

Did You Know?

That Charles Blair MacDonald, the first American Amateur champion, the first player to represent America on the Rules Committee of the Royal and Ancient, and America's greatest authority on both the game and the course, is busily engaged in completing a work on Golf Reminiscences that will be the first real and authoritative history of golf from its introduction in this country to the present time. The work should prove the most important contribution to American golf history to date, and a great advance demand should follow the publisher's announcement of the work.

The Walker Cup International Matches for 1928 will be held August 30 and 31 at the Chicago Golf Club, Wheaton, Ill. The National Amateur championship at the Brae Burn Country Club, West Newton, Mass., September 10 to 15. The National Open at Olympia Fields, Chicago, June 21, 22 and 23. The district qualifying rounds on June 11. The Public Links championship, July 31 to August 5, at Cobb's Creek Course, Philadelphia. The Women's National championship will be played at Hot Springs, Virginia, September 24 to 29.

The National Amateur championship for 1929 will be held at the Pebble Beach course at Del Monte, California, during the month of September.

P. C. Pulver, dean of golf writers, was suddenly stricken with appendicitis upon his arrival at Dallas, Texas, to write the story of the P.G.A. tournament for Golf Illustrated and the Professional Golfers Magazine, of which he is editor. Mr. Pulver is recovering from the operation at Saint Paul's Hospital, Dallas.

It is not at all improbable that cables from Scotland may soon announce the appointment of J. Frederic Byers as successor of the late Howard F. Whitney as a member of the Royal and Ancient Rules of Golf Committee. If this proves the case, and it likely will, it may bring to mind the fact that Mr. Byers succeeded Mr. Whitney as president of the U.S.G.A. in 1922.

The illness of Mr. Pfeil has caused some speculation as to who would be in line for the presidency of the U.S.G.A. should he decline to accept the office because of his serious illness. The Nominating Committee has been dissolved and cannot make up another ticket. The chances are that Findlay S. Douglas will be elected should Mr. Pfeil decline.

The Metropolitan Golf Association will have a virile, live, energetic and indefatigable leader in the person of Walter Z. Shafer. Mr. Shafer is a born leader, but does not depend upon his great organizing ability or fine personality for results—he is a worker, and puts through what he starts. He can accomplish more in a day—and without fuss—than many lesser lights can handle in three. The great success of the Westchester County Golf Association, under his executive leadership, was not an accident, but the result of his planning and effort. The M.G.A. is to be congratulated at their nominating committee's selection.

Gardiner W. White is slated to be elected as the new president of the Long Island Golf Club at the annual meeting at the McAlpin Hotel on December 8th. Other members of the official family who will be elected are: Vice-president, William J. Knott; treasurer, E. H. Driggs, Jr.; secretary, W. Neal Fulkerson, Jr. The members of the Executive Committee to be elected are Morton L. Fearey and Frederick W. Kiendl, the present president.