Canadian financial institutions. Mr. McConnell has always been a warm supporter of the Royal & Ancient game and in addition to his own private course on his estate near Montreal is a member of The Royal Montreal and Whiteock Golf Clubs. His active participation in the future in the newspaper world of the Dominion, is by way of being, almost an epoch.

For the first time in the history of the high office, Ontario has a prominent golfer as Lieutenant-Governor. The Hon. Albert Matthews, outstanding Toronto financier, who was appointed in December to the responsible position, whilst a resident of Ottawa joined The Royal Ottawa Golf Club in 1911. In 1913 he joined the Rosedale Golf Club, Toronto and in 1915 the Beaconsfield Golf Club, Montreal. In 1919 on his return to Toronto he joined the Lambton Golf & Country Club.

Mr. Matthews too, is keenly interested in the Windermere Golf Club one of the best known and most popular links in the Muskoka District. This popular resort club was brought into being some years ago by Colonel James Mason of Toronto. On his death Mr. Matthews took over his interests and every summer devotes much time to the Club's welfare. It is interesting to note that

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THE appointment of Mr. John Milton Godfrey, K.C. of Toronto, for the past few years Securities Commission-er for the Province of Ontario, to be a Justice of the Supreme Court of Ontario, has met with general approval. Mr. Justice Godfrey has for many years been an outstanding member of the Ontario Bar and has acted on many Conciliatory and other important Boards. He has for years been an enthusiastic golfer and is a prominent member of the Mississauga Golf & Country Club, Toronto. He also took an active part with Mr. Ralph Connable in the formation of the very successful Humber Valley Public Golf Club, Toronto, of which he was an Honorary Director. One of Mr. Justice Godfrey's proudest achievements is the making of a "Hole-in-One" some few years ago. A man of the highest principle and a personal code without a flaw, he will make a distinguished and worthy wearer of the ermine.

Talking of "Holes-in-One" Mr. John E. Hall one of the founders of the Mississauga Golf Club (although over 80 years of age he still enjoys his round of golf) who is wintering at Lake Worth, Florida, has taken time off from his diver-digging to send a little story from Florida. Around Ontario, the prizes to be won for making a "oner" are dwindling rapidly but in the land of sunshine and flowers, they are telling about a certain District Attorney who recently accomplished the twenty thousand to one shot. This is what he got for turning the trick: one ton of ice, one ton of soft coal, a keg of beer, five thousand feet of lumber, fifty gallons of gasoline, a pass on a local bus line good for one year and last but by no means least, a free burial when he dies. It certainly pays to make an "ace" in Florida, the fair.

### Mississauga for Open

This year one month after the Canadian Amateur Championship, the Canadian Open Championship will see the thirty-second meeting of this "big money" tournament. August 18th-20th will be the dates and the course selected is the popular Mississauga Club at Port Credit in Toronto. Mississauga is the home Club of Gordie Brydson, Ontario professional match play titleholder. It was also the scene of the 1931 Canadian Open Championship. This was the occasion for Walter Hagen's one and only triumph in Canada's major tournament. Even then, it will be remembered "the Haig" had no easy time winning at Mississauga as he was forced into an extra round by the spectacular finish of Percy Allis the British professional who was in America with the British Ryder Cup-pers. Hagen and Allis tied with totals of 292 partly because scoring was a bit higher in those days, generally, and also because the course was as "slippery" as could be imagined. That is, the fairways were badly baked. Allis was then stationed in Germany but has since taken an appointment in Britain where for a number of years he has been considered one of the most consistently fine-stroking golfers in the country. However, the colorful Hagen brooked no opposition in that 1931 play-off and struggled through to the crown.

### Personalities at Mississauga

Mississauga's course which was burnt for the 1931 Open won't be that way this year! In the first place there is a watering system. Next, the club is fortunate in having as members, two well-known agronomists, Alan Bland and J. R. Wilson, both executives of the Edward Webb & Sons, seed company, in Toronto. Both have lent much to the great condition of Mississauga in recent years. Mr. Bland is chairman of the Greens Committee.

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Mississauga has been the haven of many notables in Canadian golf. In earlier years the famous Thompson family held forth with an abundant bulk of playing strength represented by Stan, Frank, and the late Bill.



