Player Who Sought Handicap Relief Dies in April

William W. Wacht, a retired real-estate operator who tried seven years ago to have the New York State Supreme Court raise his golf handicap from 29 to 34, died in April in Mount Kisco, N.Y. He was 66.

Wacht, a member of the Pines Ridge GC, near Ossining, had been a fairly consistent tournament winner. In July, 1958, he petitioned the State Supreme Court for a writ of mandamus ordering the club's handicap committee to raise his handicap.

He lost the case in an out-of-court settlement. But he stirred up a minor furor in the newspapers. The case appealed to the writers of editorial whimsy as a fine subject for gentle barbs.

The justice in the case was Sampel W. Eager, who remarked that he was himself a "duffer who just plays at the game." Justice Eager adjourned the matter for a week to think it over, eventually getting out from under as a result of the out-of-court settlement.

USGA Lists Entry Requirements for Junior Championship

The USGA's 18th Junior Amateur Championship will be played Aug. 3-7 at the South Course of the Wilmington (Del.) CC. Entries are open to male amateurs who won't reach their 18th birthdays before Aug. 7, and who have handicaps not exceeding 10 strokes under USGA handicap rules.

Sectional qualifying rounds of 18 holes are scheduled to be played at 25 clubs across the country on either July 19 or 20. A total of 150 youngsters will be qualified to enter the Championship. The field will be cut to 64 at Wilmington following two medal play rounds. Survivors of the elimination rounds will then play at match for the Junior title. Entry applications must reach the USGA office, 40 E. 38th st., New York 17, by 5 p.m. on June 30. The entry fee is $2.

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