



MR. GANSON DEPEW

Of Buffalo, N. Y. Member of the Executive Committee of the U.S.G.A., 1928-1932; Chairman of its Green Section for the past two years, and Chairman of its Public Links Section for the past five years. Showing the time he devotes to the game, Mr. Depew has been President of the Buffalo District Golf Association since its organization in 1921; First Vice-President of the New York State Golf Association since it was founded in 1922; and Honorary President of the League of the Lower Lakes since its beginnings in 1925



## Letters to the Editor

Editor of GOLF ILLUSTRATED:

"The present notion that the left hand and side are everything to right handed golfers" is merely the sporadic recrudescence of the fetish of the left which I thought that I had slain in London about 25 years ago. I was glad to see you kick a recent imbecile production around (wherein it is advocated). Jones has also fallen into it. He'll have to eat the leek in this as he did in the nonsense lately published in the yellow book, which really is the basis of it, namely, the right-hip shift as the start of the golf stroke.

I am with you when you go right after the brainless asses who are publishing this left side stuff. Hit it without mercy, hip and thigh, high and low, and you will score a great victory. When I threw my bomb "the fetish of the left," in London, they interviewed George Duncan about it. George said: "When I read Mr. Vaile's article, I took out a dozen balls and drove them nearly as far with my right alone, as with both hands. Then I tried with my left alone and could do nothing either as regards length or direction. Anybody who wants an argument on this question with Mr. Vaile can have it, but it won't be George Duncan." You can use any portion of this letter that you like and suggest to the nit-wits who are purveying this horrible trash, in these actual words, that they should give an exhibition disproving what George Duncan showed; then they might get someone to believe the babyish nonsense that crops up about once every ten years and ruins a great many games for a time. I look upon it as criminal folly. One ignoramus has filched my article: "The Modern Head Brake," published in the old *Golfers Magazine*, of Chicago, in March, 1925, paraphrased it as "hitting past the chin," superimposed on it some perfectly impossible nonsense that bears more resemblance to the hula-hula than golf; and extracted, even in these times, quite a number of shekels from innocent people who thought that because of the ballyhoo, it must be good! many of whom are in consequence, now paying their pros to disentangle them from the morass wherein they are mired. Really! It is to laugh! But what would you. Golf is only a game. Why be tragic about it? Anyone can fool a few golf ignoramuses who are well-known in some other field, but they ought to know better than to lend their names to positively rotten teaching. If you desire to be anybody you've got to be game to lead; if you want to do that, bust these things on the nose. Their sponsors are either dishonest or ignoramuses; there is no halfway for them.

Chicago, Ill.

Editor of GOLF ILLUSTRATED:

I have read the editorial in the November, GOLF ILLUSTRATED, concerning the Green Section. There undoubtedly is duplication and unnecessary expense in operating so many sections. Golf clubs are subscribing for Green Section services directly and indirectly as follows:

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HOWARD B. SPRAGUE,  
Agronomist in Charge.

State of New Jersey  
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New Brunswick, N. J.

The existence of the Golf Association Bureaus and the Green Section at Washington is completely ignored in that letter. Another bureau, another expense, and another job for someone. There are undoubtedly sound reasons for continuing scientific research at New Brunswick but surely that could be done by diverting funds from other far less productive enterprises such as the M. G. A. Service Bureau and the New Jersey Green Section. Just what useful purpose either of these bodies serve is unknown to me. No practical men engaged in the maintenance of golf courses would take very seriously a recommendation of Green Section Committees composed as they are of governors of golf clubs. They haven't sufficient funds to employ competent men to give the advice or service for which fees are accepted. At best, then can only distribute information gathered from experimental stations or by referring to golf clubs where the problems referred to them, have been solved.

The theory that a bureau purchasing supplies for a large number of golf clubs could obtain lower rates and protect the clubs against inferior products, does not work out in practice and the small volume of purchasing done by the bureaus certainly proved that long ago, but a bureau never recommends its own abolition. The matter of wise spending of club funds is a management problem and its solution is not found in placing their buying in the hands of one man or woman in a city office. The associations cannot guarantee accounts and they do not possess the ability to spend vast sums wisely.

