Past Year Was a Record Breaker for Golf in America .·. Big Prof Tourney Dates Are Set

Golf Year Of 1922 Was Big Success

WHEN the last grain of sand trickles through the hour glass at midnight tonight, America can look back over its accomplishments in the golfing world during 1922 with the satisfaction of being the leaders in that sport during the last 12 months.

The success enjoyed in 1922 is a forerunner of this country becoming the leading golf nation of the world. One thing that will help this country in its future in the royal and ancient pastime circles is the establishment of scores of municipal courses throughout the country.

PUBLIC LINKS HELP

Many star young players of today are products of municipal courses and in future years some of them are going to have their names carved in the hall of fame.

The crowning feature of America's participation in golf in 1922 was the victory scored by Walter Hagen in the British open championship. Jim Barnes and Jock Hutchison, other American professionals, finished well up in the British championship event.

In the Pacific Northwest, more golf was played than ever before. The Pacific Northwest championships at Victoria, B. C., last June established new records in attendance and the time is not far distant when separate tourneys will be staged for men and women players.

INTEREST HERE GROWS

Locally, the interest in the game was increased many fold. The state championship at the Tualatin Country club was a huge success. The city championship at Eastmoreland brought forth a number of the leading players in the municipal organization ranks.

Competition between women players of the various clubs was placed on a larger scale and intra-club and inter-club events were more numerous.

Golf invaded the ranks of the high schools for the first time. The 1922 tourney was a team affair, but it will not be long ere regular championship events are staged between the scholastic students of both sexes.

Portland Golf club's victory in the four-man team championship of the Pacific Northwest Golf association was the big feature of the Rose City's participation in competition. The Waverley Country club was runner-up in this event.

BIG YEAR AHEAD

In inter-city competition, women players of Portland were more successful than were the men. The Portland club's women team was victorious over teams representing Yakima, Wash., and Salem. The Waverley Country club team lost in the Stimson cup event and failed in the Punch Bowl tourney.

The year—1923—is going to see more golf than any since the introduction of the game in these parts. The opening of the Rose City and West Hills Municipal courses will attract hundreds of new players to the sport.

Following are the winners of important championships during 1922:

Men's Amateur Champions

National—Jesse Sweetzer, Mount Vernon, N. Y., winner; "Chick" Evans, Chicago, runner-up; Jesse Guilford, Boston, medalist.

Western—"Chick" Evans, Chicago, winner; George von Elm, Salt Lake, runner-up; "Chick" Evans, medalist.

Pacific Northwest—George von Elm, Salt Lake, winner; Bon Stein, runner-up; Dr. O. F. Willing, Portland, medalist.

Trans-Mississippi—H. E. Knepper, Sioux City, winner; George von Elm, Salt Lake, runner-up.

Southern—Bobby Jones, Atlanta, winner; Frank Godchaux, New Orleans, runner-up.

Metropolitan—Jesse Sweetzer, Mount Vernon, N. Y., winner; J. H. Hale, runner-up.

Intercollegiate — A. E. Boyd, Dartmouth, winner; E. F. Secor, Williams, runner-up.

British—H. W. Holderness, Walton Heath, winner; John Craven, runner-up.

French—Bon, Michael Scott, England, winner; Bernard Drew, England, runner-up.

Australian—Ivo Whitton, winner; H. W. McLelland, runner-up.

Canadian—O. C. Fraser, Montreal, winner; N. M. Scott, Montreal, runner-up.

Scotch—John Wilson, winner; Ed Blackwell, runner-up.

Gearhart—Ercel Kay, Salem, winner; Millard Rosenblatt, Tualatin, runner-up.

British Columbia—H. Bone, Vancouver, B. C., winner; James Yellowlees, Vancouver, runner-up.

Oregon—Dr. O. F. Willing, Waverley, winner; Rudolph Wilhelm, Portland, runner-up.

Washington—Bon Stein, Seattle, winner; Clark Spelts, Seattle, runner-up.

California State—Dr. Paul M. Hunter, Pasadena, winner.

Northern California—Dr. Charles H. Walters, San Jose, winner; Johnny McHugh, San Francisco, runner-up.

Southern California—George von Elm, Salt Lake, winner; E. M. Seaver, Los Angeles, runner-up.

Portland — Dr. O. F. Willing, Waverley, winner; Adolph Haas, Eastmoreland, runner-up.