### Money Event at Sedgefield

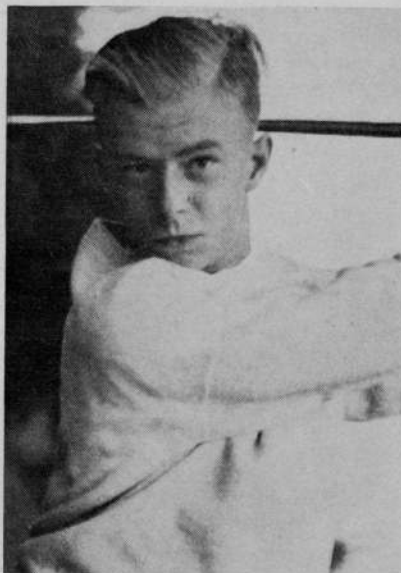
At Sedgefield Inn, one of those golf-stressing mid-southern rendezvous situated just outside of Greensboro N.C. the \$5000 Greater Greensboro Open golf championship will be held March 26th, 27th, 28th. Sedgefield, possessor of a truly grand golf course anyway and a popular spot among Canadian winter-goers will be the focal point of golfing attention at that time for a great field is assured to start over the two courses which will hold the tournament — the Sedgefield Country Club course and the Starmount Golf Club course at Greensboro, N. C. The event is to be for 72 holes medal play, and will extend over three days, with 18 holes each the first two days and 36 hole final the third day. It has not been decided as yet over which course the first rounds will be played, and on which course the final.

The tournament is open to all professionals, and to amateurs with a handicap of 5 or under, regardless of residence. Prize money to the total of \$5,000 will be distributed among the winning professionals, and trophies to the first three amateurs.

Immediately following the Pinehurst North and South, just preceding the Augusta Masters', this event is attracting considerable attention in the golfing world. Already the entire American Ryder Cup Team have entered, including Tony Manero, 1936 National Open Champion and formerly pro at the Sedgefield Country club; Gene Sarazen, former National Open and P.G.A. champion; Henry Picard, the Hershey, Pa. hurricane, and present Argentine Open champ; Byron Nelson, Reading, Pa. pro who won the Master's Open at Augusta and the \$12,000 Belmont, Mass. Open; Ralph Guldahl, present National Open champ; Denny Shute, the czar of P.G.A. tournaments;

Horton Smith, Sammy Snead, Johnny Revolta and Ed Dudley, each of whom is internationally famous. This rounds out the list of outstanding tournament stars to be present.

The first amateur to send in his entry blank is youthful Bobby Dunk-



Second youngest player to qualify for the U. S. Open Championship, Bobby Dunkelberger of Greensboro. He will compete at the \$5000 Greensboro event this spring. Bobby Jones was the youngest qualifier in the history of the former event.

elberger, shown above, a member of the Sedgefield Country club, who at the age of 15 was gaining national fame for his uncanny game. Bobby Dunkelberger was the second youngest ever to qualify for the National Open, only Bobby Jones surpassing him in this. Last spring young Dunkelberger took first honors in the Pinehurst North & South, and is a real threat in the coming tournament at Sedgefield.

### MacLean Confident

Jack MacLean of England, 1936 American amateur championship finalist to Johnny Fischer, is now a

professional in the Old Country. Jock lost no time in settling down after his splendid showing in America two years ago. He is married and comparatively well set up in life. The jaunty Scot occasionally turns a hand to writing a short piece about the game and recently rather enlightened some of his countrymen with a bit appearing in a prominent British golf periodical. One supposes that Jock's superiority which shows through in discussing the British chances in the coming Walker Cup matches is based on his personal success in the 1936 event. In that tournament up to the final, at least, he upset all the precedent of a decade or more by actually defeating many of his opponents right on the putting surfaces. Now that alone is something which seems to have become somehow taboo — imagine a British player out-putting an American. At any rate Jock did it right through to the finals. It is interesting to note what Jock thinks of the differences in play between the golfers of the two countries. Certainly he cannot be far wrong for he should know. He starts his article:

"We have the players in Great Britain good enough to defeat the Americans in the coming Walker Cup matches." This statement may seem slightly optimistic, but MacLean really believes it. What is more he goes on to tell why the British seem to have a better chance this year than ever before: "In the first place, there is the question of our attitude to the game of golf. Where do we stand here? That can only be answered relatively. Our American conquerors, it is so often said, treat the game as a business and work conscientiously at it. We on the other hand, are content to play well and are inclined to console ourselves by maintaining that the sport is still regarded in this country as a recreation and that it is for pleasure. That is all right in the case of the ordinary player, but it is not enough. I think we ought to be able to make exceptions when the golfing prestige of our country is at stake."