Originally the Green Section at Washington concerned itself with turf culture but the technical staff was drawn from the Department of Agriculture which produces bulletins on all sorts of subjects from "The Essentials of a Well Planned Kitchen," to that literary gem "The Mating Habits of Bull Frogs" and on that account, the pages of the Green Section Bulletins are full of articles on every subject that has even a remote connection with golf or the great outdoors. Questions are asked and answered on garbage disposal and such foolish subjects as trapping stray cats. Whole issues are devoted to landscape work, song birds and bird-houses. The reading matter is good and obtained from authoritative sources but it is straying a long way from the proper paths of turf research and takes the valuable time of men whose work in their own chosen field is of real value to the greenkeeper. A good deal of space in the bulletin has been devoted to golf architecture and it is to be doubted whether the Green Sections ever did have a man competent to advise on that subject.

A golf club subscribing the modest sum of say \$50 per year, cannot reasonably expect to obtain data and guidance on every phase of golf club operation and it is perfectly obvious that golf associations could not retain men who were competent to give the advice sought.

There are, in every state, certain clubs whose standard of maintenance and efficiency in operation is generally recognized and chairmen of Green Committees refer to them, either through correspondence or visits whenever they require help or guidance. This form of self help, in the aggregate, probably outweighs in the usefulness that of all the State Golf Associations combined.

The value of Green Section Service, properly directed and applied,



MR. GANSON DEPEU

Genial Chairman of the Green Section of the United States Golf Association, also head of the Public Links Committee

P. A. VAILE.



# Tournament Notes

**T**HIS year a new method of picking the members of the Ryder Cup Team will be used. The Selection Committee will be composed of the Executive Committee of the Professional Golfers' Association, together with the heads of each of their twenty-five local sections: the addition of the latter will be a new department calculated to ward off criticisms of selections which have been made in the past. Eight regulars and two alternates will thus be chosen and sent to England to meet the team chosen by the Professional Golfers' Association of that country.

A very promising young professional from Menominee, Mich., named John Revolta was the winner of the Miami Open at the Miami Springs Country Club. Revolta, it will be remembered, not long ago, finished second in the Miami Biltmore Open, Denny Shute being the one to nose him out on that occasion; this time, however, Revolta came out on top! Starting off with a marvelous 66 and a course record, Revolta led the field the first day. Shute had a 67, to be second, tied with J. Rouse of Chicago, Henry Ciuci being next with 69. On the second day, Revolta added a 68 for 134, still leading. Henry Ciuci

also had a 68, to be second at 137, while Denny Shute with a 71 was third at 138. Rouse was fourth with a 72 and a total of 139. Next came Johnny Golden, Phil Perkins, Gene Sarazen, and Walter Hagen—all at 143. In the third round, Revolta retained his lead, both he and Shute having 72's to be 206 and 210, respectively. Henry Ciuci with a 73 was tied in second place; Golden, Sarazen and Hagen each had 73 to remain tied at 216 for fourth.

In the final round, Revolta and Shute again had 72's to leave the final standing 278 and 282. Gene Sarazen with a 69 pulled up to third place at 285; Henry Ciuci with a poor 76—dropping to fourth at 286, Walter Hagen tied with Jim Rouse for fifth place. Revolta's phenomenal total was seven strokes better than the best previous winning score at Open tournaments at this course.

The Los Angeles Open was just one more plum for Craig Wood, of Deal, N. J., who, by winning it, made a clean sweep of the California winter tournaments for 1933. Starting right at the first

round, Wood had a 69 as did also Eddie Loos, of Chicago; Clarence Hubby, of Waco, Texas, and Mr. I. Goddard, an amateur player from Pasadena, Calif.; Leo Diegel, of Agua



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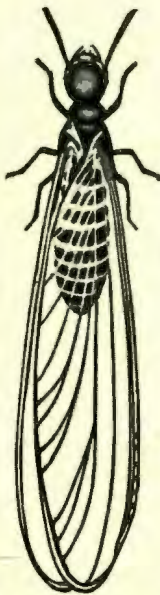
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The sixth year of the Seniors' Tournament at Apawamis found the chief laurels won by H. E. French, of Brooklawn, with a gross score (for 36 holes) of 167 and net 141. For gross scoring he was tied by F. A. Wright, of Baltusrol, and C. A. Spofford, of Garden City.

