the USGA constitution including at least 6
"selected from present or past officers of
governing boards of different state, district
or sectional golf associations in the U.S."

Nominating committee consisted of J.
Frederic Byers, Edward P. Allis, Paul
Farrens, John W. Hughes and Heywood H.
Whaples. The 1948 nominating committee
will consist of A. M. Reid, William O.
Blaney, Keith Conway, James L. Garard
and E. E. Lowrey.

USGA MAY MAKE AMATEUR
CHAMPIONSHIP ALL MATCH PLAY

The USGA is considering a proposal to
change the plan for the Amateur cham-
paignship by making it entirely at match
play.

This would eliminate the 36-hole qualify-
ing competition on the first two days. In-
stead, there would be one 18-hole match
play round on each of those days, bringing
the field to 64 players. Thereafter, the
championship would proceed according to
the plan now used, with two 18-hole match
rounds on the third day, two 18-hole match
rounds on the fourth day, 36-hole semi-
finals on the fifth day, and a 36-hole final
on the last day.

Players eligible would, as heretofore, be
determined by 36-hole stroke play sectional
qualifying rounds throughout the country,
with former champions exempt.

Before action is taken on the proposal by
the USGA Executive Committee, Francis
Ouimet, Chairman of the Championship
committee, intends to poll the 149 players
in the 1946 Amateur championship for their
opinions.

If the championship proper were entirely
at match play, it would be possible to ac-
commodate as many as 210 competitors.
Under the present system, 150 is considered
the maximum number who can be conven-
tiently accommodated.

Five of the association's 46 Amateur
Championships held thus far have been en-
tirely at match play; those of 1895, 1903,
1934, 1935, and 1936.

JACK BLACK, ELYRIA PRO, PASSES

—Jack Black, for 17 years pro at Elyria
(O.) CC died late in November. Jack was
one of the thinning ranks of veteran Scots
pros who endeared themselves to American
golfers by the cheerful, expert and diligent
service they gave to the building of golf in
the U. S. In editorial tribute to Jack the
chronicle-telegram said, "Literally
hundreds of caddies had come under his
supervision and through such contacts he
had been an influence for good on the lives
of many persons." The editorial quoted
Neely Powers, pres., Elyria CC:

"To hundreds of men and women in El-
rya, and many away from home, the death
of Jack Black means the loss of a whimsical
friend, a mentor, a real teacher of the art
of golf. Golf isn't easy; the man you ex-
pect to play well just doesn't and the
woman you expect to be a dub just isn't.
The difference is largely a matter of the
professional, the teacher.

"Jack Black was more than a golf profes-
sional; he was an institution. For 35
years he taught, implored, shot scathing
criticism from a pair of twinkling eyes,
ted and lifted from their very bootstraps
hundreds of youngsters who are now adults
and who love to reminisce about the way
Jack Black taught them.

"Jack Black was an individual who
simply was not aware that any such a
thing as difference in birth or class existed.
This complete democracy was best illus-
trated by the remark of a member of the
Country Club who said, 'I would rather be
busted by Jack Black than praised by most
people.'

"Jack Black belonged to that strong and
'burry voiced' clan of Scotchmen who came
over about 36 years ago and whose crafts-
manship has left its permanent mark on
the finest golf clubs in the United States.
Many of the Cleveland area and Eastern
clubs were staffed in their golf professional
ranks by these men.

"Jack Black never lost the burr of a
Scottishman. Sometimes it rasped and
raised to a roar at some repetition of golf
idiocy of which all are capable; at other
times it would purr like a kitten, but when
it did, one had better be careful and watch
for a whimsical trap.

"One day Jack was asked how it was that
so many of them came from the same little
towns in Scotland and were such good golf-
ers. His story was illustrative of the man.
He would say, 'Why mon, we lived in a one
street town and we had one golf ball; the
houses were close on both sides; we had to
hit the ball straight or we didn't have any
golf ball, and we didn't play any more golf.'

"He never lost a friend and the caddies
adored him.

"There will be a niche reserved for men
of Jack's kind. Those strong compatriots
of his, those long, gaunt, reserved and la-
conic Scotchmen will gather together in
Valhalla where the fairways are narrow
and green, the traps deep and overhung,
the streams cool and gurgling, the rough
deep and tough and they will hit them far
and straight, and comment dryly that this
is the life eternal where there are no dubs,
no green-committee chairmen, where par
is normal play and where champions fore-
gather for strong living and good play.'

SUPPLIES and EQUIPMENT?

Reliable sources are ready to
serve you. See page 61.