Seattle — Forest Watson, winner; A. H. Fleager, runner-up.

Inland Empire—John Wall, Spokane, winner.

Eastmoreland club—Frank Dolph, winner; Johnny Mebetook, runner-up.

Portland Golf club—Rudolph Wilhelm, winner; Walter Nash, runner-up.

Waverley Country club—Dr. Sam C. Slocum, winner; Frank Dickson, runner-up.

Women's Champions

National—Miss Glenna Collett, Providence, R. I., winner; Mrs. W. A. Gavin, England, runner-up.

Western—Mrs. David G. Gaut, Memphis, Tenn., winner; Mrs. Curtis Sohl, Columbus, Ohio, runner-up.

Pacific Northwest—Mrs. R. Hutchings, Winnipeg, winner; Mrs. Violet Henry-Anderson, runner-up.

Eastern—Miss Glenna Collett, Providence, R. I., winner; Miss Edith Cummings, Westbrook, runner-up.

Metropolitan—Miss Alexa Stirling, Atlanta, winner; Mrs. H. A. Jackson, Greenwich, runner-up.

English—Miss Joyce Wethered, winner; Miss Cecil Leitch, runner-up.

English closed—Miss Joyce Wethered, winner; Miss Joan Stocker, runner-up.

French—Miss Gladys Ratson, England, winner; Mrs. W. A. Gavin, runner-up.

Scotch—Mrs. J. B. Watson, winner; Miss Audrey Kyle, runner-up.

Canadian—Mrs. W. A. Gavin, England, winner; Miss Alexa Stirling, Atlanta, runner-up.

British Columbia—Mrs. C. S. Sweeny, Vancouver, B. C., winner.

Oregon—Mrs. Peter Kerr, Waverley, winner; Mrs. Victor A. Johnson, Waverley, runner-up.

Gearhart—Mrs. Ercel Kay, Salem, winner; Mrs. M. H. Aronson, Seattle, runner-up.

Washington—Mrs. W. J. Patterson, Aberdeen, winner; Mrs. H. O. Young, Seattle, runner-up.

California State—Miss Dorcen Kavanaugh, winner; Mrs. Luther Kennett, runner-up.

Northern California—Miss Margaret Cameron, winner; Mrs. A. H. Fenner, runner-up.

Southern California—Miss Dorcen Kavanaugh, winner; Mrs. Robert Ross, runner-up.

Portland Golf club—Mrs. Ercel Kay, winner; Mrs. A. H. Meyers, runner-up.

Waverley Country club — Mrs. Victor A. Johnson, winner.

Tualatin Country club — Miss F. Jacobs, winner.

Open Champions

National—Gene Sarazen, Pittsburg, winner; John Black, San Francisco, and Bobby Jones (amateur), runners-up.

Professional—Gene Sarazen, Pittsburg, winner; Emmett French, Youngstown, runner-up.

Western—Mike J. Brady, Detroit, winner; Jock Hutchison, Chicago, and Laurie Ayton, Chicago, runners-up.

Pacific Northwest—Dave Black, Vancouver, B. C., winner; Willie Black, Victoria, B. C., runner-up.

Metropolitan—Marty O'Loughlin, Plainfield, winner; Johnny Farrell, New York, runner-up.

Southern—Gene Sarazen, winner; Leo Diegel, New Orleans, runner-up.

British—Walter Hagen, New York, winner; Jim Barnes, New York, and George Duncan, England, runners-up.

French—A. Bonner, England, winner; E. Lafitte, France, runner-up.

Scotch—G. B. Smith, winner; Tom Fernie, runner-up.

Canadian—Al Watrous, Detroit, winner.

British Columbia—Dave Black, Vancouver, B. C., winner.

British Professional—George Gadd, winner; Fred Leach, runner-up.

National links—Cyril Tolley, England, winner; C. V. L. Hooman, England, runner-up.

World's—Gene Sarazen beat Walter Hagen, 3 and 2, in 72-hole match.

California—Jim Barnes, New York, winner; Eddie Loos, runner-up.

Northern California Professional association—Morris Dutra, winner; A. H. Espinosa, runner-up.

Southern California—Robert Simpson, Coronado, winner; Hutt Martin and Jimmy Simpson, runners-up.

Northern California—Jock Hutchison, winner; Eddie Traube, runner-up.

North and South—Pat O'Hara, winner; G. Hackeney, runner-up.

Australian—G. Campbell, winner; A. Le Fevre, runner-up.

New England — Gil Nicholls, Providence, winner; John Cowan and George Gordon, runners-up.

Washington—Al Espinosa, Seattle, winner; George Novak, Spokane, runner-up.

Team Matches

International — United States beat Great Britain for Walker trophy.

C. H. Davis Jr. trophy (Northwest 4-man team championship)—Portland Golf club, winner; Waverley Country club, runner-up.

Punch bowl—Seattle Golf club, winner.

C. D. Stimson cup — Seattle Golf club, winner.

John Clemson cup—Waverley Country club, winner.

Portland Interclub — Portland Golf club, winner; Waverley Country club, runner-up.

High school championship—Washington high school, winner; High School of Commerce, runner-up.

The intercollegiate golf team title was won by Princeton.

ENTERS $100,000 SPORT CLASS

Gene Sarazen, United States open golf champion, who has been insured for $100,000 by Chauncey DePew Steele, proprietor of the Briarcliffe Golf club. This photograph was taken at the time Sarazen signed the two-year contract to act as professional at Briarcliffe. Reading from the left are Steele, Sarazen and F. W. Wey, counsel for the club.

Practice Is Necessity, Writes English Girl Golfer

By Muriel G. Wickenden
Girl Golf Champion of England.
(Written for International News Service.)
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Editor's Note—England has a new golf sensation in Miss Muriel G. Wickenden, an eighteen-year-old girl, who won the Girls' Championship of England as well as the Woman's Championship of Kent. Miss Wickenden has been a devotee of golf for only four years, but her progress has been remarkable and she is regarded one of the most likely women golfers ever seen in England. Miss Wickenden has written for International News Service a series of articles setting forth her views on the methods which bring success to women golfers. The first is presented herewith.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, England, Dec. 31.—Although my knowledge of golf is decidedly limited, I have pronounced ideas as to what a woman golfer should aim at to become successful.

To start with, it is impossible to exaggerate the necessity for continual practice, not practice with one club or with two, but practice with all clubs.

Practice is more necessary than match play.

Two hours' steady practice does one more good in the long run than two rounds of match play. The benefit may not be noticeable at first, but nevertheless if care has been taken in practicing the faults have been lessened, and therefore the playing of the different shots must have improved.

I do not believe in imitation. It is futile to imitate the methods of a first-class player if the style of that player obviously does not suit one. One's swing, either flat or upright, largely depends upon one's build, a tall player usually preferring a fairly upright swing and a shorter player employing a flatter swing.

One must develop his own individual style, and there is only one way to do this and it is by practice. Hence my first advice to all women golfers is practice, and practice relentlessly.

Fothergill Wins I. L. Bat Honors

The International league batting averages, published today, show 43 in the .300 class with Fothergill of Rochester far in the lead with .383. His nearest competitor is Leach of the same club with .361. Incidentally, Rochester has eight players who batted .300 or over and besides having the leading batter has also the bottom place in the .300 list, in Gagnon, who had an even .300. The Rochester club's batting average is .302, Baltimore closely trailing with .301 and Newark in last place with .269.

Seven Big League Ball Clubs Will Train in Florida

Florida will be the mecca of the spring training camps of the major league baseball clubs for the season of 1923. Seven of the big league clubs have selected sites in that state—five National league clubs and two American league clubs.

Texas will be host to two clubs, one from each league. One club from each organization will train in Arkansas, and Alabama will afford training quarters for two American league clubs.

One American league club has picked Louisiana, and another club in the junior major circuit will limber up in Georgia. Catalina Island, off the shores of California, will be the scene of training activities of the Chicago Nationals.

The list of camps follows:

National

New York	San Antonio, Texas
Cincinnati	Orlando, Fla.
Chicago	Catalina Island, Cal.
Philadelphia	Leesburg, Fla.
St. Louis	Bradentown, Fla.
Brooklyn	Rustin, Fla.
Pittsburg	Hot Springs, Ark.
Boston	St. Petersburg, Fla.

American

Chicago	Marlin, Tex.
New York	New Orleans
Detroit	Augusta, Ga.
St. Louis	Mobile, Ala.
Brooklyn	Lakeland, Fla.
Philadelphia	Montgomery, Ala.
Boston	Hot Springs, Ark.
Washington	Tampa, Fla.