Charley Mayo (then at Burhill before he came to America) organized a company of golf professionals and assistants to join the colors in response to Lord Kitchener's appeal.

The new course and clubhouse at Worcester, Massachusetts, were dedicated, ex-president Taft making the address and driving the first ball. His speech was good; his driving not so good, but after two tops he sent one away for 175 yards.

### Ganson Depew Passes

With profound regret we announce the death of Ganson Depew, of Buffalo. For years Mr. Depew had been closely identified with the game as an official of the New York State Golf Association and the U.S. G.A. His activities with the national body was definitely directed to the Green Section and its work in guiding the proper maintenance of courses throughout the country.

### The Mexican Championship

Annually, in the late Fall, the Mexico Golf Association simultaneously conducts the championship for both men and women. Harry Wright has just announced the dates, November 1st to 4th, at Mexico City. Parts of each event will be played over two courses, the Mexico City Country Club and the Chapultepec Golf Club.

The editor, after having witnessed the tournament last year, believes that nowhere in the world is there to be found a more delightful and thoroughly intriguing tournament. He urges Americans to take this in, for it will linger long in the memories of anyone's golf experiences. We will gladly give information to all who may anticipate participating in or witnessing the Mexican championship.

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# Cobbs Creek Golfers Seek National Public Course Crown

## Ivan Crooks Will Lead Local Links Delegation on Buffalo Invasion—Springhaven Caddy Team Wins Fifth Straight Clash

By TED HOYT

PLANS have been virtually completed for the trip of the six Cobbs Creek golfers who qualified for the national public course championship at Buffalo, N. Y., next week over the Green and Cleveland Park public links.

This course was formerly owned by the Country Club of Buffalo and was only acquired by the city within the last year for the sum of \$800,000. It is the finest and most complete municipal layout in the country, and visiting contenders are assured of a hearty welcome from the Buffalo golfers.

A special committee, of which G. W. Depew, a wealthy lumberman, is chairman, has made elaborate arrangements for the entertainment of the invaders. A smoker, a dance and a trip to Niagara Falls at night are on the program.

At a meeting held in the offices of Mastbaum Brothers & Fleisher yesterday afternoon Ivan Crooks, who led the qualifying field at Cobbs Creek on Monday, July 19, was appointed captain of the Philadelphia team by E. D. Mendell, a member of the Bala Golf Club and this city's representative on the municipal course Championship Committee of the United States Golf Association.

A check-up of the money raised at Cobbs Creek to finance the journey to Buffalo revealed that only about \$200 more was required, and it is virtually

wealthy man handed over a check for \$500 and others gave from \$20 to \$200.

After the expenses of the Pittsburgh team have been defrayed for next week's invasion of Buffalo the balance will be placed in a trust fund and will draw interest until next season.

Another exhibition match will be held next spring and annually thereafter until \$12,000 has been raised. The interest on that amount will be sufficient to send a Pittsburgh team most any place in this country short of the Pacific Coast. If the public links tourney ever should go to the Coast it should not prove difficult to raise the balance needed, that is judging by the liberality shown by the golf fans there this year.

Unless something of the same nature is done here it will be necessary to have a yearly campaign for funds and this will eventually become a great nuisance. Of course, the City Council might appropriate the necessary money, as is done by the Far Western towns, but the chances are slim that the local city fathers will come across.

### Springhaven Caddies Do It Again

The Springhaven caddies won their fifth consecutive team match of the 1926 season the other day when they nosed out the Lansdowne caddies by a 5-to-4 count in spite of the fact that they did not have their strongest lineup in the field.

Jack McMunigal, Springhaven's No.



certain that this additional sum can readily be collected.

### Vanguard Leaves Friday Night

Ivan Crooks, the captain, and Charley Albertus, the former West Philadelphia High athletic star, who finished third in the qualifying round with a total of 164, will probably leave Friday night, while the other four members of the team, Leo Boyle, who was runner-up to Crooks, Jack Lord and A. E. Panotto, who were tied at 168 for fourth place, and Jackson Schultz, who had 169, will depart from the Reading Terminal around 9:45 o'clock on Saturday night.