"It is the general opinion, too, that our American friends have the undisputed advantage of being able to play all the year round. That, however, is the privilege of the fortunate few. Most of the American amateurs have much the same opportunities for

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# Recognition of Merit

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leaders. On top of this Jack came back with a brilliant display in the Willingdon Cup matches and lead the Ontario team with a 149 total. He was one of three to break 150 over the par 73 wind-swept Ottawa Hunt course this year in this important tourney. In the amateur championship Nash continued his great play until he bowed after three extra holes to his old rival and chum, Phil Farley. It was the tensest and most keenly fought match of the whole tournament. Jack also won the Lambton field day held by the O.G.A. at the start of the season. From these facts, though he went "titleless" Nash takes his stand this year ten points higher in the ranking than in 1936 when he was fourteenth. In 1935 Jack was up to third place.

**Gordon Taylor** No. 5. Gordon Baxter Taylor of Montreal was unrated in 1937 as he practically withdrew from competitive play. This year he returned to the fray and only bowed at the 36th hole of the semi-final match which he played against Phil Farley of Montreal in the Canadian Amateur championship. This remarkable showing in the tournament which he won in 1932 was responsible, along with his fine consistent play in the Willingdon Cup matches, for his being placed fifth in this year's ratings. Gordie eliminated, U. S. Intercollegiate champion, and current selection for the American Walker Cup team, Fred Haas, who was this year defending champion of the Canadian title in Ottawa. Haas won the title in 1936, but bowed to Taylor who shot eighteen consecutive pars for the victory. Outside of the major events in Ottawa Taylor played little competitive golf in his home province although he did take the St. Jerome field day.

**Ken Black** No. 6. Kenny Black of Vancouver played just about as well as he did last year when he was rated first, but

this year, as luck would have it, the chunky beau brummel of the West Coast didn't happen to win anything of importance. We could place him almost anywhere on these facts except that he was the fourth low scorer in the Willingdon Cup matches in which he led his team. Then again he was three under par when Farley beat him in the Canadian amateur championship. That, in itself, may account for the fact that we still think highly of an unvictorious Kenny. He was second low amateur in the B. C. open with a 281 total. Placed sixth in the event. Likewise we place him sixth in the 1938 rating.

**John Richardson** No. 7. In Johnny Richardson of Calgary we present the Canadian golfing world with real "ivory". Here is one of those coming mid-western youths who really plays golf and has the making of a champion in any "league". Johnny is only seventeen, but in his first trip east the tall, well-set-up, youngster placed fifth in the Willingdon Cup matches and made a great showing in the Amateur championship. He was 153 for the Interprovincial test and lead such established luminaries as Somerville, Taylor, Corrigan, Gordon Taylor Jr., in this very important tournament. Along with this showing Johnny was the Calgary City champion this year when he beat Stew Vickers one up in the final. He then won the Prince of Wales tournament which is one of the outstanding events in the West. Indeed Richardson should be heard from plenty in the future and so should Alberta if he is an example of that province's coming crop of young players.

**Henry Martell** No. 8. Henry Martell presents us annually with a rather odd problem. He undoubtedly has the game to make a name for himself in the east and in such events as the Interprovincials and the Canadian

amateur, but in the past two years which have marked his ascendancy at home, he has not provided his best form when away. We rate him eighth this year, however, in view of his repeat performances in the Alberta amateur championships, the Edmonton championship, and his one-stroke-behind, runner-up showing, in the Alberta Open which was a major ranking tournament this year through increased prize money. He was Open titlist last year. His two titles over increasingly strong opposition land him in eighth place this year.