San Antonio To Stage Big Pro. Tourney

By Jack O'Brien
International News Service Special Correspondent.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 30.—More than 100 golf notables already have announced their intention of participating in the Texas open golf championship tournament for a purse of $6000, to be played off on the municipal links here January 25, 26 and 27.

The San Antonio tourney will be the first of a series to be staged in a number of Southern cities, where purses aggregating approximately $25,000 have been hung up for the midwinter season.

BIG PRIZES OFFERED

San Antonio's $6000 purse eclipses any prize ever hung up for a golf tourney. The local followers of the game have divided the purse money into 30 places—another departure, usually 10 are given—with the champion taking down $1500, second place $800 and third, $500. First prize money also equals as much as is given for all 10 places in the national open championship and exceeds by $500 the amount given the winner of the national professional title tilt. Even the man who takes 18th place wins $50.

Last February San Antonio staged a $5000 tournament. Several cities since that time have duplicated that feat, so in order to maintain an individuality the San Antonians added $1000 more to their last purse.

Bob McDonald, the bonny Scott of Bob-o-Link, Chicago, won the first Texas open championship last February. Cyril Walker of Englewood, N. J., came second one stroke behind McDonald with 282.

More than $10,000 has been spent in rearranging and reconstructing the course since the last tournament. A new $40,000 clubhouse is now under construction and probably will be ready for the use of the visiting golfers.

COURSE IS SPORTY

No fees are charged to play on the municipal links in San Antonio. The leading professionals, including Gene Sarazen, Jim Barnes, Jock Hutchison, Bob McDonald and scores of others who have played the course declare it is the sportiest municipal course in the United States. Tourists are permitted to take advantage of the free golf at the expense of the city, which maintains the course.

LIST OF EVENTS

Following are the winter tournament dates, cities which are to stage them and amounts of the purses:

San Antonia, Jan. 25, 26, 27	$6000
Houston, Texas, Feb. 2 and 3	1800
Beaumont, Texas, Feb. 6 and 7	1000
Shreveport, La., Feb. 10 and 11	1500
New Orleans, Feb. 15, 16, 17	3000
Mobile, Ala., Feb. 19 and 20	1000
Macon, Ga., Feb. 22 and 23	1000
Augusta, Ga., Feb. 27 and 28	1000
St. Augustine, Fla., March 2, 3	1000
DeLand, Fla., March 9 and 10	1000
Bellaire, Fla., March 16, 17	1000
Asheville, N. C., March 22, 24	1000
Pinehurst, N. C., March 29, 30, 31	2000
White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., April 6 and 7	1000

It is probable that Corpus Christi and Del Rio will be added to the tournament cities, adding $2000 to the above amount. In addition other tournaments may be arranged in other parts of the South while the golfers are en route.

Thirty-eight New Golf Clubs in N. Y. In Last Five Years

New York, Dec. 31.—The amazing growth of interest in golf is evident from the fact that there are now 114 clubs in the Metropolitan Golf association, which five years ago had only 76. Six were admitted to membership during the year, four of them situated on Long Island. It is estimated that it takes $2,000,000 for the annual upkeep of these playgrounds. The financial report showed a balance on hand of $3,591.66.

It is rare indeed that two national events are awarded to the same locality in a single year, more especially in view of the keen competition for these matches over a constantly widening area. The national championships to come this way are the open at Inwood and the women's at the Westchester-Biltmore Country club, while only the other day the Women's Metropolitan Golf association also chose Westchester-Biltmore for its meeting.

Golf Is Master of Players; Stars Often Are Set Back

GOLF is the one game that always is master of the player. It may be conquered temporarily, but cannot be long held in subjection. Of our best players, those who won championships, none has been able to go through a tournament season without at least one stumble.

There were Walter Hagen and Jock Hutchison. Both won the British open championship early in the season and then failed in the American open play and subsequent championships. Hagen, for example, was unable to finish among the first four at Skokie; George Duncan won from him in the New York open and Walter fell in the Southern open at Nashville. To top it off, he lost in the world's championship match to Gene Sarazen.

STARS ARE BEATEN

Jesse Sweetzer tore through the field at Brookline, winning on consecutive day from Hunter, Guilford, Jones and Evans. That week he was unconquerable. Yet, soon after that, he lost two tournament matches, in the Victory and Leslie cup championships.

Glenna Collett mowed down the opposition at White Sulphur Springs, but a week later was beaten in a Massachusetts tournament.

Merely proving the contention that the little white ball on the smooth shaven green will not long behave as desired.

