USGA Publishes New Book, “Golf Rules in Pictures”

To help players understand the Rules of Golf, the USGA has, for the first time, authorized graphic illustrations of the playing code in its new publication, "Golf Rules in Pictures".

The book depicts Rules situations with 155 drawings. It deals with the basic code rather than obscure interpretations. In addition, it contains the complete text of the 1962 Rules of Golf, including amendments which became effective Mar. 1.

"Golf Rules in Pictures" is available from the USGA, 40 East 38th St., New York 16, N.Y., or through bookstores and perhaps at golf professional shops. Its 96 pages are 8½ by 10¾ inches and the book sells for $1.95.

Edited by Joe Dey

The book was compiled and edited by Joseph C. Dey, Jr., USGA executive director, with the assistance of P. J. Boatwright, Jr., assistant director, C. Edmund Miller and Robert C. Bulla, administrative assistants. Illustrations are by George Kraynak.

Wm. Ward Foshay, chairman of the USGA Rules of Golf committee, in an introductory note, has this to say:

"The refinement of the game through the centuries has been accompanied by an evolution of the code to meet new conditions. Today in the U.S. there are some 6,623 golf courses, no two of which are alike. A standard 18-hole course covers at least 125 acres. Thus, the possibilities are limitless for golf balls to become involved in embarrassing situations. The Rules of Golf are necessarily framed to cover a broad variety of conditions.

"The object of this book is to make some of the fundamental rules situations come to life. The bare bones of the code are clothed in pictures, based on actual cases.

Rights With Restrictions

"As you read ‘Golf Rules in Pictures,’ note that the code of the game contains many rights for the player. It is not a code of purely restrictive commandments. Rather, it is an expression, in words of all the golfing customs which generations of sportsmen have found fairest for all. The rules are just a reflection of the sporting way of playing the game. They carry privileges as well as obligations."

A Quick Quiz on the Rules appears on the back cover of the book.

Poets Are Doing It


This one is for the player who has lost hope, but the reasoning is good. The author advises to play palindrome golf, which means that “rap” is the goal and not “par”. Rap, of course, is par spelled from the right side in case you’re just skimming over what you see here. Anyway, rap the ball as poorly as you can and go for the highest possible scores. If nothing else, this will relax you. As for clothing and equipment, McGraw suggests no shoes, a pool cue or a cane, etc. A sure cure for the looping right arm, he says, is to keep a beer keg under one armpit. However, he doesn’t designate which arm pit. Try it with the left!

A publisher note says that McGraw has written a volume of poetry, Apollo and Daphne. If Daphne is the gal we think she’s maybe you’d rather read McGraw’s poetry than his prose.

Kerr Heads Iowa GCSA

Harold Kerr of Washington is the new president of the Iowa GCSA. Vp is Harold McCullough of Des Moines and sec.-treas. is Don Westfall of Ottumwa.