They will reach Buffalo at 8 o'clock Sunday morning and, after registering at the Hotel Statler, which will be the headquarters of the contestants in the journey, will have a practice round over the Cleveland Park links.

A proposal to start a permanent fund for financing the expeditions of the Philadelphia delegation to the municipal course championship was discussed at yesterday's meeting.

It seems that Pittsburgh raised \$4000 last spring by staging an exhibition match between ten of the leading public links players of the Smoky City and an equal number of private clubs' stars. An admission fee was charged and an appeal was made for voluntary subscriptions. The event was most successful, as the total raised shows. One

man, had a 77 in the morning and a 74 in the afternoon for a grand total of 151, which is going some over the deceptive Lansdowne course. Joe

Hayes, paired with Willie Dougherty, was two down to J. Dever and P. Boyer as the foursome teed off at the fifteenth in the morning's best-ball struggle. But McMunigal shot four birdies in a row to win for Springhaven by 2 up. This listens like a record for a caddy contest.

Having cleaned up Delaware County the Springhaven lads are seeking new worlds to conquer and are trying to arrange matches with the caddy teams from other sections of the Philadelphia district.

### The summary:

#### BEST-BALL MATCHES—MORNING

Joe Dougherty and J. McMunigal, Springhaven, defeated E. Bryce and P. Guy, Lansdowne, 2 and 1.

Joe Hayes and Willie Dougherty, Springhaven, defeated J. Dever and P. Boyer, Lansdowne, 2 up.

D. McMunigal and R. Parker, Springhaven, defeated G. Johnson and H. Wilson, Lansdowne, 3 and 2.

#### TWO-BALL MATCHES—AFTERNOON

E. Bryce, Lansdowne, defeated Joe Dougherty, Springhaven, 2 and 1.

Jack McMunigal, Springhaven, defeated P. Boyer, Lansdowne, 3 and 2.

"Pie" Guy, Lansdowne, defeated Joe Hayes, Springhaven, 1 up.

J. Dever, Lansdowne, defeated Willie Dougherty, Springhaven, 2 and 1.

D. McMunigal, Springhaven, defeated G. Johnson, Lansdowne, 2 and 1.

H. Wilson, Lansdowne, defeated R. Parker, Springhaven, 3 and 2.

# Ganson Depew, Section Chairman and Noted Sportsman, Dies

**G**ANSON DEPEW, a leading gentleman sportsman of the United States, died at his home in Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 25, following a two-week illness. He was 68 years old. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Carrie Gorton Depew, and his daughter, Mrs. Lucia Depew Parkinson.

Depew was one of the finest fellows in the game. Probably the passing of none other of the grand men the game has lost in recent years has been felt with such wide, sincere sorrow. As an active member of the USGA official family Ganse had two tough jobs. One of them was as the head of the Green Section; the other as the head of the Public Links Section. He was a leader in Buffalo's financial, social and scientific life for 50 years as well as its ranking gentleman sportsman and when he took the job as chairman of the Public Links Section there were those who thought he was miscast. There is no denying that the public links championships were rather sorry affairs of pseudo-amateurism by work-dodgers in whom larceny glowed. Ganse was evangelist, mentor, father-confessor and house detective in this field and to him more than to any other individual in this country is credit due for the high class sportsmanship in the public links event.

When he was made chairman of the Green Section he realized that the earnest efforts of the Section were not having the extensive value they should have because of a lack of friendly and understanding feeling among greenkeepers. So he packed his bag and turned missionary. One time, when the NAGA was having a convention at Chicago, Depew rushed from a corporation directors' meeting in Buffalo to the train, visited for a couple of hours with the fellows at the Chicago convention, addressed them and then made a wild drive in a taxi to get a return train for a bank directors' meeting the next day. Countless similar incidents tip off the Depew work in bringing the greenkeepers today into a keen appreciation of mutual-ity of sentiment and interest with the Green Section of the USGA.

There's no real reason for doubting

that one of the things that caused the death of Ganson Depew was doing so much to help other fellows enjoy life. But he enjoyed life too, and during his 68 years he was blessed with the honors and enjoyed the happiness that finished him ahead of the normal score on sorrow and he had been heavily hit by sorrow, too. Ganson Depew was the last male of the distinguished Depew family. His son, a naval aviator during the war and later an assistant U. S. district attorney, died in 1924.