**Jim Boeckh** No. 9. Jim Boeckh of Toronto takes ninth place this year after not being listed previously. His rise this year is based upon his 19 hole match with Sandy Somerville in the Ontario amateur championship, his good showing in the Canadian amateur championship, his 70-73 in the Ontario Open for a place close to the top, and his record-making 68 in the Hamilton O.G.A. field day. Boeckh is the scion of a golfing family and one may be assured that his achievements are based on sound knowledge and diligent practice. He should be up around the top for quite a while now that he has more or less arrived!

**Gordon Taylor Jr.** No. 10. Right behind his Willingdon Cup teammate, Boeckh, is another Toronto player who has been around for a long time and who in certain phases of his game is perhaps the best in Canada. We refer to Gordon Taylor Jr. of Summit in Toronto. Gordie, a sensational putter and chipper, takes tenth place for being a semi-finalist in the Ontario amateur championship, for producing two fine 74's in the Ontario Open, and for tying for seventh place in the Willingdon Cup matches. He also won the Brantford O.G.A. field day and generally continued to be one of the best golfers in the east. He

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## Controlling the Flail

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back. A relaxed, but controlled condition of the wrists during the backswing causes the hands to lead the club-head to the top of the swing! For a split second at the top, the hands must halt to change direction. Almost at that moment the club-head likewise changes direction from backswing to front, but the player has the sensation of the club-head still being behind the hands ever so slightly. That is the "flail" action! It implies a certain looseness between the arms and the club which may be traced to the wrists. This is controlled very definitely throughout the swing by the hands and one's sense of timing in wielding the club.

The "flail" action is absolutely dependent upon the player's ability to time the meeting of the club and the ball exactly as the hands return and pass through the address position.

What is accomplished by this action? There are two outcomes of benefit in this mode of hitting the ball. First the player is likely to be more relaxed in his swinging if his

wrists are not tense and rigid. "Dragging" the club back slightly induces the wrists into a flexible condition. This is desirable because with a freer club more speed can be obtained under control.

The vital point, however, rests in the fact that a naturally jerky or lunging golfer, having been taught the "flail" will immediately feel that he is *really swinging* something. This makes him strive very consciously for a new smoothness so that he may better time this looser swing. Even the tyro who swings with a "flail" action realizes that it is imperative that the freer club, thus induced, be timed so as to bring the club to the ball just as the hands reach the address position.

Therefore, we may say that the freer action of the "flail" (1) enables the golfer to swing the club-head faster *at the right time* (2) imparts to the player the importance of smooth swinging since timing is so obviously essential to this sort of a method.

Let us add this important note, however! The faster the swing, the firmer the wrists must be at address, and the less apparent will be the

"drag back" of the club. For this reason the "flail" action is seldom apparent in the top ranking professionals who hit the ball so quickly and so hard. On the down swing "flail" means the same as wrist snap or the paying out of the wrist bend. Timing this paying out of the "wrist bend" from the top of the swing is naturally delayed in faster swings, of course, simply because of the firmer condition of the wrists. The final snap which means so much to one's distance only comes at the last moment. Remember that the heel of the hands leads the way on the downswing in a sort of "drag" and the "wrist bend" is not straightened out consciously but merely takes place as a *natural whip* (just as takes place in the snap of the loose end of the old threshing "flail".)

No one can be conscious of snapping his wrists at the ball! One can only "time" this snap to take place at the right moment. Timing the "wrist-snap" is something which the natural laws of physics will attend to providing the player has borne in mind the necessity for smoothness and control from the beginning to the end of the swing.

The "flail" action is not a new conception but merely one devised to induce the correct wrist action at the vital point — that is through the ball. With this in mind perhaps the reader has grasped a hint which will enable him to work out a more precise, consistent, and certainly a more powerful method of hitting the ball.



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## Keeping in Touch

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playing as our amateurs at home; some, indeed, have fewer."

"I am glad to hear that trial games are going to be organised in different parts of the country, and I hope they will start early this year. These local trials are designed to encourage and develop players for the official trial which, I am happy to know is arranged for St. Andrews itself."

