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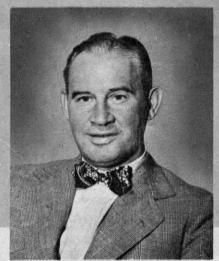
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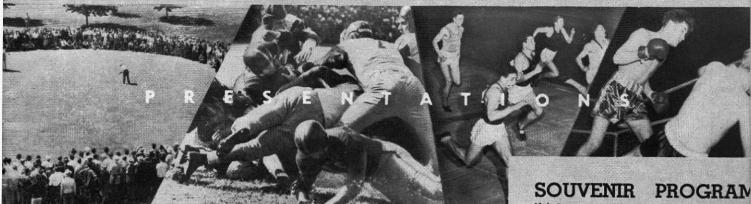


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PRIZE	CASH		WAR	BONDS	
1.	\$4,000			\$5,325	
2.	2,500			3,325	
3.	1,000			1,350	
4.	850			1,125	
5.	650			875	
6.	550			725	
7.	500			675	
8.	400			525	
9.	350			475	
10.	325			450	
11.	300			400	
12.	275			375	
13.	250			325	
14.	225			300	
15.	200			275	
16.	175			225	
17.	150	2		200	
18.	125			175	
19.	100			125	
20.	100			125	
21.	100			125	
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LAST YEAR'S TOURNAMENT IN REVIEW



Left to right are Sgt. E. J. (Dutch) Harrison, who finished third with 283; Sam Byrd, whose 274 won the Tournament; Robert McCay Green, Assistant General Manager of The Inquirer and a member of the Tournament Committee, who presented the prizes on behalf of The Philadelphia Inquirer Charities, Inc.; and Craig Wood, who took second place with 281. Wood is the duration U. S. Open champion.



Sammy Byrd, Plum Hollow C. C. (Detroit) pro, who won last year's tournament with a 10-under-par 274. He is unique in sports, having switched from baseball.

	WAR BOND	R	0	U	N	D S	TOTA
	AWARDS	lst	2n	ıd	3rd	4th	72 HOLE
1 SAM BYRD	\$6,700.00	66		67	69	72	274
2 CRAIG WOOD	3,325.00	70		66	73	72	281
3 SGT. E. J. HARRISON	1,350.00	73		69	68	73	283
4 BOB HAMILTON	1,000.00	68		73	73	73	287
5 HAROLD McSPADEN	800.00	70		70	73	75	288
6 BYRON NELSON	675.00	71		70	69	79	289
(7) BUD LEWIS	500.00	69		70	79	73	291
(7) FRED ANNON	500.00	71		72	73	75	291
(9) ED DUDLEY	362.50	73		72	72	75	2 92
(9) DICK RENAGHAN	362.50	75		72	72	73	292
(11) HENRY PICARD	266.66	76		73	75	69	293
(11) JOHN MOYER	266.67	71		72	72	78	293
(11) CLAUDE HARMON	266.67	73		73	72	75	293
(14) GENE SARAZEN	187.50	71		77	75	71	294
(14) TONY MANERO	187.50	75	٧	71	74	74	294
(16) WILLIE GOGGIN	125.00	72		74	73	76	295
(16) BRUCE COLTART	125.00	77		70	78	70	295
(16) JIMMIE HINES	125.00	73		70	74	78	295
(16) JOHNNY BULLA	125.00	71		74	73	77	295
(16) ED FURGOL	125.00	71		72	77	75	295
21 HENRY WILLIAMS, JR.	125.00	73		74	76	73	296
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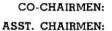
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Left to right-John P. Frazier-Edwin Lovatt-Edgar Noll and Joseph Cronin



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SUMMARY—1944-45 WINTER GOLF CIRCUIT TOURNAMENTS