SARAZEN ALSO FELL

Gene Sarazen has come as close to maintaining mastery over golf as any player in the game. Gene started off by winning the Southern open event last spring. Then he took the national open, the professional and finally the world's title from Walter Hagen. Four championships in a season is a record few have come close to equaling.

But even Gene is human and showed this by failing to make a bold showing in the Metropolitan open.

You might tie it, but you can't beat it.

There would be better golfers everywhere if Sarazen's methods were more followed generally. Gene is an advocate of long and diligent practice. To that, more than anything else, he owes his success. To the average golfer, practice is irksome where there is an opportunity to get out on the course and engage in a match. But the necessity of it cannot be sidestepped.

The season for conversational feats on past performances and promises of an improved game next year is at hand. Improvement only can be accomplished by hard practice. If possible to work on an indoor course, much good can be accomplished in that manner. But the canvas nets do not offer the opportunities for improvement that an outdoor practice tee does, for there the result of the shot is seen much better than indoors, where the distance is limited.

SUCCESS DUE TO PRACTICE

Sarazen, by dint of practice, has overcome every weakness in his game. His strokes are powerful and accurate. So much so, in fact, that he has an overwhelming amount of confidence in his game; confidence that would seem bombastic if found in many players. Accuracy is a great thing in golf. Sweetser has it in ample quantities and so has Glenna Collett.

There still are those who believe weight and strength are essential to distance shooting. But Hutchison and Wethered, two of the best drivers in the game, are far from being giants. Hutchison would rate as a bantam and Wethered, while tall, is a lightweight. But both have mastered the art of timing and the use of the wrists.

One finds few big muscled players among the champions. They have strength, of course, but it is found in long, slender muscles that have whip-like power and suppleness. In fact, few athletes, except wrestlers, have big bulging muscles. The ball player, football star and tennis luminaries have small muscles but ones capable of great efforts.

SHORT PEGS

BY WESTBROOK PEGLER

OWNING a ball club takes no special talent or social prestige, but only some capital. Given the capital it does seem that any player you name would qualify as a magnate.

But how many magnates could qualify for any club in the majors, or for that matter, in the Horse and Buggy league? Take a line-up of magnates and ask them how much dough they'd draw as a ball team—not as a comedy number—at the Polo grounds on the Fourth of July.

Let's put Charlie Ebbets in to pitch and Barney Dreyfus behind the bat. Here's Harry Frazee—play first base, Harry. And you, Charley Stoneham, play second. Lou Commiskey, you're a large fat boy; you play shortstop; what a star you'll be in the hot country.

Branch Rickey, you say you were the worst ball player that ever warmed a bench. This is the ball club for you, then. You play third base and Garry Herrmann will take left field. Someone wheel a keg out to left for Garry. Baker of the Phils, your spot is in center and Connie Mack can use his length of leg chasing flyballs in right.

Play these against a team of big leaguers and you might convince the magnate that the player is important after all. Up to this time scoffing at the players' union, deriding the players' earnest requests for fair representation in the government of baseball, the magnates have courted the enmity of all who recognize labor's right to organize.

At the winter meeting one asked: "Do baseball magnates think and if so what and with what!" And there didn't seem to be any plausible answer.

Gene Sarazen and Hutchison Best Pair of Golfers

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—"Show me a better golfing pair than Gene Sarazen and Jock Hutchison, playing as a team, and I'll show you a pink moon."

This enticing offer was made to us by an enthusiastic golf writer. It came up in a discussion over the luminous pair, who are on a transcontinental tour of about 8000 miles covering a period of three months and involving 25 or more exhibition matches.

"We would love to see a pink moon," was our answer, "but we can't think of a better combination." Gene and "Hutch" were discussed at much length, also other stars.

As we see it, they are well nigh unbeatable. Apart from their golfing wizardry their mental attitudes are something to be reckoned with. They are direct opposites but blend beautifully.

Sarazen is unimaginative, well called the "Bat Nelson of Golf," a plugger, a methodical dispatcher of balls, who sees only victory before every engagement and who is the most surprised man in the world if he loses. It isn't "swellheadedness," nothing like it. It is splendid confidence.

"Hutch" is imaginative, as high strung as a thoroughbred of the Man o' War type, capable of ascent to dizzy heights and susceptible to a crashing descent in his game. He is easily perturbed, and often is so affected by surroundings as to fall off his game tragically.