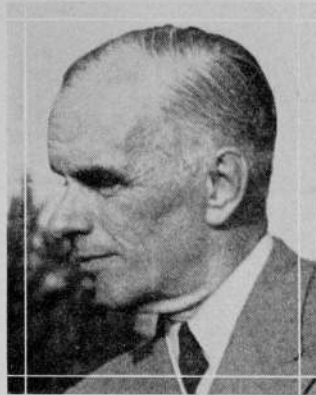
"Every possible player should from now be "getting down to it." I am convinced that as a rule our boys try to approach the game from the wrong end — namely the long shots. We would here do well to learn a little from our opponents. They make a point of being formidable on the green, around the green and from the "traps" (as they call the bunkers). They realise that it is impossible even for the expert player to avoid missing a shot now and then. The very best cannot keep hitting the green every time with their second shots, consequently they concentrate on the short game — that is the telling part — and at it they are deadly. Of course, they have only been able to master these shots through hard practice. Four or five hours' intensive practice a week is much better than four or five rounds. The American boys utilise every spare hour at no matter what time of day."

"I remember when in America two days after the Walker Cup match, when staying at the National Links Club on Long Island, I wakened soon after seven in the morning to the continual clicking of golf balls being hit. On looking out I beheld "Scottie" Campbell practising with about fifty balls — and he was playing extremely well at that time!

One never sees such sights here, but if we want to be able to win the Walker Cup match and hold our own against our American cousins we shall have to take a leaf out of their book.

"Formerly it was surmised that we suffered from an inferiority complex, but I don't think that is the case now. We have players in this country at the moment as good as the American amateurs, only they have still to realise that and get down to business. We will soon turn the tables then.

St. Andrews is a course that takes a lot of knowing. I hope that our team will find time to get themselves familiar with it, otherwise they will start off under a great handicap.

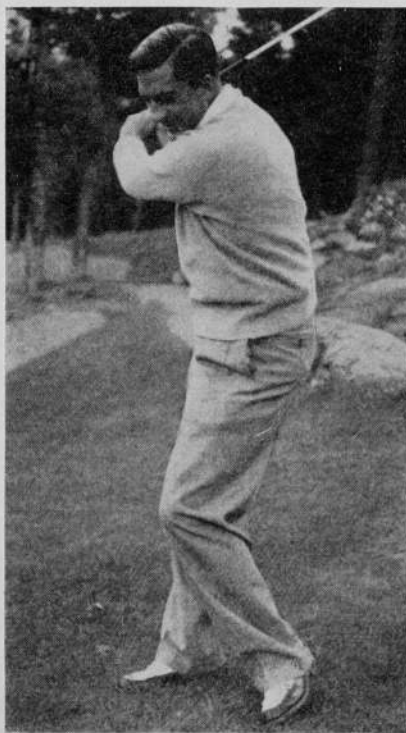


Mr. Frank Harris, retiring president of the Ontario Golf Association and newly elected to the Royal Canadian Golf Association. He is a member of Mississauga and lives in Toronto.

## Quebec Plans

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of Senneville, another active golfer whose work on the behalf of golf in the Habitant province has been outstanding in the past few seasons. Other appointments of note were: Chairman of the Inter-sectional match committee, J. Watson Yuile of Royal Montreal; Chairman of the handicap committee, J. F. Chisholm, Whitlock; Chairman of the rating committee, C. A. Beaudette, Laval; Chairman of the Senior's division, J. G. Stenhouse, Country Club; Chairman of the Juniors division, A. O. MacKay, Mount Bruno.



Mr. F. G. "Big Gordie" Taylor of Beaconsfield Montreal. He is one of the provinces low handicap players and recently became a member of the Montreal stock exchange.

At the meeting following the election of committee chairmen and officers it was decided that the P. Q. G. A. should follow the Royal Canadian Golf Association in the adoption of the fourteen club rule during the coming season. Important dates were set, but allocations of events were not made. These will be forthcoming sometime during the coming month. 1938 will see the Quebec Open played probably Saturday Aug. 13th, the amateur championship July 7th-9th.

The Manoir Richelieu tournament will be held July 16th. Quebec has eleven three handicap players starting 1938 but none are below this figure as it has not been the practice in that province to rate under this mark.