TOURNAMENT	WINNER	RUNNER-UP	SCORE	FIRST PRIZE
Portland Open	Sam Snead	Mike Turnesa	289	\$2,675.00
San Francisco Open	Byron Nelson	Sgt. Jim Ferrier	281	2,666.70
Oakland (Cal.) Open	Sgt. Jim Ferrier	Ky Laffoon	277	1,000.00
D-Miami Open	Sgt. E. J. Harrison	Henry Picard	274	2,500.00
Richmond (Cal.) Open	Sam Snead	Charles Congden	278	1,600.00
Los Angeles Open	Sam Snead	Byron Nelson	283	2,666.00
Phoenix (Ariz.) Open	Byron Nelson	Denny Shute	274	1,333.00
Tucson (Ariz.) Open	Ray Mangrum	Byron Nelson	268	1,000.00
Texas Open	Sam Byrd	Byron Nelson	268	1,000.90
Corpus Christi Open	Byron Nelson	Jug McSpaden	264	1,000.00
New Orleans Open	A-Byron Nelson	Jug McSpaden	284	1,333.38
Gulfport Open	B-Sam Snead	Byron Nelson	275	1,333.33
Pensacola Open	Sam Snead	Byron Nelson	267	1,333.33
Jacksonville Open	Sam Snead	Bob Hamilton	266	1,333.33
Charlotte (N. C.) Open	c-Byron Nelson	Sam Snead	272	2,000.00
Greensboro (N. C.) Open	Byron Nelson	Sam Byrd	271	1,333.33
Durham (N. C.) Open	Byron Nelson	Toney Penna	276	1,333.33
Atlanta (Ga.) Open	Byron Nelson	Sam Byrd	263	2,000.00
		A. Nolson be	at McCnadon	70 65 in 18

Nelson beat McSpaden, 70-65 in 18hole playoff

Snead beat Nelson on 19th hole in

playoff, 71–4 to 71–5. Nelson beat Snead in 2 18–hole playoffs. At the end of first 18 holes, players were tied at 69. In second playoff Nelson shot 69, Snead 73.

Played same dates as Oakland Open, in which Nelson, Snead, Byrd and other top-ranking stars competed.

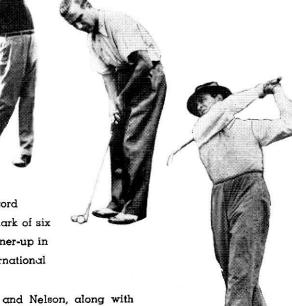




Redoubtable Byron Nelson established a new P. G. A. tournament record by capturing eight titles along the winter circuit, eclipsing the previous mark of six triumphs set in 1940 by Jimmy Demaret, now in the Navy. Byron was runner-up in five events and also teamed with Harold (Jug) McSpaden to take the international 4-Ball tourney in Miami.

Matching Demaret's record was Slammin' Sammy Snead — both he and Nelson, along with many other top-ranking stars, missed the Miami Open because they were then playing on the Pacific Coast in the Oakland Open.

The four winter tests which Byron and Sammy failed to annex were taken by a pair of Army sergeants—Jim Ferrier and E. J. (Dutch) Harrison; Sam Byrd, 1944 Philadelphia Inquirer Invitation Champion, and Ray Mangrum.



PHILADELPHIA:

GOLF

CAPITAL

Philadelphia, long in the forefront of the American golf scene, always has been the stamping grounds of prominent and colorful professionals; and the war, although effecting a sharp decline if not a complete cessation of activities elsewhere, has found the district money players carrying on with even greater determination.

Here was born and fostered the idea of providing golf facilities and equipment for wounded service men confined to Army or Navy hospitals, a movement that has become nation-wide, with its originator, Leo Diegel, of the Philmont Country Club, U. S. Chairman of the Professional Golfers Association Rehabilitation Program Fund. With all agencies co-operating—the Women's Golf Association, the Golf Association of Philadelphia, the Greenkeepers Association and the Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the Red Cross, in addition to the Philadelphia Section of the P. G. A.—the ancient game has received new impetus from activities designed to help heroes recover from the wounds of war.

The second annual edition of The Philadelphia Inquirer Invitation Tournament is part of that movement, for profits here are to go into the Philadelphia Section of the P. G. A. Rehabilitation Program Fund for the promotion and encouragement of golf in the area's five big medical bases—the Naval Hospital in South Philadelphia, the Naval Hospital Annex at Swarthmore, the Army's Valley Forge General at Phoenixville, the Tilton General at Fort Dix and the England General at Atlantic City.

With dozens of their fellow members in service, Philadelphia P. G. A. members jumped enthusiastically with Diegel into the move to bring golf to the hospitals. Marty Lyons, of Llanerch Country Club, presi-

dent of the Philadelphia P. G. A., was quick in realizing the need of such a program, quick in sensing the possibilities thereof; he organized committees to work at the different bases, named Langhorne's veteran, Al (Scotty)MacDonald, overall chairman and found willing assistants not only in members of the professional group, but also among the amateur and women players.



