Haig is Honored

Dr. John R. Williams (left) of Oak Hill CC, Rochester, unveils a plaque honoring golf's immortal Walter Hagen (right). The ceremony took place at Oak Hill’s Hall of Fame during the National Open. Inscription on the plaque reads: “Red Oak Walter Hagen—Golf’s Master Strategist—1956.”

Bego System Gives Points for Bogeys, Birdies, Pars

A new handicapping system designed to give credit for outstanding play on any one hole by variously handicapped golfers has been devised by Alexander J. Hutcheon of Larchmont, N. Y. Called Bego (Best Golf), the system gives point value for bogeys, pars, birdies, etc., in line with the handicap the golfer carries.

A 15-handicap golfer, for example, is given 2 points for a bogey, three for a par, four for a birdie, etc., where Bego is applied. Similarly, a 31 handicap player is given 5, 10 and 15 points, respectively, for these accomplishments. Hutcheon, who checked hundreds of scorecards before arriving at Bego point values, says that the addition of these points to regularly established handicaps brings new interest to tournament competition.

Complete information about the Bego system can be obtained from Hutcheon at 1833B Palmer Avenue in Larchmont.

Lakewood, N.Y. Pro Conceives Pledge for Golfers

Golf etiquette will receive a tremendous boost if a pledge recently conceived and copyrighted by Lionel F. Callaway, pro at Maplehurst GC, Lakewood, N. Y., is widely adopted. Callaway is currently negotiating with some companies which advertise on a national scale to have the pledge printed and distributed to golf clubs throughout the country.

The Golfer’s Pledge

Upon my honor I solemnly promise my fellow golfers that I will never knowingly —
Move, talk or swing during another’s shot
Play out of turn
Tee up outside the markers
Drive into players ahead
Approach to an occupied green
Hold up the course in any way
Leave my divots for others to replace
Leave footprints, etc., in the sand traps
Deface the greens or the holes
Leave trash on greens, tees or fairways
Take my cart or bag on the greens
Take unnecessary time to putt
Putt out of turn
Try my putts over
Loiter on the green after holing out
Be discourteous to other players
Abuse the rules
Invent my own rules
Take any unsportsmanlike advantages
Play in more than a four-ball
Berate my caddy
Lose my temper
Throw clubs or quit
Bend or break anything growing
Force my theories on others
Change my ball during a hole
Further I pledge to immediately allow others to go through —
(1) When I’m looking for a lost ball
(2) When I’m playing slow and a clear hole is ahead

After extending this courtesy I will not resume play until it is safe to do so

Date ... Witness ...

(Signed)

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Managers Assn. Schedules Two Short Courses

Club Managers Assn. of America Educational committee has arranged the following short courses in club management:
