

# EASTERN DEPARTMENT

By "HAZARD"



MR. A. JAMIESON of Lawrenceville, New Jersey, admits that for the better part of ten years he has been eligible for the Seniors' tournament. Not long since he prepared the fol-

lowing code of rules, cleverly arranged in rhyme.

**FORE!**

*A match of four, or three or two,  
Has equal rights. But if in view  
The hole ahead is clear, why then  
One steps aside for faster men.*

**ASK CONSENT**

*Lift and replace a doubted ball;  
Be sure opponent sees it all.*

**DROP BACK**

*Should ball in water hazard be  
You lose one stroke as penalty.*

**"SWEAR NOT AT ALL."**

*Your drive is out of bounds. You're sore,  
But tee another, play one more.  
When out of bounds elsewhere the cost?  
Drop, play and call it distance lost.*

**CONCEDE NOTHING**

*Putts must be holed in medal play  
Or else your card is thrown away.*

**BIGGEST PENALTY**

*A ball's unplayable? Then you  
Tee straight behind, but losing two.*

**TEE, DON'T DROP**

*Lost ball, lost hole, in match. But stay!  
In medal, tee, lose one and play.*

**MEDAL, OF COURSE**

*Opponents ball on putting green  
By yours is hit. Lose one stroke clean.*

**HUNT FIVE MINUTES—NO MORE**

*You lose your ball and hunt for it?  
Next match goes through. Just wait a bit.*

**SH-H-H-H-H**

*A golfer, driving with a vim,  
Sends up a prayer. Don't rattle him  
By walk or talk, by laugh or worse,  
For fear his prayer becomes a curse.*

**COUNT THE COST**

*Replace your divots cut in hunks:  
These links cost many thousand plunks.*

**STEP ASIDE, PLEASE**

*Stand not in line of putt and hole,  
Or curses dire will sear your soul.*

**REMEMBER THOSE BEHIND**

*A sillier sight is seldom seen  
Than scoring strokes while on the green.*

**"LET US HAVE PEACE"**

*If you should play while those before  
Are still in range, prepare for war.*

**AT-A-BOY**

*Smooth o'er your footprints in the traps  
And win the thanks of other chaps.*

**KEEP 'EM OUT**

*In traps your caddy must not go.  
For reasons ask the nearest Pro.*

**NAUGHTY, NAUGHTY**

*If balls from caddies you should bay,  
You teach the boys to steal and lie.*

ONE OF THE best known Philadelphians, prominent in golf circles and other branches of sport is Mr. J. E. Soule. On December 20th, the Quaker city lost this distinguished gentleman.

This rather sinister announcement is likely to shock his many friends who may read these lines so let me hasten to explain. On that day, Mr.

Soule was seventy-four years of age and he decided it was high time for him to make a journey which he had long in mind. Now he is in the Canadian Rockies on a hunting expedition, which is likely to occupy several months, and later he goes into Alaska and the far north.

Mr. Soule has golfed in many parts of the world. Standing six feet two inches, he is as fine a specimen of physical man as one might meet anywhere. At the age of twenty-four he took to athletics and proved himself a fine amateur boxer. He did not give up this pastime until ten years ago, and even then he ceased participating in the exercise and continues as a keen spectator whenever bouts are worth while.

His reputation as a trap-shot is world-wide. Certainly he is one of the best marksmen in America and his achievements are a matter of record. Among his many trophies is the Bogardus medal for the open championship of North America. His reputation as a billiardist is almost as great.

Despite his age, Mr. Soule is as sturdy as an oak and a dangerous opponent at golf. For years his has been a familiar face at tournaments. He is typical of the rugged old gentleman who has lived a man's-sized life, clean and fine in all things.

SOME YEARS AGO there was a modest little chap around Philadelphia who gave promise of developing into a fine golfer. His name was Horace Webster. He played considerably at Belfield and at Huntingdon Valley. In several invitation tournaments he made a fine showing but his game lacked power because of his undeveloped physique.

Not long ago he visited Philadelphia and his old friends were surprised to hear that several years ago he took up golf professionally. Before America's participation in the war, Webster was professional at the Ogden Golf and Country Club, in Utah. He went to Detroit and for the past year he was in the Aviation department.

He has developed into a sturdy man and it is said that his game is excellent. After some weeks about his old home he returned to the west to pursue his vocation.

AFTER THE MEETING of the United States Golf Association, where the delegates voted unanimously to hold the next National Women's Championship over the course of the Shawnee Country Club, the Women's Golf Association of Philadelphia held its annual meeting. This was followed by a most astonishing announcement to the effect that Philadelphia women would rather have the classic event in Philadelphia than journey a hundred miles to Shawnee. The reason given was that a larger gallery would follow the matches in Philadelphia than would do so in the little Pennsylvania town.

It cannot be said that the scheme of the Philadelphia ladies made a favorable impression outside their meeting. Golfers generally could see no reason why the possible size of a gallery should be considered when the selection of a championship course for a championship of national importance was the vital thing. In fact the undoubtedly impulsive suggestion of the ladies made a distinctly bad impression. Certainly it is highly desirable for any community to know the honor of staging a national championship.