Now consider this fact. Sarazen is an ideal partner for "Hutch," steady, seldom getting into trouble and therefore not faced with the necessity of making a stupendous array of shots to recover lost ground. His steadiness will have a soothing effect on "Hutch." Furthermore, and very important, he will cheer Jock along with encouraging remarks. That's his way.

Little Ohio Town Has Golf Course

Napoleon, Ohio, with 5000 inhabitants, has proved that a golf links can be laid out and the game go on without the investment of several truckloads of money.

At Napoleon, on the banks of the Maumee river, a nine-hole course, 2700 yards long, has been built on old pasture land, by the construction of greens which received a closer clipping than the surrounding area and a rolling down of the bumps on the fairways. There is no club house, no locker room—nothing but a links. One fairway mower and one lawnmower constitute the upkeep machinery. The club has taken an option on the property at $150 an acre, there being 70 acres involved in the scheme.

Game License on Increase in Douglas

Roseburg, Dec. 30.—A reduction of about $1000 in the amount received during the past year from the sale of game licenses in Douglas county is shown in the annual report compiled by the county court. This decrease has been going on for a number of years in spite of the fact that Douglas is one of the chief hunting counties of the state. It is attributed to the fact that the increase in the price of licenses has been so large that many did not buy. The extra amount was put on to increase the revenue, but instead has served to lessen it. The state received $3154 last year from this county, but this year will only receive $2244.

Missouri Valley Bills College Golf

The addition of golf to the list of intercollegiate athletic events at the Kansas State Agricultural college has been announced by M. F. Ahearn, athletic director, who will coach the golfers.

Golf has been recognized as an intercollegiate sport in the Missouri valley conference but a short time, but it has gained a firm foothold. Five of the conference schools, Drake, Neb., Grinnell, Okla., and Kansas, sent teams to the tournament held in connection with the conference track meet at Lawrence last spring. Iowa State college, Missouri and Washington are expected to send foursomes to the 1923 conference tourney.

England to Discard Old Handicaps

FOR a generation the golfers on this side of the water followed in the footsteps of those in Britain. Changes were made from time to time in dress, in tourney methods, in club details, in championship formulas and the like, with America the copyist. Now we see a change, writes John G. Anderson, prominent Eastern player. Some time ago—a matter of several years, in fact—the U. S. G. A. undertook the difficult task of making a national handicap list, and only those who were found capable enough were permitted to be on that list and play in the national amateur event.

But the method was soon discarded because it was not only too cumbersome, but was more a matter on opinion on relative merit than actual proof of the year's growth or diminishing power in golf. The country was too large for everybody to be rated and so the sectional idea grew into being. It has worked out well and with a further reduction in the handicap rate for eligibility will prove the saving of the championship in the matter of small fields.

USED PLUS SYSTEM

The plus system has been in use in Great Britain for many a day and there are few golfers of the older school who ever dreamed that it would be done away with. The par of the various courses was never based upon a yardage score and as a result any one who went round the course in 79 was supposed to be a scratch player. Then the stars who went below that figure were called plus men.

With the lowering of par on the various courses through a livening of the ball there was reached the same general standard, with the result that plus men were as numerous as scratch men as local clubs are here. Only plus men were permitted to enter the amateur championship a few years ago.

Later, with a revision of feeling toward golfers who were handicapped as high as plus seven and whose play was no better than our one or two handicap men, there was a violent revision downward and clubs were called on to have no men on the list who were more than plus three. But at Prestwick last year there was just as many as ever, well over 250, popping around for the amateur championship event. Something had to be done, and now the powers that be have copied the system which the U. S. G. A. started and discarded, the national handicapping idea.

TOURNEY IN MAY

The amateur champion Holderness will be rated at scratch and there will be no plus men. With him will be put Tolley and Wethered, and the other members of the international team will be rated all the way from one to two. Those in the isles who do not have a rating which is as low as our eligibility rule, namely four, will be eligible for the amateur championship at Deal the coming May. By the way, the amateur championship will be played the week beginning May 3, somewhat earlier than heretofore.

It will be very interesting to note the effect of this system. Undoubtedly it will bring about a greater uniformity than has ever been present in Britain. There are few sectional organizations such as the Metropolitan or Massachusetts, for example, and clubs themselves will have to make a plea for their respective stars.

The younger element will have to make a name in local tourneys before being given a rating and while this will keep a few possible chances out of the list it cannot be helped. But the club's handicapping will be aided wonderfully and we shall know more nearly the comparative excellence of American and British golfers when the list is published.