In his youth, Ganse was one of the tennis stars of his district. He began playing golf in 1896 on the three-hole course at the Buffalo CC. For many years he was chairman of its green-committee. He was very active in district golf affairs and held numerous official positions in district organizations. In civic matters he never slighted those onerous responsibilities many men prominent in public life usually handle casually. At the time of his death he was president of the Buffalo Chamber of Commerce. He was one of the four honorary members of the Society of the Cincinnati, the aristocrat of patriotic bodies. He also was an honorary officer of the Polish army and an admiral in the Kentucky navy. He used to hope that Kentucky and Poland never got into a brawl as he always wanted to do his best by all his friends.

Ganson Depew was an outstanding, lovely character, a rare combination of aristocrat and democratic gentleman sportsman. May his fine soul be led into the psalmist's green pastures, for on the green pastures in this country he enjoyed himself and we all enjoyed him.

**T**HE FIELD of players for the Oregon coast seventh annual midsummer golf tourney, held in late August over the Gearhart (Ore.) GC course, was split into two age groups—players under 32 years of age formed one flight of 16 while players over that age formed another. Victors in the respective flights then played for the all-Gearheart championship.



## U. S. GOLF OFFICIAL LIKES COBBS CREEK

**Ganson Depew Says It's Hardest Test Public-Course Golfers Ever Have Faced**

By **TED HOYT**

**H**IGH praise for the Cobbs Creek course as a test of golf is contained in a letter from Ganson Depew, chairman of the Public Links Championship Committee of the United States Golf Association to R. L. Mendell, in charge of the local arrangements for the 1928 national tournament to be held here this summer.

Mr. Depew went over the Cobbs Creek layout recently with Mr. Mendell, Alfred E. Hand, the new superintendent, and James Fiaherly, greens keeper. He was much impressed and also heartily indorsed all the preliminary plans for the championship as drawn up by Mr. Mendell and the chairmen of the various committees. The locker



rooms and clubhouse at Cobbs Creek are adequate in every way to house the contenders, according to Mr. Depew.

Though he had heard a lot about Cobbs Creek before visiting it, Mr. Depew admitted that he was much surprised at what he saw. As a matter of fact, Cobbs Creek is too hard for a public course, and the short water holes cause aggravating congestion during the height of the season.

But the layout is much superior to any that has been used so far in the public links championships, and some of the lads from flat courses such as those in New York, Cleveland and Chicago are going to be surprised when they find what they are called on to negotiate here.

Mr. Depew predicts that scores under eighty will be rare in the qualifying round and he is absolutely right. There are a few holes at Cobbs Creek that would puzzle even Bobby Jones to play correctly. Among these might be mentioned the third, fifth, sixth, ninth, eleventh, twelfth and eighteenth. Mr. Depew regards the short twelfth, with its elevated tee, as a real gem.

Mr. Depew was also much impressed with the fine condition of the course, considering that it is a public affair and cannot be closed for a month or six weeks, as are most private links during the winter. As a matter of fact, the Park Commission has the authority and it would be a fine thing for the future of Cobbs Creek if the commission ruled that it should be closed from just after Thanksgiving of this year until around March 1 of next year. It does no course any good to be played by clubs when the frost is either still here or just coming out of the ground.

Mr. Depew paid tribute to Alan Mason, chief engineer of the Park Commission, for the splendid condition of Cobbs Creek and the eleven



added holes opened last summer. Mr. Coxon has done wonders with the men and money at his command and has proved that it is possible to keep a public links in good shape in spite of all the handicaps that must be overcome.

The committee chairmen appointed by Mr. Mendell are: Tournament and Caddies, Charley Todd, president of the Philadelphia Golf Club, that holds forth on the Creek Links; Greens and Lockers, Alfred E. Hand, its superintendent; Press, J. E. Ford; Entertainment, Israel Goldberg; Transportation, Earl B. Shaw; Reception and Registration, R. A. Cannon.

There will be a meeting of the chairmen this week, at which plans so far outlined will be reduced to detail and the various odds and ends assigned to the proper committee.



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## NYSGA State Am: Who is Ganson Depew?



