

Quimet Gets Richardson Award; Berg Runnerup

Francis D. Quimet, the Massachusetts amateur who won the National Open 44 years ago, has been named 1956 winner of the William D. Richardson trophy for outstanding contribution to golf by the Golf Writers' Assn. of America.

He received 479 points and 56 first place votes in the annual balloting of the writers' organization. Runnerup was Patty Berg, St. Andrews, Ill., pro, who got 371 points.

Third with 348 points was John Jay Hopkins, New York industrialist and founder of the International Golf Assn. Bob Jones, the Atlanta wizard of the '20s, was fourth with 302.

The following have been recipients of the Richardson award in past years:

1947—Robert A. Hudson, Portland, Ore.

1948—Maynard (Scotty) Fessenden, Chicago.

1949—Bing Crosby.

1950—Richard S. Tufts, current USGA pres.

1951—Chick Evans, Chicago.

1952—Bob Hope.

1953—Mildred (Babe) Zaharias.

1954—President Eisenhower.

1955—George S. May, Chicago.

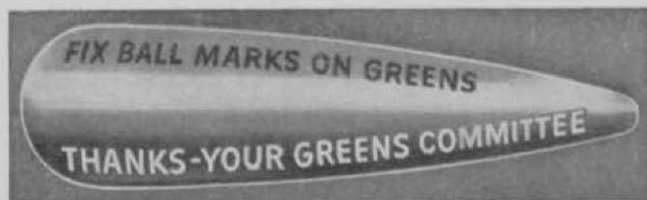
Quimet, who will be 64 next month, made world headlines in 1913 when, as a 20-year old ex-caddie, he defeated the heavily favored British pair, Harry Vardon and Ted Ray, in an 18-hole playoff for the Open crown.

In 1914, he won the USGA Amateur title and then waited 17 years before he won it again. In the meantime, though, he was semi-finalist in this tournament on six occasions. In 1920, he was runnerup in the Amateur to Chick Evans.

Quimet was a member of every Walker Cup team from 1922 to 1934 and from 1936 through 1949 was the team's non-playing captain. In 1951, the ex-Brookline caddie became the only American ever to be named captain of the Royal and Ancient GC at St. Andrews in Scotland.

In recent years, Quimet has devoted much of his time to promotion of amateur golf in New England and to the foundation of a scholarship for caddies.

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