## R.C.G.A. Experiments

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is greatly responsible for "good financial years", did not live up to expectations as the event was "washed out" by constant rain throughout the duration of the tournament. Some idea of what this sort of thing can mean is indicated by comparing the income of 1936 with that of last year at the Open. In 1936 \$3039.58 was taken at the Open whereas at the same course under even better organization the rain cut income to a mere \$250.51 last fall. The healthy state of the R. C. G. A. however can well stand this blow having a goodly balance as result of other successful years. Executives for the 1938-39 year have been chosen on the old basis of appointment, but if the plan now being tried with the provincial association is successful next annual meeting will see a new method of selection in which the provincial officers will become candidates for office in the R. C. G. A. Decisions as to the location of major national tournaments and their dates are to be found elsewhere in this issue. The fourteen club rule is the only major change on the national records which will effect Canadian in 1938.

The outstanding progressive consideration for nationalization of the game throughout the Dominion this year will be the standard rating and method of handicapping. This proposed system has been approved by Quebec and Ontario and the R. C. G. A. plan to send this out to the other provinces with recommendation for adoption.

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## Recognition of Merit

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gave Sandy Somerville a real battle in the Ontario amateur this year and again forced the master London player to shoot better than par all the way!

**Ken Lawson No. 11.** Ken Lawson of Victoria, this year's British Columbia amateur champion, takes eleventh place chiefly from regard for that title which he won from a field which included, the late Russ Case, Jim Todd, Ken Black and Stan Leonard plus all the other Coast luminaries. Ken likewise played well in the Willingdon Cup matches, but faltered badly in the Canadian amateur championship. Kenny is a good golfer, but needs more experience away from home courses in order to place higher.

**Pete Kelly No. 12.** There are probably a number of golfers who figure they could trim Pete Kelly of Charlottetown, P.E.I., but we would like to point out that this player probably gets more out of his strokes in efficiency than any other player in the country. Pete went to the "eights" at the Canadian amateur this year and beat such golfers as Bobby Reith of Winnipeg on the way. He is a deadly and discouraging putter to say the least, and is a great competitor. He led the Maritime Interprovincial team with a very respectable total. He also won the Maritime amateur championship and the New Brunswick and P.E.I. amateur titles. Certainly in the face of this consistency he merits twelfth place. We heard someone say at Ottawa this year, "If Pete were the golfer that he is competitor he'd be champion every other year." We agree with that and salute him as the best to come out of the Maritimes for a long time.

**Frank Corrigan No. 13.** Rated fifth in the country last year, Frank Corrigan of Ottawa had a rather ineffective season away from home and in major events. He is to be found well down this list for that reason. Frank placed ninth in the Willingdon Cup matches, but went out of the amateur championship at the

hands of a fellow-townsman, Bert Barnabe, in the first round. He was second in the qualifying round of the Quebec amateur championship, but was beaten in the second round at the 20th hole by Guy Rolland of Montreal. Frank won two field days in Ottawa this year as well as the Ottawa City title. His competitive average for the year was only slightly over 75, and he showed generally the power in his own locality to rate again in the select group.

**Guy Rolland No. 14.** Guy Rolland of Montreal climbs but one place this year. He was rated fifteenth last year. A good showing in the Canadian amateur championship in which he went a couple of rounds, a semi-final berth in the Quebec amateur championship where he gave Farley his best battle of the tournament were his top performances. He was chosen a playing member of a victorious Quebec Willingdon Cup team. He won the P.Q.G.A. field day at Marlborough and had a good average for over twenty competitive rounds. At the General Brock Open his scores 75, 71, 74, 76, placed him second low amateur behind Somerville. Rolland was not as flashy as in 1936 when he won the first five Quebec fixtures in a row, but his game was a trifle better seasoned. Next year he should do well in the national tourneys.

**No. 15.** In last place and **Duane Barr** rated for the first time this year we find another Middle-Westerner from Calgary who owes his recognition to winning the eye of several critics at

Ottawa where after only a fair performance in the Willingdon Cup matches he produced two splendid rounds in the Amateur championship. To this must be added the Calgary City Open title and the reputation of being one of the "hottest" shooters in that section of Canada when he is right. Barr is a big rhythmical swinger with plenty of touch to his shots. He and Richardson should form a strong nucleus for future Alberta teams.

