Interlachen Selected For 1993 Walker Cup

The 1993 Walker Cup Match will be played at Interlachen Country Club in Edina.

The Walker Cup is contested by teams of men amateur golfers from the United States on one side, and from Great Britain and Ireland on the other side. It is played every two years, alternately in the United States and Great Britain or Ireland.

The 1991 Walker Cup will be played September 5-6 at Portmarnock Golf Club, near Dublin, Ireland.

"The spirit of the Interlachen membership is especially attractive to the USGA," said USGA President C. Grant Spaeth. "We enjoy a strong relationship with Interlachen, and we're certain the playing of the Walker Cup there will enhance both the reputation of the club and the Twin Cities as a genial host to international competition.

"Interlachen fulfills all the USGA's requirements, and we are confident the course will present a worthy challenge."

Two of golf's greatest players, Bobby Jones and Glenna Collett Vare, won championships at Interlachen.

When Jones completed the Grand Slam, in 1930, he won the U.S. Open at Interlachen, finishing two strokes ahead of Macdonald Smith. Jones also hit one of the most famous shots in U.S. Open history in the second round of that championship. Trying to reach the green of the par-5 ninth hole with his second shot, the ball skipped across a pond and Jones subsequently birdied the hole.

In the 1935 Women's Amateur at Interlachen, Mrs. Vare defeated 17-year-old Patty Berg, 3 and 2, in the final match.

The 1942 Open had been scheduled for Interlachen, but that championship, along with those of the next three years, was cancelled because of World War II.

In addition, Interlachen was the host club for the 1986 U.S. Senior Amateur. That Championship was won by R.S. Williams, the first of his two titles.

In Brief . . .

- GCSAA has scheduled a General Environmental Session for Friday, Feb. 14, during the New Orleans Conference and Show. Invited to appear are EPA Administrator William K. Reilly; Jay Feldman, national coordinator for the National Coalition Against the Misuse of Pesticides, and John Stossel, ABC-TV's "20/20" news correspondent and environmental reporter. Each will speak on environmental issues that affect golf course management.

- The Natural Resources Defense Council has called for an 80 percent reduction in agricultural pesticide use. The organization cited the recently completed EPA well water study as a source for proposing such drastic cuts. Although the cuts are aimed at agricultural uses, superintendents should brace themselves for future demands by such organizations concerning turf and ornamental products as well. Public information—and lots of it—is the only way to curb chemophobia.

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