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It's the coveted Ganson Depew trophy and it's awarded to New York State's top amateur golfer. It's been on display at Schuyler Meadows all week at the 91st NYS Men's State Amateur.

"This tournament's no joke," said Andrew Hickey, Director of Rules and Competitions for the NYSGA. "Schuyler Meadows has been a tremendous help to us."

Named for a Buffalo man who was an active USGA member who died Sept. 25, 1934 at age 68, the trophy comes back to the Capital Area for the fourth time in eight years.

Depew headed the Green Section and the Public Links Section and was a leader in financial, social and scientific life in Western New York for 50 years. He was described in one newspaper account as "one of the finest fellows in the game."



Probably the passing of none other of the grand men the game has lost in recent years has been felt with such wide, sincere sorrow."



Ganson Depew

#### **DEPEW'S BEGINNINGS**

Depew was born in Buffalo on March 6, 1866. His father, William B. Depew, came to Buffalo from Peekskill in 1864 and was connected with railroad enterprises. Ganson Depew attended public schools and, in 1884, graduated from Buffalo H.S. where he served as president of his class.

Depew "won honor as an advocate and distinction as a public spirited, enterprising citizen," according to an account. He was a cousin of John Ganson and a nephew of Chauncey M. Depew, president of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, and a U.S. Senator.

In his youth, Ganson Depew played tennis and was one of the stars of his district. He started playing golf in 1896, at age 30, on the three-hole course at the Buffalo CC. He served as chairman of the club's green-committee and was very active in district golf affairs and held numerous official positions in area organizations.

"In civic matters he never slighted those onerous responsibilities many men prominent in public life usually handle casually," wrote Golfdom.





The Ganson Depew trophy

Depew passed the bar in 1887 and worked at "Green, McMillan & Gluck," and became a member of the firm in 1890, under the name of "McMillan, Gluck, Pooley & Depew." It's one of the strongest and oldest law firms in Western New York.

Both in 1892 and again in 1895 he was elected a director of the Buffalo Library and in December 1897, was appointed by Mayor Jewett as a trustee of the Grosvenor Library. Depew was a member of the Buffalo, Liberal, Saturn, and Country Clubs, the Sons of the American Revolution, and St. Paul's Episcopal church, and is a Royal Arch Mason, holding membership in Ancient Landmarks Lodge No. 441, F. & A. M., and Adytum Chapter No. 285, R. A. M.D.

#### **PERSONAL LIFE**

On November 14, 1894, Depew married Grace E. Goodyear, daughter of Frank H. Goodyear of Buffalo, who was a lumber man. They had a son, Ganson Goodyear Depew, and daughter, Lucia Depew. His son was a naval aviator during the war and later an assistant U. S. district attorney who died in 1924.

Ganson and Grace divorced in early 1909 after 14 years of marriage. The divorce was finalized in Colorado Springs, according to an account in the New York Times. His son was 13 and daughter was eight years old at the time. Custody of the kids went to each parent for six months, alternately.

Depew later remarried and was survived by his widow, Mrs. Carrie Gorton Depew, and his daughter, Lucia Depew Parkinson.

"There is no denying that the public links championships were rather sorry affairs of pseudoamateurism by work-dodgers in whom larceny glowed," the paper wrote. "Ganse was evangelist, mentor, father-confessor and house detective in this field and to him more than to any other individual in this country is credit due for the high class sportsmanship in the public links event. When he was made chairman of the Green Section he realized that the earnest efforts of the Section were not having the extensive value they should have because of a lack of friendly and understanding feeling among greenkeepers. So he packed his bag and turned missionary."

#### **RIDING THE RAILS**

One story had Depew rushing from a corporate Board of Directors meeting in Buffalo, hopping a train to Chicago for a convention, gave a speech, and then made a wild drive in a taxi to get a return train for a bank directors' meeting the next day back in Buffalo. There were countless other stories of his work ethic.



He brought the greenkeepers to understand and have a keen appreciation of and interest in the Green Section of the USGA.

"There's no real reason for doubting that one of the things that caused the death of Ganson Depew was doing so much to help other fellows enjoy life. But he enjoyed life too, and during his 68 years he was blessed with the honors and enjoyed the happiness that finished him ahead of the normal score on sorrow and he had been heavily hit by sorrow, too," wrote the paper.