The possible reward for developing a championship course and tuning it up for the event is always in the minds of the club officials who have the work of construction and development in charge. And when at last the honor is conferred it certainly is not pleasant to have your nearest neighbors attempt to take that honor away. It rather suggests brigandage. The reference to the possible size of a Shawnee gallery is rather flimsy. There have been occasions at Shawnee, when noted players were participating in the tournaments, when the galleries were large and of unusual distinction. If the calibre of the play is worthy a gallery will be in evidence anywhere.

I recall the huge gallery which turned out at Shawnee to witness the play of the Open, when Harry Vardon and Ted Ray participated. They came from New York and Philadelphia and from the many nearby Pennsylvania cities. Easton, Bethlehem, Wilkes Barre, Hazelton, Scranton and many other cities were well represented. It is a good thing to stimulate golf in sections like this. Possibly the Philadelphia ladies neglected to think of this. What better course than Shawnee might the W. G. A. of Pa. have to suggest?

There will be no change in the U. S. G. A. award.

AT THE MEETING of the Women's Golf Association of Philadelphia, held late in January at the Bellevue-Stratford no dates were made and no tournaments were assigned. The making of the schedule will be deferred until the women's national championship, the women's eastern championship and the Griscom Cup matches have been awarded.

Miss H. Ethel Maule, of the Merion Cricket Club, retiring secretary, was elected president to succeed Mrs. William S. Hilles, who also retired. The other new officials follow: Vice-president, Mrs. Stephen Fuguet, St. David's Golf Club; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. W. W. Justice, Jr., Philadelphia Cricket Club. The following members, with the above, constitute the executive committee: Mrs. Caleb F. Fox, Huntingdon Valley Country Club; Mrs. William S. Hilles, Wilmington Country Club; Miss Florence McNeely, Philadelphia Country Club, and Mrs. Edward W. Worth, Springhaven Country Club.

The following clubs were represented by delegates: Philadelphia Cricket, Philadelphia Country, Merion Cricket, Huntingdon Valley, Whitmarsh, West Chester, St. David's, Woodbury, Riverton, Wilmington, Springhaven, Aronimink, Philmont and Old York Road.

A resolution expressive of the appreciation of the Association of the work done by Mrs. Hilles and Miss Maule was unanimously passed.

At the request of the Springhaven Country Club, the Ida E. Dixon Cup tournament was awarded to that club in perpetuity. Mrs. Dixon, a former president of the association, was a member of that club.

During the year the women golfers gave \$148 to the Red Cross, raised at two tournaments.

In the Philadelphia Cup matches the Old York Road team will take the place of St. David's, and in the Suburban League North Hills will supplant Merchantville.

Miss Maule read the report of the executive committee. The championship was won by Miss Mildred Caver-

ly, of the Philadelphia Cricket Club, who defeated Mrs. Ronald H. Barlow, of the Merion Cricket Club, in the final. The gold medal for low score went to Mrs. Barlow after a tie with Miss Caverly. The Ida E. Dixon Cup was won by Mrs. E. H. Vare, and the Belle Steelman Bumm Cup was won by Mrs. Barlow, who also won the low gross-score medal.

The delegates voted to contribute \$100 to the Cornish Memorial Fund for the education of the ten-year-old son of the deceased.

The team matches will begin Tuesday, April 29, seven women constituting the teams in the Philadelphia Cup series and five those in the Suburban and Wallingford Cup series.

ANOTHER GATHERING of the Ozone golfers was held at The Country Club of Atlantic City on February 17th. The play was medal with handicaps and the winner proved to be Mr. Arthur Thomas of Haverford.

GOLF HAS a strong hold at The Hill School at Pottstown, Pa. This "Prep" school realized several years ago that a golf course was a very necessary thing and promptly one was improved and developed. It is one of the most popular features among the students. It would be a mighty good proposition if more institutions followed Hill School's example, good for them and for the game, too.

MR. A. W. TILLINGHAST, who for many years contributed the golf column in each Sunday's edition of "The Philadelphia Record", has resigned from that publication's staff. His activities as a golf course architect pre-

vented him from writing so much as of old.

IT WAS only recently learned that Will Hutchison, brother of "Jock", put in three years with the British army in the trenches. Hutchison is a sturdy player, although erratic. He held several positions with Philadelphia clubs, notably at Huntingdon Valley.

THE SUBURBAN LEAGUE of Golf Clubs, consisting of sixteen organizations, recently met for the purpose of arranging a schedule of team matches which will begin in May. The West Chester Country Club has withdrawn and possibly teams from St. David's or Springhaven will take its place. Last year the team championship of the first division was won by Woodbury. However, it is asserted that next season Bala will offer stiff opposition.

Among the larger organizations, team matches lost their popularity several years since, but the Suburbanites are very keen for them.

FOR SEVERAL YEARS no ratings have been prepared by the Handicap Committee of the Golf Association of Philadelphia, but probably this year will see another list. Mr. Francis B. Warner, treasurer and secretary of the association and chairman of the committee has kept a very methodical system of records. Despite this there possibly will be more details now, and more vexations, too, for the returns from the various clubs must be more inaccurate than usual, owing to the war. Many men have been away and a line on their play will be hard to determine.