

## First Walter Hagen Award Goes to Walter Hagen

Walter Hagen, the toast of the sports world in the '20s and '30s, received an award long overdue when the Golf Writers Assn. of America named him the winner of the first Walter Hagen award. Presentation was made at Olympia Fields (Ill.) CC on the eve of the 43rd PGA Championship. Decision to make the award on this occasion was prompted by the fact that The Haig practically owned this tournament as he won it five times — including an unprecedented string of four straight between 1924 and 1927.

The GWA award commemorated the fact that Hagen was one of golf's first



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Here is a recent picture of The Haig. He is shown with Bill Casper, Jr. (center) and Cary Middlecoff.

great internationalists — four times winner of the British Open and seven times captain of the U. S. Ryder Cup team. The award trophy was donated by Dr. S. L. Simpson, chmn. of S. Simpson, Ltd., London, maker of "Daks" apparel, and will be given annually to the person who, in the estimation of the writers, has made the most distinguished contribution to Anglo-American golf.

Dr. Simpson made a flying trip from London to Olympia Fields to present the trophy to Hagen.

GWA pres., Lawrence Robinson of the New York Telegram & Sun, said that a total of 10 men was considered for the first writers' award. Besides Hagen they included Joe Carr, Henry Cotton, Joseph Dey, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Isaac B. Grainger, Bob Hudson, Bob Jones, Francis Ouimet and Frank Pace, Jr.

Besides the championships mentioned above, Hagen won the USGA Opens of

1914 and 1919, the French, Belgian and Canadian Open titles and the Western Open five times. Now in his late 60s, Walter lives in Detroit and Traverse City, Mich., and is active in the management of 'Walter Hagen Golf', a division of Wilson Sporting Goods Co.

## Northern Calif. Section Suggests New Charity Event Code

A little dubious as to whether charity is benefiting to any great extent from tournaments and matches in which pros participate, officers of the Northern California PGA section recently agreed that the section should sponsor an annual event in which 100 per cent of the proceeds should go to a charity that appears to be most deserving.

The officials made these recommendations:

1. Appoint an amateur committee to meet with PGA section members to select the charity;

2. A special effort should be made to get all Northern Calif. members to participate in the charity event;

3. Golf equipment and accessory manufacturers should be asked for their help in an effort to make the event successful;

4. No professional should receive a prize of any kind;

5. Each pro should be asked to donate two dozen balls (or merchandise equivalent) in addition to paying an entry fee in order to help make the charity event a success.

## Amateur Qualifying Rounds Scheduled for Aug. 28-31

Qualifiers for the 61st USGA Amateur Championship, to be played at Pebble Beach, Calif., Sept. 11-16, will be determined through 39 sectional qualifying rounds of 36 holes which will be held throughout the country Aug. 28-31. A total of 200 golfers will take part in the Championship proper, with Deane R. Beman of Silver Spring, Md., defending his title against this field.

Members of the British and American Walker Cup teams are exempt from qualifying.

Amateur entries must reach the USGA office, 40 E. 38th st., New York 16, not later than Aug. 9. Entries are open to male amateurs with USGA handicaps of not more than four strokes who are members of USGA regular member clubs.