Harold (Jug) McSpaden

Ed Dudley

Henry Picard



Marty Lyons



Perhaps not a single pro in the Philadelphia sector now active has not given either of his time, money, equipment or energy in backing the program.

They have set an example for the rest of the country to follow, for Big Ed Dudley, the Atlantic City Country Club professional who is the national president of the P. G. A., has called on every district in his organization to adopt and conduct similar programs. The golfing world has responded with singular unanimity.

Diegel himself, of course, is one of the world's better-known players, a golfer cut from the pattern for which the Philadelphia district long has been famous. A great teacher of the orthodox style of play, Leo himself is one of the most unorthodox of players, with his crab-like stance and pendulum putting swing. Yet from 1919 until 1935, when he injured his right hand during the course of a friendly wrestling match, he ranked among the nation's top ten.

In 1928 at Baltimore's Five Farms, he dethroned the great Walter Hagen as P. G. A. champion, beating Al Espinosa in the final, and in 1929 at Los Angeles' Hillcrest Club he retained his championship, turning back former U. S. Open titlist Johnny Farrell in the wind-up. Four times Leo lifted the Canadian Open crown, in 1924-25-28-29; was a member of the 1927-29-31-33 Ryder Cup teams and on several occasions finished close up in the British Open.

But Leo was not the first champion known to the Philadelphia golf district, nor has he been the last. At the Chicago Golf Club away back in 1911, a year after he had been beaten by Alexis Smith in a three-way playoff at the Philadelphia Cricket Club, John J. McDermott won the National Open, and in 1911 at the Country Club of Buffalo he repeated. Moreover, the first national P. G. A. tournament ever held was won by a golfer from this area, Pine Valley's James M. Barnes.

Indeed, Barnes, who beat Jock Hutchison in that first P. G. A. final in 1916 at the Siwaney Country Club in Bronxville, N. Y., came back to win the next one also, this one held in 1919 at the Engineers' Country Club, Roslyn, L. I. Runner-up to Barnes was (Continued on page 15)



By ART MORROW Inquirer Feature Sports Writer



Leo Diegel

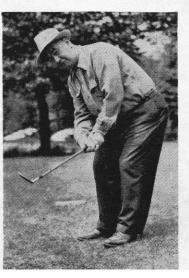
Sam Snead



Craig Wood



Al MacDonald



FIRST HOLE-Par (4) 400 Yards

On the left, a tree-bordered creek runs parallel the entire length of the fairway. With the natural slope of the ground in this direction, the best approach to the green is from the right side. A hooked tee shot will get the player into trouble. On the right, just off the fairway, about 225 yards from the tee, are several traps to catch a shot hit off line or faded. Three hundred yards out, the ground dips sharply to another creek, cutting directly across the fairway. The elevated green with the exception of the rear is entirely surrounded with traps.

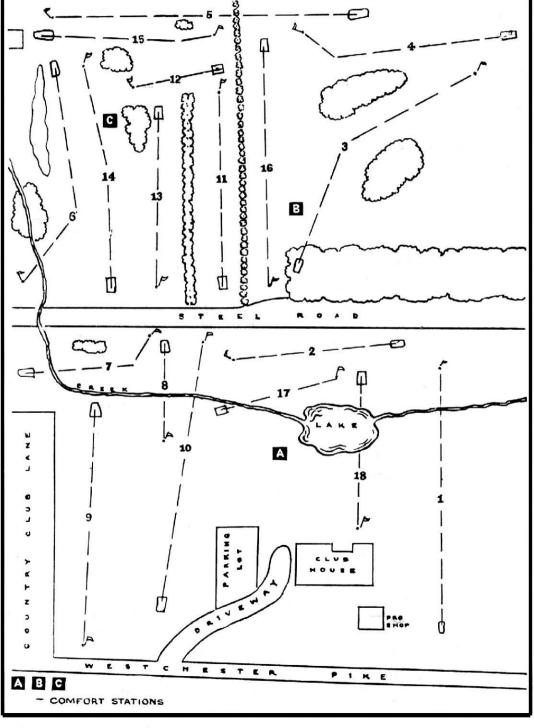
SECOND HOLE-Par (3) 215 Yards

Out of bounds on the right and a parallel creek on the left. The tee is elevated and it is down grade all the way to a trapbordered green. The ground slopes to the left and unless the tee shots hit the green the ball kicks left into one of the traps. Heavy rough and the roll of the ground calls for a well placed tee shot.

The elevated 2nd green is a very interesting spot from which to watch the play.