If John Jones at Seaforth is the scratch player of his club and he is rated at four on the national handicapping list, then the members who have been rated at one to four after this chap will be lifted to their proper place and be handicapped at five to eight. This is one other way in which standardization and uniformity is working out on both sides of the water. And instead of having a great many players in the clubs satisfied if they beat the scratch score of the course, which seldom is below 78, there will be testing strength of par such as we have in America with a consequent raising of the standard of play.

GOLF

Construction of the second nine holes of the Rainier Golf and Country club course has been started and it is hoped that they will be ready for play in the fall of 1923.

Captain Charles Clarke, Englishman, widely known to metropolitan golfers, is to succeed Gene Sarazen as pro of the Highland club in the Pittsburg district. About a year ago Clarke left the Engineer's club at Roslyn after two seasons' service to locate with the Huntington, W. Va., club. He won his military title in the war.

Changes in Deer Hunting Law to Be Made in California

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 30.—(U. P.) In order to standardize the deer seasons in the state to remedy certain abuses, several amendments to the present state deer law will be submitted to the new legislature by the state fish and game commission, according to Commissioner George Neale.

Because under the present law a hunter may get his season deer limit in one district and then get the season limit in another district, the chief amendment that will be proposed will prohibit taking deer shot in a district where the season is open into a district where it is closed.

Neale intimated that the commission will also ask that the limit of deer be cut from two to one a season, and that an increase in the present license tax be made to take care of the preservation fund with which the commission carries on its field work.

Sportsmen and sporting clubs all over the state are, according to Neale, requesting that the department advocate an increase in the anglers' license. The money raised in this way would go toward stocking the stream areas which at present are but scantily covered.

Consistency A Big Asset To Golfers

This is the first of a series of golf articles by Frank L. Johnston and Eddy Nunn, which will be published weekly by The Journal.

NO MATTER how athletic a man or woman may be it does not necessarily follow that golf should come more easily to them than to one less inclined.

As is true of every game, the finer points are a matter of mental analysis. To become a good golfer involves the consideration of correct timing, accuracy, direction, rhythm, sensitiveness, and, above all, a keen fondness for the game.

AGE NO BAR

The average golfer becomes vastly surprised when it is learned where the real power of the drive should be applied.

When this is learned, together with the nature of a golf ball in flight, or, a knowledge of how far the ball will travel when it is hit properly and timed correctly, results that will follow will be surprising. Consistent practice following the finding of this knowledge will greatly improve one's game.

Age should not hold one back. John D. Rockefeller turned in a 43 card for nine holes on his 82d birthday. The older player must adjust his or her game to their limitations. The main thing for any golfer is consistency.

TRY FOR SAME DISTANCE

If you are capable of making a 200-yard drive, always strive to obtain that distance. Never press a shot. Best results will be obtained by playing a consistent game, rather than pressing on one shot.

A story is told of Harry Vardon which is incident to consistency. He was playing a 400-yard hole. His drive was 240 yards. When he came up for his second shot, and much to the surprise of his partner, he was peeved.

His explanation was: "My drive is consistently between 200 and 210 yards, and when I drive over or short of that distance I am not so sure of my second shot."

It is unwise to put all your strength into a drive, and it is not necessary. Far and far between are long distance drivers victorious in major tourneys. Jesse Guilford, winner of the national amateur in 1921, was an exception.

Cyril Tolley, one of the longest drivers in England, has been beaten by many consistent drivers of lesser distance.

Figure out each hole according to your driving power.

MANY TROUT PLANTED

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 30.—(U. P.)—The state fish and game commission is trying hard to keep up with the fishermen of the state, according to the annual report just submitted by the commission. More than 25,000,000 trout were placed in California streams during the past year, says the report.

WOLTER TO COACH STANFORD

Harry Wolter, who was recently released from the voluntary retired list of the Seattle Baseball club, has been signed as coach of the Stanford baseball team next spring.

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ANNOUNCES

The opening of a wholesale office at East Salmon street between Second and Third streets, Portland, Oregon, on January first.

This office is in charge of Mr. W. J. Richmond and has general supervision of the wholesale business of this company in Washington, Oregon, Western Idaho and Western Montana.

This wholesale office has been established to meet the requirements imposed by the greatly increased popularity of Chevrolet cars in this territory.

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