#### **A LEADER IN GOLF AND BUSINESS**

Ganson Depew was the last male of the distinguished Depew family. At the time of his death, he was president of the Buffalo Chamber of Commerce. He was one of the four honorary members of the Society of the Cincinnati, the aristocrat of patriotic bodies. He also was an honorary officer of the Polish army and an admiral in the Kentucky navy. He used to hope that Kentucky and Poland never got into a brawl as he always wanted to do his best by all his friends.

Ganson Depew was described as an outstanding, lovely character, a rare combination of aristocrat and democratic gentleman sportsman, Golfdom wrote.

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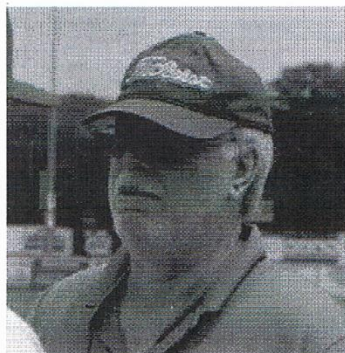


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THE COUNTRY CLUB, BUFFALO, N. Y.

The view is of the twelfth green. This hole is one-hundred and fifty yards long over a deep depression with a pond immediately in front of the green. The raised and well-guarded green makes necessary an extremely accurate and well-played shot

## The Buffalo District Golf Association in 1930

By GANSON DEPEW

**T**HIS association has now been in existence for nine years and during that entire time it has been I have had the honor and the pleasure to be its president. In the beginning we had only seven member clubs, now we have twenty-six. Our activities have grown until this year our schedule comprised the following events, wherewith I have given the results in each.

The first event was the Team Qualification which was held at the Cherry Hill Golf Club on June 30th and July 1st to qualify six classes of four teams each in the Team Championships. The following were the winners: Class A, Wanakah Country Club; Class B, Cherry Hill Golf Club; Class C, South Side Country Club; Class D, Transit Valley Country Club; Class E, South Shore Country Club, and Class F, Silver Lake Country Club. It is interesting to note that the Class "A" team championship has been won six times by the Buffalo Country Club, twice by the Wanakah Country Club, once by the Niagara Falls Country Club, and that in one year, 1929, there was a tie between the Wanakah Country Club and the Park Country Club.

The next event was the Father and Son Championship, which was held at the Wanakah Country Club, and won by Messrs. M. W. and H. W. Comstock, members of that club. This event had been held annually by the Wanakah Club for ten years until it was turned over to the Buffalo District Golf Association in 1928 as a part of its regular schedule. Since that time this championship has been won as follows: 1928, Mr. M. W. Comstock and his son; 1929, Mr. Lee Chase and his son, and last year again, as stated above, by the Comstock clan.

The 1930 Individual Amateur Championship was held at the Meadowbrook Country Club, August 13-16, and was won by Mr. Duane L. Tower, of the Niagara Falls Country Club; Mr. Leo Shea, of the South Side Country Club, was the runner-up, losing only at the 36th hole. The final was productive of most interesting play as Tower finished five up at the end of the first 18 holes, but Shea stuck to it so well that he became one up at the 33rd hole, but Tower came in strong at the finish with a par and two birdies to win the championship. Previous winners of this championship have been as follows: 1922, Mr. Ray McAuliffe; 1923, Mr. W. H. Gardner; 1924 and 1926, Mr. H. W. Comstock; 1925, 1927, 1928, 1929, Mr. Paul H. Hyde.

The last Seniors' Championship was played at the Erie Downs Country Club on August 21, and was won by Mr. E. A. Nordstrom, of the Buffalo Country Club. The Seniors' Championship was first played in this district in 1926 when it was won by Mr. Charles Kane. In 1927 it was won by Mr. Fred Eaton, of the Park Club; in 1928, by Mr. Frank F. Wattles, of Wanakah Country Club, and in 1928 by Mr. Marc Comstock, of the same club.