THIRD HOLE-Par (5) 540 Yards

Dog leg to the right with the tee nestling in the woods. Traps on the right side of the fairway 250 yards out with heavy rough and shrubbery discourages the player trying a short cut to the green. The best approach is from the left side of the fairway, as the green has a natural roll to the left and the ball played to the right side of the green will have the best results. Plenty of traps guard the green to catch any off line shot.



LLANERCH

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Llanerch Tournament Course

HOLE	YARDAGE	PAR
1	400	4
2	215	3
3	540	
4	370	4
5	395	4
6	440	4
7	270	4
8	135	3
9	455	4
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Out	3220	35
10	445	4
11	445	4
12	165	3
13	320	4
14	445	4
15	360	4
16	495	5
17	165	3
18	310	4
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ln	3150	35
Takal	6370	70
TOTAL		

FOURTH HOLE-Par (4) 370 Yards

Slight dog leg to the right and the only open shot to the green is from the left side of the fairway. On the right side of the fairway starting 200 yards out a nest of traps extend right to the green. A hooked tee shot will find more traps and pines on the left side of this fairway, while back of the green are more trees that will cause a lot of trouble if the approach is too strong. This hole calls for accuracy and well placed tee shots.

FIFTH HOLE-Par (4) 395 Yards

Straight away with out of bounds on the right from tee to green. Here again you find the left side of the fairway lined with a row of traps extending to the green. About 300 yards out on each side of the fairway stands a tall tree guarding the approach. Unless the tee shot is well placed these trees will become a hazard. The green is small, surrounded by traps with a very narrow opening. Twenty yards back of the green is out of bounds.

SIXTH HOLE-Par (4) 440 Yards

The woods extend to the left, 300 yards from the tee, making this hole a dog leg to the right, as the green is back of these trees close to the boundary line. A creek guards the entrance to the green. The tee shot should be placed to the left of the fairway for the best approach. A faded tee shot will cause considerable trouble. The player will find his ball in deep rough with an approach that will require the ball rising very fast to clear the trees to carry to the green 150 yards away.

COUNTRY CLUB, MANOA, PA.

SEVENTH HOLE-Par (4) 270 Yards

Elevated tee with a creek 75 yards out that winds thru the woods bordering the right side of the fairway. Trees and rough line the left of fairway with Steel Road just beyond. Fifty yards from the green tall trees extend to the fairway; some of the long hitters will try to carry over these trees and get on with their tee shots. A deep trap guards the green on this side as well as to the right.

EIGHTH HOLE-Par (3) 135 Yards

Rough from tee to green with a creek fifty yards out. The distance is deceiving, with a two level green entirely surrounded by traps—this is a tricky hole.

One of the most advantageous positions on the whole course to see the matches is just off Steel Road at the 8th tee. The 9th tee is 75 yards to the right.

NINTH HOLE-Par (4) 455 Yards

Tee close to the creek with a sharp uphill to the fairway. Out of bounds on the right entire length of the fairway, tee to green. This hole requires two long shots and the approach must be accurate. Entrance to the Club property to the left of the green. A hedge runs around two sides of the carpet and marks the boundary. This green, like all others at Llanerch, is well trapped.

TENTH HOLE-Par (4) 445 Yards

Trapped on each side of the fairway 250 yards out, requires an accurate tee shot. The fairway slopes sharply down hill, 300 yards from the tee, to a creek running across the full width of the fairway. The green is slightly elevated, traps to the right and left, with the boundary thirty yards to the rear.

ELEVENTH HOLE—Par (4) 445 Yards

Straight away with a row of trees running down both the left and right side of the fairway from tee to green. Traps are located on each side of the green and fairway that will catch an off line tee and approach shot. The green is flat with plenty of rolls.

TWELFTH HOLE-Par (3) 165 Yards

Green entirely surrounded by trees and traps, with all kind of rolls and a natural slope to the right. This hole will prove a test of putting skill and is best played with a fading hooked tee shot.

THIRTEENTH Hole—Par (4) 320 Yds.

Rolling fairway with large trap on right side well out that will probably catch many tee shots. The hole is best played with the drive to the left side of fairway which slopes slightly down hill to the green from a point about 275 yards out from the tee. Small green, right and left traps, while back of the green the ground drops sharply to the rough 15 ft. below. Trees both sides of fairway.

FOURTEENTH Hole—Par (4) 445 Yds.