In passing we should mention one other player who really rates a word of praise for his 1937 record. This goes to long-hitting Jack Archer of Montreal who was a non-playing member of the Quebec team. Jack could not be rated in this important event for that reason and likewise in the Canadian amateur championship he went out unimpressively before the aggressive play of youthful Billie Fisher, an Ontario youth who later carried Farley to the last green in that tourney. Aside from this, Archer won one field day held by the P.Q.G.A. and was finalist to Phil Farley in the Quebec amateur championship. He also lost a play off with the champion for the Phoenix Trophy, one of the more important Invitation events held in Montreal. Next year with a little more confidence in major tournaments, Archer might become something of a meteor in the rankings for 1939. Archer is doubtlessly suffering from too much length on his tee shots — a paradoxical situation which often occurs when a player, gaining a reputation as a long hitter, is naturally drawn into trying to hit the odd shot a bit too far.

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## People and their Courses

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These three were great aces of golf in this country during a slightly earlier era. Last year Frank Harris of Mississauga was president of the Ontario Golf Association. In this capacity he did a great deal for Canadian golf generally. His work was distinguished by the assistance which made possible the understanding between Ontario and Quebec. As a result, the Royal Canadian Golf Association has found it possible to cement the various provinces much more satisfactorily now that the two strongest provinces are working in this fine accord. Perhaps the most respected of the Mississauga's members is that club's Honorary Captain, Mr. John E. Hall who has been a member since the beginning of the club. This venerable octogenarian is one of the outstanding landmark figures in the history of Ontario golf. He is still active and is this winter in the South having followed the sun to the green golfing swards of Jamaica.

Mississauga's layout has the same testing trait which characterises many of the Toronto courses, namely the ability to become almost impossible for all save champions when pulled back to the championship tees! The Open title-seeker will be made aware of the long carries required and the stringent observation necessary for placing of many tee shots! This is due to the advantageous use which has been made of the huge elms on the course. Mississauga is championship in every regard—even in its fairness, for it is the sort of course where a great player can count on being great!

Indeed, the R.C.G.A. has settled upon two fine choices for allocating the Amateur and the Open tourneys and all may rest assured that Canada's two golfing highlights this year will have the perfect settings.

Word comes from Paris that the Duke of Windsor is playing a great deal of golf on a number of well known French courses. He is a very fair player indeed averaging 85's on the champion-courses such as St. Cloud (6633 yards). He is a particularly good short player and a most excellent putter.

## Personalities

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Mrs. Matthews is also a keen devotee of the Royal & Ancient game. Golfers throughout Ontario will join with friends everywhere in congratulating His Honour on being appointed as the King's representative in the Province of Ontario. He is especially well equipped to discharge the duties of his high office.



Mr. B. L. Anderson Toronto, Secretary-treasurer of the Royal Canadian Golf Association. Mr. Anderson has served in this capacity for twenty-seven years. He was the scorer of a hole-in one last fall at the Toronto golf club.

We understand we accidentally missed an interesting fact a few weeks back. Almost in the last game of the 1937 season, Mr. B. L. Anderson, the popular Secretary of The Royal Canadian Golf Association, attained the ambition of every golfer when he scored for the first time in his long golfing career, a "Oneer" at the 189-yard fourth hole at the Toronto Golf Club. He was playing at the time with George Cumming the veteran pro of the Toronto Club, Bill Kerr pro of the Toronto Hunt and Sam Kerr York Downs Assistant pro. Subsequently Mr. Anderson suitably commemorated the notable stunt by giving a dinner to the participants in the match and golfing friends at the York Downs Golf Club.

In the death on last December 3rd in his 86th year, of Mr. Wm. H. Post of Toronto, Canada loses one of its oldest golfers. For nearly half a century, Mr. Post has been playing the game. He was one of the founders of the well known Weston Golf Club, Toronto. He did much, very much to popularize golf in the Toronto District 'way back in the eighties.

