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NEWSLETTER

May 1961

The next meeting will be the Supt. - Chairman Meeting:

Date: June 5, 1961

Place: Runnaway Brook Country Club, (Surprenant's) Bolton, Massachusetts.

- Equipment display and golf -

The club house is not completed so come dressed to play golf. Caddies may not be available so bring your own caddies or carts if you wish.

Lunch will be served all day at the snack bar (9th and 16th hole).

Tour of the course and buildings at 1 P.M, by your host Supt, Bob Grant.

Directions - Route 2 - Route 110 - five corners South Lancaster, follow signs.

Turnpike Route 140 - Route 70 - Clinton Route 110 - five corners South Lancaster follow signs.

Every Supt. should bring his Chairman, this will be an excellent opportunity to see equipment, storage facilities, maintenance facilities and a golf course at its finest.

The Editor - Dick Blake

"World Amateur Golf Council"

The Teams

Country by Country

Argentina

Population: 21,000,000. Number of golfers: 10,000. Golf has grown steadily and well in Argentina since 1891 when the first course (Lomas Athletic Club) was inaugurated. Today there are 69 courses, 51 of them operated by private clubs.

Australia

Population: 10,000,000. Number of golfers 100,000. Number of courses: 1,000. The bulk of these courses lies in New South Wales and Victoria, the two most populous states. Royal Melbourne, a superb course, was designed by Alister Mackenzie.

Austria

Population: 7,000,000. Number of golfers: 800. Austria has only 8 courses. The Vienna Golf Club, the oldest, lies on an island in the Danube.

Belgium

Population: 9,000,000. Number of golfers: 3,000. The oldest of Belgium's ten courses is Royal Antwerp founded in 1888.

Bermuda

Population: 44,000. Number of golfers: 1,100. This tiny golf minded island group has four 18 hole courses and one 9 hole course with a 9 hole public course now under construction. Most famous layout is Mid Ocean designed by C.B. MacDonald

Brazil

Population: 65,000,000. Number of golfers: 3,000. Most of Brazil's 21 courses are situated near Rio de Janeiro.

Canada

Population: 18,000,000. Number of golfers: 350,000. Number of courses: 675. Royal Montreal, formed in 1873, is not only the oldest golf club in Canada but also the oldest in the western hemisphere. It now operates 81 holes.

Ceylon

Population: 10,000,000. Number of golfers: 500. Ceylon has six courses in all, two of them 18 holes, the rest 9 holes. The Colombo Golf Club, the heart of the island's golfing activity, is the oldest course, dating from 1879.

Republic of China

Population: 650,000,000 of whom 11,000,000 now reside in the province of Taiwan, Number of golfers in Taiwan about 1,000. Before World War II, six courses were in operation in Taiwan but presently only Taipei and Tamsui are functioning.

Denmark

Population: 4,500,000. Number of golfers: Approximately 3,000. The Royal Danish Golf Club, the country's first was organized in 1891. Denmark today has 12 courses, several of them of superior quality in both beauty and design.

Finland

Population: 7,500,000. Number of golfers, approximately 400. Number of courses: 6. The most prominent Club, the Helsinki Golf Club, at Tali was founded in 1923 and is the oldest. Handsome oaks line many of the course's fairways.

France

Population: 44,000,000. Number of golfers: 12,000. The first course was built at Pau, north of the Pyrenees by Scots who had discovered and loved the region during the Peninsular War, later returned to live there. France today has 73 courses.

Germany

Population of the Federal Republic of Germany (Including West Berlin) 55,000,000. Number of golfers: 9,500. The first German course, the Berlin Golf Club at Berlin-Westend, was a 9 hole layout built in 1895. Present number of courses is 50.

Great Britain and Ireland

Population: 52,000,000. Number of golfers: 2,000,000. First recorded evidence of golf was parliamentary decree in 1457 discouraging the game. Honorable Company of Edenburg Golfers (1744) and the R & A (1754) are oldest permanent clubs.

India

Population: 375,000,000. Number of golfers: 10,000. The oldest golf club, Dum,Dum, near Calcutta, was founded in 1830. Today there are some 30 good courses plus innumerable minor ones in mining settlements and in tea garden areas.