Traps on left and right side of rolling fairway, slight dog leg to left thru narrow opening in the trees to an elevated green very well trapped. Drive must be far out and well placed, otherwise approach must be played over the trees with the ball rising very rapidly. Trees and evergreens line the right side of the fairway from tee to green. Out of bounds to the left of the green thirty yards away.

FIFTEENTH Hole-Par (4) 360 Yds.

Slight dog leg to the left, small green with usual sand traps and narrow opening. Right side of fairway trees and shrubbery, while the left side has a row of traps 200 yards out that runs right to the green. Tee shot should be to the right side of the fairway for the best approach.

The 16th tee, the 4th green, the 12th tee and the 11th green are close to the 15th green.

SIXTEENTH Hole-Par (5) 495 Yds.

Rolling fairway with row of trees on right side from tee to green. Left side of fairway lined with evergreens and shrubs. The green is located right by the edge of the woods, and the fairway narrows 150 yds. from the green, calling for a very accurate approach. Any hooked second shot and the ball is in the woods and plenty of trouble for the player. The ground drops sharply at the back of the green to heavy rough ten feet below.

SEVENTEENTH Hole—Par (3) 165 Yds

Island elevated green two-thirds surrounded by sand traps, with a parallel creek on the right side ending in a Lake to the right of the green. Row of trees at back of the green, means the player must be on with his tee shot or in trouble.

> Very close to the 17th green are the 18th tee, the 2nd tee, the 1st green and the Lake which bisects the 18th hole.

EIGHTEENTH Hole—Par (4) 310 Yds.

Elevated green straight away across the Lake. Parallel creek on left side of tree lined creek will penalize all hook tee shots. Trees in right side of fairway call for accurate placing of the drive. Plenty of sand traps around the tricky rolling green makes an interesting hole.

Llanerch is so laid out that from almost any spot at least two holes of play can be seen with very little moving about.

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TOURNEY	DATE	PLACE	STROKES BEHIND WINNER	SCOR	E SCORE vs		WAR BOND PRIZES
PORTLAND	NOV. 23-26	4th (TIE)	777777	296			\$1025.00
SAN FRANCISCO	DEC. 1-4	lst		281	ommo		2666.70
OAKLAND	DEC. 7-10	6th (TIE)	<i>ተተተተተ</i>	283	The state of the s	3	380.00
RICHMOND	DEC. 15-17	3rd (TIE)	11	280	de d		667.33
LOS ANGELES	JAN. 5-8	2nd (TIE)	*	284	EVI	EN .	1600.00
PHOENIX	JAN. 11-14	lst		274	00000		1333.33
TUCSON	JAN. 18-21	2nd	*	269	dimmin		933.00
TEXAS OPEN	JAN. 26-28	2nd	*	269.	15		933.00
CORPUS CHRISTI	FEB. 1-4	lst		264	dimminimini di		1000.00
NEW ORLEANS	FEB. 9-11	lst *Tied Jeg McS	* paden; won in playoff, 65-70.	284	âmo		1333.33
GULFPORT	FEB. 16-18	2nd	* ad; lost playoff, 75-76—19 holes.	275	ommo,		933.33
PENSACOLA	FEB. 23-25	2nd	*****	274	damman o		933.33
JACKSONVILLE	MAR. 1-4	6th (TIE)	****	275	13		380.00
CHARLOTTE	MAR. 16-19	lst	* won playoff, 69-69-138 to 69-73-	272	12		2000.00
GREENSBORO	MAR. 22-25	lst	won prayan, 02-07-100 to 07-10	271	13		1333.33
DURHAM	MAR. 30 APR. 1	lst		276	duo.		1333.33
ATLANTA	APR. 6-8	lst		263	13		2000.00

THERE ARE NO "GOLF WIDOWS"





By DORA LURIE Inquirer Feature Sports Writer

Add to the list of the things extinct: the golf widow. She may survive in the comic strips, but certainly she has no counterpart among the better halves of the professional golfers. By the time the war cut travel, these wives were touring the circuit with their husbands, knowingly checking the course of play. Left at home during the war, these wives still followed the ebb and flow of their husbands' link fortunes.