The 1930 Junior Championship was held at the Grover Cleveland Park, August 25-27, and was won by Mr. George Rayner, of the Niagara Falls Country Club. The final was a great match, Mr. Richard Stewart arriving at the eighteenth tee all square. The last hole was halved in four, each holing a long putt after somewhat erratic play to the green. The nineteenth hole was halved in par four, Stewart holing a magnificent thirty foot putt. On the twentieth, Rayner was down in four to his opponent's five to win the Championship.

The Boys' Championship for youngsters under fourteen years of age was instituted this year for the first time. There were thirty-two entries and it is expected that next year there will be fifty. Several boys entered who were under ten, and one was only eight years old, and he scored 120 over a 6,300-yard course. The winner was Master Wilton Kreinheder, of Grover Cleveland Park. This event was particularly interesting owing to the eagerness of these budding golfers.

The Depew Cup Matches of the League of the Lower Lakes, consisting of the District Golf Associations of Buffalo, Cleveland, Toledo, and Detroit were held at the Country Club of Buffalo in September, and Buffalo was the winner for the third time in the six years of the League's existence. Detroit has won the Ganson Depew Championship Cup twice, and Toledo and Cleveland once each. For this cup each district sends its ten best available players and each club plays against each of the others in singles under a Nassau system of scoring each match.

In general, the tournaments held by the Buffalo District Golf Association are increasing yearly in entries and in particular the team matches, which it is believed might be copied in other districts and productive of intense interest. For the benefit of others who may want to carry on the same competition the methods are as follows: Each club in the association, of which there are 26, may send in to represent them in



the qualifying round an entry of up to twenty men if they so wish. All these entries then play in a qualifying round from which the eight best scores of the players from each club are aggregated. Next the four clubs with the best aggregate scores for their eight players become the ones to play off for the Class "A" team championship. The next four aggregations of eight form that competing team in Class "B," and so on down to Class "E." Thus, of the 26 clubs, 24 are in some class to carry on interclub play in that group. The four teams in each group are then drawn against each other just as is done in an ordinary individual match play draw and the winner of the one pair plays the winners of the other pair in a final match for the championship of that class.

The matches between the teams are arranged on the basis of one round of singles between the individuals of the team and one round of best-ball four-somes. The scoring is on the Nassau system, one point for each nine and one point for the match, in both the singles and the four-ball games. The team with the most points, of course, being the winner. The interest in this event may be imagined when there are over 500 entries and it takes two days of qualifying, sending the players out in threes and having them out from early morning to dusk each day.

In no other district has any system of interclub team play been worked out successfully as far as I know. Any system wherein a number of clubs have to play off a series of interclub matches of considerable extent is cumbersome and takes up altogether too much time, and any system wherein a small group agree among themselves to play interclub games naturally is not productive of general interest in district play.

In the scheme of playing these team matches in Buffalo, almost every club in the district, to be exact, 24 out of the total of 26, are in one of the six groups of four into which the entrants are divided. As there is keen interest in the matches, each club gets out its best players for the qualifying rounds and thus each team is a pretty representative one. There is operative in these qualifying rounds a desire to do well as one of the members of his own club and to make its team, in the first place, and for each club to get into the highest possible group in the second. The dividing of the clubs into groups of four ensures among each group some equality in playing ability and thus the smaller and weaker clubs can have just as much fun in their own classes as the four clubs struggling for club supremacy in the championship Class "A" group.

The system in practice has proved most satisfactory, and as other cities and districts all over the United States are probably looking for just such a way of getting up interclub games the workings of our method have here been gone into in some detail.

Possibly it may call forth from districts, where other methods of carrying on games between its clubs have been effective, some interesting information regarding their experiences. We all like to know what our fellow golfers in other clubs and other parts of the world are doing and if any such have interesting competitions along these lines it is hoped they will let us know about it.

It would seem that with a little general discussion along these lines and wider knowledge of what may be of the

possibilities of some such system as we have worked out in the Buffalo District, that there would develop all over the country much more play between clubs with interest and advantage to all.



MR. GANSON DEPEW  
President of the Buffalo District Golf Association. He has done much to help public course golfers



ANOTHER FINE SHORT HOLE

The one-hundred and eighty yard sixth at the Country Club, Buffalo, N. Y. The shot is over lower territory to a rather small putting green on an elevated plateau. The short holes on any course have much to do with the difficulty of attaining very low scores