## O.G.A. Meeting

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John S. Lewis, Brantford, were the Directors who were added to the re-elected group of director, Robert Abbott, Peterborough; Elmer W. Dixon, Oshawa; Dr. F. Etherington, Kingston; Joseph Hilley, Toronto; H. H. Holland, Weston; L. W. Jackson, Toronto; George Lang, Kitchener; Col. F. S. McPherson, Toronto; W. A. Price, Toronto; F. Ritchie, Brockville; J. H. Thomson, Toronto, and G. W. Wigle, Burlington.

According to the retiring president's report there were five tournaments, the Spring and Fall event and three field days during 1937. To this was added the Amateur and Open championships plus the various minor tournaments . . . all of which drew enthusiastic attention and response.

Financially the Ontario Association reported an increased revenue of \$860.65. The balance on hand now stands at \$2,337.96. Seven new clubs joined the O. G. A. during the year while the number of member clubs remained constant. This brings the member clubs up to a total of seventy-one.

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## Talking about Golf

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where and would in turn do much to promote good fellowship among the members of various clubs. Club interest and loyalty would be induced among a broader swath of players and certainly the competition would produce numerous new class A golfers.

Here is our suggestion for the promotion and carrying out of the idea and we think it meritorious of consideration by all provincial bodies inasmuch as few of these can point in recent years to much work on behalf of the class B player. In the first place the association might group the clubs into sections in numbers of four or possibly five. In this way each club could meet the other in its section twice a year, home and home. Announcements to club captains would provide for a handicap division and a number to constitute a team. For convenience let us say that twelve be the number. Any player with a handicap above the class A division would be eligible and a group of twenty players might be chosen prior, say, to the first of June. The club captain might appoint a class B team captain to whom he could turn over the duties of getting twelve of this original twenty out for each of the matches. All eligible B team players would have to show earned handicaps at the beginning of the year. The players in the original group would, of course, continue to be eligible to play for this team throughout the season regardless of how they might lower their handicaps during that time.

With the provincial associations arranging the schedules and sending these out to the clubs well in advance the class B team captain and players could count on these eight inter-club events well in advance. Surely the visiting among the clubs and the fine team spirit which must be an outcome, labels this thought as a good one. Certainly there are many players who would learn to dote on this part of the competitive element of a game at which they are either not yet ready to compete as class A exponents, or have past the time when they can hold much aspiration beyond the thrill of keen competitive fellowship with players of similar abilities.

Certainly golf is broad enough in scope to provide such an enjoyment for this latter group particularly when it is realized that, after all, it is upon the support of such enthusiasts that the game realies for existence. We think inter-club, class B team matches might be an appropriate gesture of repayment to a class of golfers to whom organized golf owes a great deal for their support.

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## Jekyll and Hyde Golf

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nine is most picturesque and combines characteristics of the best inland courses. The second nine was built just as the designers wished it on land re-claimed from the sea. Bordering the Frederica River and Saint Simons Sound, the second nine is typical of seaside courses and has frequently been compared to St. Andrews, Westward Ho!, or Deal.

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True golf stories were being told by the modern masters of the game as they ate turkey as the guest of Eric Thomson, Canadian millionaire in his "cottage" in Pinehurst during the Mid-South championships which earlier this winter opened a new tournament season.

Seated around the table were a number of the nation's leading stars. Questioned as to the number of holes-in-one they had made during their career the record read:

Harry Cooper 5 (not one for nine years, however) Horton Smith 4, Lawson Little 2, Frank Walsh 2, Dick Metz 2, and Billy Burke 1.

Billy Burke, former national open champion told the best story. He never has made a hole-in-one in the usual manner, but during the playing of the P.G.A. championship at Five Farms Club in Baltimore a number of years ago, he placed a tee shot right on the lip of the cup.

His opponent was Horton Smith, whose tee shot was ten feet away. In attempting to get around Burke's ball, into the hole, Smith's ball hit and knocked Burke's ball into the cup for a one. Smith's followed in for a deuce.

Jimmy Thomson, the world's greatest slugger of a golf ball, reported that his only hole-in-one was made at Long Beach, California from the ladies tee which reduced a short hole to 60 yards.

At San Antonio, Harry Cooper hit his first tee shot at the short 18th into the water and holed out with his next for a three, getting a half with Jack Tarrant who was eight feet from the hole in one.

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