Smartly dressed and attractive, these golfing wives naturally follow varying routines. This or that husband may be nervous if his wife is in the gallery. If so, she sits and sometimes knits (and more often fidgets) on the clubhouse veranda, meanwhile keeping an eye on the score-board and an ear cocked for the loudspeaker bulletins of the progress of key groups. In either case, these wives share a common lot—tension, victory, defeat, elation,

disappointment. Just as the professionals are keen but friendly rivals on the course, so their wives are friends. There is no petty jealousy. The winner's wife knows he won that day because he had his game crested, his shots behaving; another knows her husband's game went sour. Each wife knows that tomorrow may bring a complete reversal. So they share the days of tournament tension, discussing, as often as not, children's diets, clothes, and what have you.

Even where a wife has not received the score by the time her husband comes off the course, she can sometimes read it in his face. Moreover, she can tell the morning of a match, reading the well-known signs of nervous tension, or the proper mental attitude.

"Why, my wife knows before I leave the house—she can tell whether I'm going to have a good day, an average day or a bad one," says Clarence Ehresman, Ashbourne Country Club, with pardonable pride, and with a viewpoint typical of the Philadelphia professionals.

Of course, there are exceptions.

"Bud is always so relaxed that I never really know—I just have hunches," admits Mrs. Joseph Lewis, whose husband, now in the Army at Fort Knox, Ky., was at the Manufacturers' Golf and Country Club before he joined up.

Incidentally, Mrs. Ehresman is Ashbourne ladies' champion and Mrs. Lewis also plays that game. Need I say that each was taught by her husband?

Well, just what is the everyday life of a golf professional's wife? Suppose we look in at the lovely home of the Jug McSpadens in Merion. We journeyed out there recently to interview the "head of the house." Everything about the house indicated that Jug has done well by his family and by golf in his spectacular rise.

On the big mantelpiece, a shiny silver trophy, about eight inches high, attracted the eye. It was the only golf object within our view. It must, we concluded, be Jug's—occupying this conspicuous spot—and probably the first he ever won on his way to fame and fortune. But Mrs. McSpaden dispelled that thought by claiming it as her own for finishing runner-up in the Kansas City (Kansas) women's tournament in 1933. That was her first and last venture in tournament golf, occurring two years after her marriage to Jug, who taught her how to play.

The only sign of Jug's golfing prowess in that house is in the corner of the room, where a trophy, not much bigger than the one on the mantelpiece, rests on a book shelf with a plaque full of medals above it. That is Jug's prized trophy for winning the Canadian Open in 1939.

All Jug's many big trophies are stored in the cellar because, Mrs. McSpaden says, "I'd be spending half my life just polishing it, if I kept the silverware in the living room."

As for Jug, he gets a tremendous kick out of showing awed guests the tiny trophy won by his wife, and it has become sort of a symbol of 14 years of wedded bliss. They have two sons, Jay, 6, and Edward, 3. (Continued on next page)



Mrs. W. B. (Duff) McCullaugh, Jr.

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In company with her close friend, Mrs. Byron Nelson, whose husband has topped the money winners for the past two years, Mrs. McSpaden finds knitting and haunting antique shops for china pet diversions during tournaments. These two golfing wives seldom follow their husbands' matches but knit socks like mad on clubhouse verandas while their hubbies are out battling Old Man Par and each other for the "pot of gold."

Mrs. McSpaden, a pretty brunette with the friendliest of smiles, spiked the rumor that she and Mrs. Nelson are sisters and that, therefore, their husbands were brothers-in-law and a mite too friendly for rivalry.

"I was Eva Smith, of Kansas City, and Mrs. Nelson was Louise Shoffnor, of Texarkana, Texas, before our marriages. Jug and I met when we were students at Rosedale High School and Mrs. Nelson met Byron at a church service when he was a professional at Fort Worth in 1934," explained Mrs. McSpaden in an attempt to unravel the "relationship" yarn making the rounds.

Mrs. McSpaden produced a picture of herself taken about five years ago and it bore a striking resemblance to Mrs. Nelson. "We looked alike and I guess that's what made people think we were sisters," pointed out Mrs. McSpaden.

Byron and Jug prefer their wives to stay away from their matches, but like to have them along wherever they go. McSpaden feels nervous when his spouse is in the gallery, but allows her to follow one, maybe two matches a season. So she knitted "faster" as news was brought to the clubhouse porch that Jug had just sunk a forty-foot putt to tie Ben Hogan in the Victory



Open in Chicago last year. McSpaden won the playoff.

Mrs. Nelson, married eleven years, tried to play golf once and that was the extent of her endeavors. She and Mrs. McSpaden include Irene Laffoon, wife of Ky, in their intimate circle, but are naturally sociable with all pro golfers' wives.

