



AROUND THE 19TH HOLE



AT THE annual meeting of the United States Golf Association, held at the Waldorf Astoria, New York, on January 24th, the Nominating Committee named the same officers to succeed themselves as follows: President, Frederick S. Wheeler, Apawamis; vice-presidents, Dr. Walter S. Harban, Columbia, and Sterling E. Edmunds, St. Louis; secretary, Howard F. Whitney, Nassau; treasurer, Mortimer N. Buckner, Garden City. The Executive Committee includes the above, and Frank E. Miller, Chicago; J. F. Byers, Pittsburg; Asa P. French, Boston, and W. P. Stewart, New Orleans.

The vote was in favor of the resumption of the three regular championships, and it was decided that they be held on the courses scheduled for the 1917 events. The Amateur will

be played at the Oakmont Country Club, near Pittsburg; the Open at the Brae Burn Country Club, West Newton, Mass., and the Women's at the Shawnee Country Club, Shawnee, Pa. The dates will be decided upon later. President Frederick S. Wheeler made a suggestion that a Junior championship be held to encourage the boys and the Executive Committee was instructed to look into the matter and devise means as quickly as possible for holding this tournament.

Due to the war, correspondence with St. Andrews was impossible, and now that peace is in sight the U. S. G. A. proposes to again establish communication with that body.

A plea was made by Robert W. Lesley of Philadelphia, that the clubs employ as far as possible the wounded soldiers as caddie masters, caddies, or any other capacity practicable.

During last year the Association made a gain of eleven clubs, fourteen having joined and three being lost. They now have a membership of 458 clubs, 145 active and 313 allied.

The following seven clubs were

elected to active membership: The Oak Ridge G. C., Tuckahoe, N. Y.; Gulph Mills G. C., Gulph Mills Pa.; West Okoboji G. C., Milford, Ia.; Quaker Ridge G. C., Mamaroneck, N. Y.; St. Albans G. and C. C., St. Albans, L. I.; Broadmoor G. C., Colorado Springs, and Green Meadow C. C., Harrison, N. Y.

The following seven clubs were placed on the allied list: York C. C., York, Pa.; Philadelphia, G. C., Philadelphia; St. Clair C. C., Pittsburg; Shuttle Meadow G. C., Inc., New Britain, Conn.; Wolferts Roost, Albany; Mount Vernon C. C., Mount Vernon, and Essex Fells C. C., Essex Fells, N. J.

The Castle Shannon (Pa.) Golf Club and the Kenilworth Country Club of Newell, W. Va., allied clubs, disbanded, while the Harrisburg Golf Club, Harrisburg, Pa., an active club, resigned.

The Association raised \$124,822.86 for the benefit of the American Red Cross during last year.

The treasurer reported that there was a balance of \$19,694.05, the total receipts for the year being \$7,984.98 and the disbursements \$4,136.64.

No eligibility list for the amateur championships was compiled in 1918. The same system will be used for the coming events as employed in 1916 and 1917. The names will be recommended by the larger sectional associations, naming U. S. G. A. players who in the opinion of the association are qualified to play in the amateur championship.

It was also reported that practically

every camp requesting golf materials for the soldiers was provided through the generosity of the golf clubs.

GEORGE STRATH, professional to the Crescent Athletic Club, is dead, at the age of 76 years. . . . the oldest golf pro. in the country. He was born at St. Andrews, the home for many generations of the noted Strath family of professional golfers. He came to the U. S. over twenty years ago and during the interim was connected with the Dyker Meadow Golf Club, the Oakland Golf Club and the Crescent Athletic Club.

During his incumbency at Oakland we recall a round he played with a member, Will L—, a man who had a natural aptitude for base-ball, bowling and the like and who soon achieved some proficiency at golf, despite the fact that his style was in utter violation of all recognized principles—but he "got there," somehow.

At the 9th hole he had Strath four down. Rather cocky at all times there was no diminution of elation when he asked Strath at this stage if he would tell him what he was doing wrong. "Why, mon," came the unexpected retort, "you're nae doin' a dom'd thing right." And from that point on L's game went utterly to pieces.

Strath's short game was exceptionally good. His approaches, played decidedly off the right leg and in a way strongly reminiscent of "Old Tom" Morris, over and over again left him with little putting to do.

He formed a link with the older generation of golfers and will be sadly missed by his many friends.

