Grainger Re-elected USGA Prexy

Isaac B. Grainger was re-elected president of the USGA at the annual meeting in the Vanderbilt Hotel, New York City, on January 29. Also re-elected with Grainger, who makes his home in Montclair, N. J., were John Ames, Lake Forest, Ill., and Richard Tufts, Pinehurst, N. C. as vice-presidents; Charles B. Grace of Bridgeport, Pa. as secretary and Charles Pierson of Brookline, Mass., as treasurer. Two new executive committee members were elected, John-Winters, Jr., of Tulsa, and Emerson Carey, Jr., of Denver.

Grainger presented the Bobby Jones award for “distinguished sportsmanship” to Francis Ouimet who was voted the first winner of this award by the selection committee headed by former USGA president Totten Heffelfinger.

Bill Campbell, former West Virginia legislator, was named captain of the 9-man 1955 U. S. Walker Cup team which will compete in the biennial test on May 20-21 at St. Andrews, Scotland. Billy Joe Patton, who was recently awarded the Metropolitan Golf Writers Gold Tee Trophy, is among the five newcomers to the team. Other new members are: Bruce Cudd and Dick Yost of Portland, Ore.; Lt. Joseph Conrad of San Antonio, Texas, and Dale Morey of Indianapolis, Ind. Three members of the victorious 1953 team who were renamed are: Harvie Ward of San Francisco; Don Cherry of Wichita Falls, Texas and Jim Jackson of Glendale, Mo.

Regulations were announced for the new senior amateur championship to be sponsored by the USGA this year. Amateurs must be 55 years old or over to be eligible and 120 will be selected for the championship proper through sectional qualifying rounds of 18 holes. The sectional qualifying will be followed by another qualifying test to determine the final 32 qualifiers who will participate in five rounds of match play at 18 holes.

The following committee chairmen were named by Grainger to serve during 1955:

- Rules of Golf—Richard S. Tufts, Pinehurst, N. C.
- Championship—John D. Ames, Lake Forest, Ill.
- Amateur Status—John W. Fischer, Cincinnati
- Membership—John G. Clock, Long Beach, Calif.
- Handicap—William O. Blaney, Boston
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Bob Jones Award—Totten Heffelfinger, Minneapolis
Golf House Fund—Dan Freeman, Jr., New York

Pro Seniors in Biggest of Their Championships

The 16th annual PGA Seniors’ championship had 174 entries attempting to displace Gene Sarazen as the reigning senior pro champion, as this issue of GOLFDOM went to press.

This record entry included 30 winners of PGA sectional qualifiers for the PGA Seniors' title under the arrangements financed by Ronald Teacher, Scotch distiller. Winner of the PGA Seniors' event will have a trip to the British Open and a contest with the British senior titleholder for the world senior pro title, $1000, and the Teacher trophy.

Rapid and sound growth of the PGA Seniors was reflected in all activities at Dunedin and Clearwater during Seniors' Week. At the Seniors' Annual banquet Pres. Hugh Bancroft and Pres.-elect Marty Crumb referred to the PGA Seniors as the largest and most influential body of senior professional sportsmen in the world and with a responsibility of introducing to the “pursuit of happiness” millions of older Americans.

Ronald Teacher, Harry Moffitt, PGA president; Gene Sarazen, Mrs. John Watson, president of PGA Seniors' Ladies' Auxiliary, and Mrs. Ralph Beach, president-elect of that organization, spoke. Herb Graffis was toastmaster.

In the best-ball foursome event which preceded the 54-hole championship John Rogers, Carroll MacMaster, Eddie McElligott and John Reuter won with a 64.

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