Another close threesome is that of Mrs. Craig Wood, Mrs. Ed Dudley and Mrs. Leo Diegel, who never miss a match in which their husbands are entered.

There is, however, a sterling golfer among the wives. She is Mrs. Sam Byrd, wife of the 1944 Inquirer tournament champion. Better known as Rae Byrd to Philadelphians, she played on the Whitemarsh Valley Country Club women's team and in tournaments here when Sam was a professional at the Merion Golf Club and, prior to that, assistant at the Philadelphia Country Club.

A former Southern belle, Mrs. Byrd took lessons from her husband and won many honors in Philadelphia tournaments during their stay here. She threw scares into such stars as Dorothy Germain, Western amateur women's champion, and Helen Sigel, Philadelphia title-holder, both in medal and match play.

To Mrs. Marty Lyons, wife of the Llanerch Country Club professional, falls the pleasant duty of being official hostess to all the visiting ladies. "If there is anything I can do or in any way make their visit here pleasant and one long to be remembered, I shall be only too happy to be of service to them."

And to cite a typical example of the links link as it exists in amateur golf, there is Mrs. W. B. (Duff) McCullough, Jr., the former Ruth Bowden. She had the thrill of seeing Duff rise to the national amateur runner-up rating just before the war.

And now that I have made my point that there are no golf widows, may I submit that there need be no golf widowers. Edwin H. Vare, Jr., whose popular wife, the former Glenna Collett, Philadelphia Country Club, was seven times women's national champion, is always in her gallery, and from his own knowledge of the game, studies her every stroke.

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Fred McLeod, who later—in 1921—was to finish in a tie with Hagen for second place in the U. S. Open at the Columbia Country Club, Chevy Chase, Md. The winner, in case you've forgotten—or never knew—was Barnes.

Thus Barnes stands in golf history as one of only six who have won both the U. S. Open and the National P. G. A. championships. The others: Hagen, Gene Sarazen, Tommy Armour, Olin Dutra and Byron Nelson.

In more than a sense, the current sensation, Nelson, might be claimed by the Philadelphia P. G. A., too, for it was while serving as pro at the Reading Country Club that the applecheeked Texan first really came into his own. He beat Sammy Snead for the P. G. A. title at Hershey in 1940, a year after he had gained the Open crown by defeating Craig Wood and Denny Shute in a double playoff at the Philadelphia Country Club's Spring Mill course.

Although now a resident of Cleveland, Shute, too, belongs to the long list of prominent professionals who have come into their own while serving in Philadelphia. British Open champ in 1933, the former Llanerch Country Club pro in 1936 won the P. G. A. title from long-driving Jimmy Thomson, just out of the Navy, and in 1937 at the Pittsburgh Field Club Shute repeated at the expense of Harold (Jug) McSpaden.

But successful as he was at Spring Mill against Wood and Shute in '39, Nelson's path that year was not altogether strewn with roses. Or, at least, the roses had plenty of thorns in the P. G. A. tournament at the Pomonok Country Club in Flushing, L. I. Here Nelson found the course unusually easy up to the final, and even there victory seemed his as early as the 34th hole, for Henry Picard, the 1937 Argentine Open king, was in a trap.

Picard, however, blasted out, canned a 25-foot putt to halve the hole and remain only $1\,$

down. Again he halved the 35th, then two tremendous tee shots, two dead-eye putts carried him to birdies on the 36th and 37th—and triumph in the match. The 1939 professional champion, formerly at Hershey, now is at the Harrisburg Country Club, another standout belonging to the Philadelphia Section of the P. G. A.

McSpaden, beaten by Shute on the 37th hole of the 1937 P. G. A. final, never has won clear title to a U. S. championship, but in 1943 he gained quasi-recognition by winning virtually every tournament in sight except Chicago's Victory Open, then beating the winner of that affair, Sam Byrd, in a special match. Byrd, known in baseball as Babe Ruth's understudy with the New York Yankees, won the first annual Invitation Tournament sponsored by The Philadelphia Inquirer Charities, Inc., staged in 1944 at the Torresdale-Frankford Country Club. Byrd, who got his golf start at Merion, now is at Detroit's Plum Hollow Country Club.

The sharpshooting McSpaden with his heavy "equalizer," a veritable bludgeon of a 14-ounce weighted putter, nevertheless has had his share of official titles, for he has won Open championships in Canada, Hawaii, Australia and the Philippines.