Italy

Population: 48,000,000. Number of golfers: around 3,300. Italy's first golf course, the Acquasanta Club outside of Rome, was opened for play in 1903. In the north several 18 hole courses are presently under construction.

Japan

Population: 90,000,000. Number of golfers: 500,000. The golf boom Japan is now enjoying has swelled the number of courses to 200. The most beautiful is Kawana on the Izu peninsula. The oldest is Tokyo Golf Club's Komozawa course.

Malaya

Population: 6,000,000. Number of golfers: 3,000. Number of courses: 30. The first course constructed was the Singapore Golf Club at the Old Racecourse. It was completed in June 1891, and moved its present location near Bukit Timah in 1924.

Mexico

Population: 35,000,000. Number of golfers: about 5,000. The first course, the Mexico City Country Club, now the Club Campestre dela Ciudad de Mexico, was founded in 1906. At the present time Mexico possesses some 30 courses.

Netherlands

Population: 10,000,000. Number of golfers: 4,850. The Netherlands is the home of kolven, an ancestor of golf, which was played with a wooden stick and a wooden ball on frozen canals. Today the country's golf courses number 20.

New Zealand

Population: 2,370,000. Number of golfers: 50,000. The two islands comprising New Zealand contain no fewer than 330 courses. The Otego Golf Club, the first, was laid out in 1871, twenty-two years before the first Amateur Championship.

Norway

Population: 3,500,000. Number of golfers: about 1,000. Norway has six courses. The first to be built was that of the Oslo Golf Club on the rolling hills at Boystad outside the capital city. It was opened for play in August 1924.

Peru

Population: 10,000,000. Number of golfers: 1,500. The first club was Lima Golf Club outside the capital city. It was built in 1897 and is regarded as one of the most delightful in the world. All in all, Peru has ten courses.

Philippines

Population: 24,000,000. Number of golfers: 25,000. The country has 42 courses, 30 in Luzon, 8 in the Visayan Islands, 4 in Mindinaro. Oldest is the Manila Golf Club and hardest is Wack Wack's East Course - The Course of 880,000 Hazards.

Portugal

Population: 9,000,000. Number of golfers: about 600. Portugal has 6 courses. A new 9 holes is underway at Estaril adjoining the celebrated 18 hole layout at the resort. The country's first course the Oporto Golf Club, was created in 1890.

Rhodesia and Nyasaland

Population: 8,500,000. Number of golfers: 8,000. Within the federation, formed in 1954, there are some 70 courses. The largest number is to be found on the great southern African plateau of Southern Rhodesia 5,000 feet above sea level.

South Africa

Population: 14,000,000. Number of golfers: Approximately 50,000. South Africa, long a golf-minded land, has some 240 courses. The Royal Cape Golf Club was the first to be formed. It was set up at a meeting held in November 1855.

Sweden

Population: 7,250,000. Number of golfers: 12,000. There are 60 golf courses in Sweden. Of these, 17 are full 18 hole courses a remarkable number when one considers the severity of the climate and the very long winter stretches.

Switzerland

Population: 5,000,000. Number of golfers: 3,000. Switzerland has 23 courses, most of them charmingly sited but relatively short. The Engaeline Club at Samedan near St. Moritz, the oldest (1896) and best known, is 6204 yards long.

United Arab Republic

Population: 24,000,000. Number of golfers: 3,000. There are presently six courses in the United Arab Republic. By far the oldest is that of Cairo's Gezira Sporting Club. It was opened for play in 1892 and has produced many top-notch golfers.

United States

Population: 175,000,000. Number of golfers: over 4,000,000. Number of courses: 5,745. The oldest permanent golf club, St. Andrews, was formed in 1888, seven years before the inauguration of the United States Open and Amateur Championship.

Venezuela

Population: 6,000,000. Number of golfers: almost 3,000. The recent construction of new courses has brought the country's total number to 28. Eight are 18 hole layouts. The oldest, built in 1917, is the handsome Caracas Country Club.

The preceding facts and statistics give us a chance to brush up on our geography and golf history.

The United States, certainly has no exclusive on the game of golf, as shown above.

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