"Never have I derived greater satisfaction from any victory than from that I enjoyed in Manila," relates the man who has won more than half a hundred tournaments in his day. "It was 1940, and there were at least 10 Japanese entered in the tournament, including Tom Miyamoto, the favorite. They were swaggering around as though everyone else were dirt under their feet, as though they not only owned the Filipino Open but the whole Philippines.

"I traveled from Honolulu by airplane and in disembarking hurt my knee. Emory Zimmerman, the Oregon pro, also was there, but he was not in the best of condition, either, because he'd just spent 25 days aboard ship. Much as we hated the prospect, it looked as though the Japs might win. With 10 holes to go, we were far behind, and it was raining.

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"Then, suddenly, we noticed a peculiar thing—peculiar, that is, in golf. Every time a Jap made a shot, the Filipinos and Americans comprising the gallery would groan. Every time a Jap missed, they cheered. Meantime, the rain, making the ball slippery, was throwing the Japs off form, but we went plugging along. It ended with everybody happy except the Japs. I won by seven strokes, and Zimmerman took second."

Just about a year later came Pearl Harbor, and again the Japs forged a big lead in the Philippines. But once again, Jug points out, it has rained on the Japs in Manila, and with General MacArthur wielding the mashie-niblick this time, the Nipponese are losing by a lot more than seven strokes.

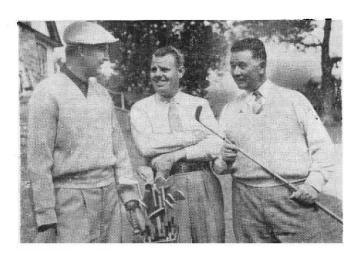
McSpaden alone in the Philadelphia district has won the Philippines Open, but others share with him and Diegel the distinction of having held the Canadian crown—e. g., Huntingdon Valley Country Club's trick shot artist, Joe Kirkwood, who also has taken titles in Australia and New Zealand, and Gene Kunes, formerly of Cedarbrook and Holmesburg, now of the Homestead Country Club in Spring Lake, N. J.

Like Kunes, McSpaden recently has come into a new job. Following the example of his sidekick, Nelson, who quit Toledo's Inverness Club to accept a post with an umbrella manufacturing concern, McSpaden resigned his position at the Philadelphia Country Club last fall to accept an assignment as field representative for the Goodall Palm Beach Company.

Philadelphia golfers need not feel too greatly concerned for the future of their own individual game, however, for there still remain hundreds of pros who combine teaching with competition, men like Springhaven's Ted Bickel, Seaview's Bruce Coltart, a marvelous if erratic putter who might beat anyone on a good day; Llanerch's Lyons brothers, Marty and Tony;

Tully-Secane's Floyd March, onetime Penn State College football and baseball letter-winner; Tavistock's Dick Renaghan, who collaborated with Atlantic City amateurs Glenn Robertson, Fred Scholler and Sonny Fraser in a series of matches that raised over \$10,000 for the Red Cross last summer; Ashbourne's Clarence Ehresman, current Philadelphia P. G. A. and former Open titlist; Green Valley's veteran George Griffin, a nationally known star back in McDermott's heyday; Melrose's Charley Hoffner, a member of the first U.S. team that met England in a forerunner of the Ryder Cup matches; Atlantic City's George Smith, who has played in seven U.S. Opens, four National P.G. A. tournaments; Cedarbrook's Joe Seka, Jr.; Whitemarsh's Morrie Talman; Merchantville's Ben Besselink; Jeffersonville's Joe Zarhardt, 1938 district P. G. A. winner and . . .

But the list is inexhaustible, and when World War II is over, the rollcall will be even longer, for then will return such pros in service as Cooper River's Charley Arena, Berwick's Elwood Eley, Melrose's John T. Browne, Old York Road's Bob Campbell, son of the seasoned Jack; Rolling Green's Hugh Crawford, Wolf Hollow's Dick Famlin, Riverside's Charley Hart, Hanover's Gene Heaney, Hershey's Ben Hogan, 1940's leading money-winner; Hershey's Ray Hill, Philadelphia Cricket Club's Fred Johnson, Philmont's Matt Kowal, Manufacturers' Bud Lewis and his brother John, Sandy Run's Jock Mackenzie, Spring Hill's Paul and Tony Midiri, Merchantville's Stan Pakorsky, Merion's George D. Sayers, Grandview's Mal Taylor.



From left-Ed Dudley, Bruce Coltart, Al MacDonald



