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## About the Author

Whether it's golf instruction, golf history or golf humor few people are more eminently qualified to write on these subjects than Seymour Dunn.

Before Mr. Ford Frick became president of the American Baseball League he was one of the country's best known sports writers. Once in an article about Seymour Dunn he wrote (in part) as follows:

"Bobby Jones took up golf when he was six — and they do say that such an infantile age is the proper time to start swinging a club.

"But if that be so — then consider Mr. Seymour Dunn, who was fore-ordained for golf a hundred years before he was born; Seymour Dunn was born into the game as kings are born to their thrones and Astors and Whitneys to their millions.

"A brawny Scotsman is Seymour Dunn. A hale fellow well met, soft spoken and smiling and even tempered — but serious always as concerns golf. Probably no man in the world knows the game more thoroughly; no man in the world has analyzed it so carefully or so completely; no man in the world knows its dynamics, its mechanics, its psychology and its science so intimately."

A reading of Mr. Dunn's introduction to this book will quickly give the reasons for Mr. Frick's statement.

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Mr. Seymour Dunn

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We think the best golf jokes are in this book. There may be others around but more than likely those left out are either variations of the ones in this book or adaptations of jokes from another field of humor.

### *About the Illustrator*

Al Ross is one of the country's top cartoonists. His cartoons are featured in **Colliers**, **True** and other leading magazines.

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rectly. Many a time she would tell how stubborn I was in placing my right hand at the top of the club instead of the left. Then when I finally could stand up on my feet, my father and mother had a great time getting me to set my feet correctly in the square stance. That was the way my father and mother both stood (square stance, i.e. toes parallel with the line of play). Our kitchen floor was of rough hewn boards. My mother would set my toes parallel with the seam in the floor boards and finally she got me to understand that I must swing my club along the line of the adjoining boards. That was the beginning of my understanding of the mechanics of the golf swing.

My uncle Willie Dunn won the first American Open Golf Championship in 1894. I remember that clearly because that was the year I first arrived in America. I was twelve years old and came over to help my brother, John, do the teaching at Ardsley-on-Hudson, New York, where he was pro.

From Ardsley I went to the famous Lawrenceville School, New Jersey, where I furthered my education and taught golf to students of Lawrenceville and nearby Princeton University. Many nationally known golfers received their first golf instruction from me there.

After finishing my studies at Lawrenceville, I spent several summer seasons teaching golf at the Stevens Hotel in Lake Placid, New York, traveling back to Scotland during the winters to assist my fa-

## *Introduction*

ther who was then pro at Ealing Golf Club, London, England, and to design and build golf courses on the continent.

As pro at LaBoulie Golf Club, Versailles, France, I learned to speak French. The caddymaster's son, Louis Telliere, taught me the language in return for my teaching him golf. In a remarkably short time Louis won the French Open Championship.

I remember that while building an 18 hole golf course on the private estate of Prince Alphonse de Chemay in France, every evening after dinner all of the guests in the Palace would retire to the game room where the conversation carried on for hours, the topic, golf. At the estate of Duchess d'Allegre in France, after arising early to give instructions to the staff of groundsmen for building a 9 hole golf course, I was called away from my work at ten o'clock each morning to join the daily hunt. Fox and badger were the favorite game.

I shall never forget the day I arrived from Scotland to build an 18 hole golf course at the estate of Baron Edmund de Rothschild at Gret Armenville, France. The Baron evidently had a great liking for the Scotch people for the complete staff of many groundsmen and house servants was Scotch and my arrival with my bagpipes and kilts inspired a gay party that evening in the amply stocked wine cellars. It is well that we were in the cellars for the stamping



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of the Highland Fling and Sword Dance that night would surely have collapsed the floor.

In Florence, Italy at the request of King Victor Emanuel, I played many exhibition golf matches in Highland costume. I spent a year in Italy teaching and designing and building several golf courses.



As I appeared in Florence, Italy, at the request of King Victor Emanuel.

Another year was spent in Belgium where I organized and built up a private golf club for the late King Leopold of Belgium. His chateau at Terre Veurin at the Quatre Bras was made into the club house. After the club was organized and operating, King Leopold presented it as a personal gift to the members of the club.

After a year as pro at the Royal County Down

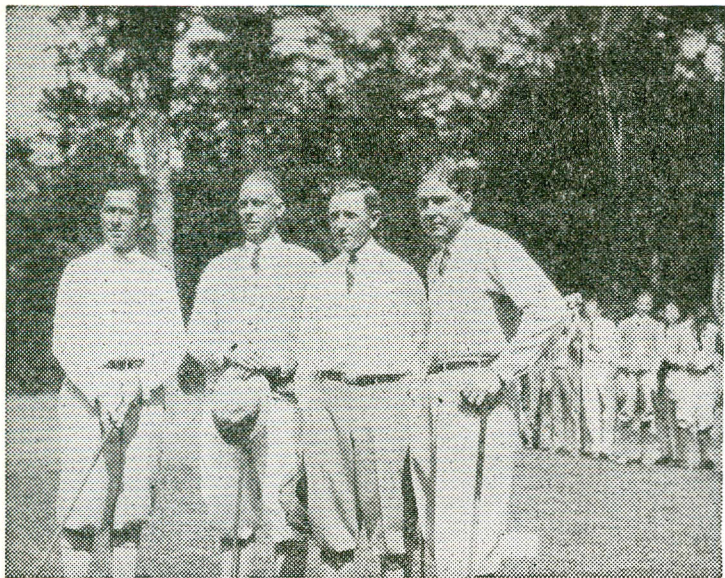
## *The Fair Sex*

The newly converted golf enthusiast was introducing his bride to the game. He had expounded at great length on what a fine exercise golf was, the beauty of the countryside and the joy of being "out in the open."

On the first tee he prepared to give his first demonstration of the game itself. Taking his stance he swung hard—and missed. Embarrassed, he re-organized his stance and swung again. Again he missed. His third effort was also a wiff.

At this point his bride asked innocently, "George, I can see that golf is a fine exercise. *But what's the little ball for?*"

I chose the latter. I found time, however, to become the Adirondack Open Golf Champion twelve years in succession and although I missed the excitement and thrill of other tournament play, I enjoyed many exhibition matches with the finest players of the day,



Walter Hagen, Seymour Dunn, Jock Hutchison, Joe Kirkwood

Walter Hagen, Joe Kirkwood, George Duncan, Jim Barnes, Jock Hutchison, and Abe Mitchell. I remember an exhibition match in 1922 at the Lake Placid Club. Gene Sarazen and I played Sandy Herd and J. H. Taylor. My partner and I not only had the pleasure of winning the match but I collected an additional prize for having the lowest score of the four.



Golf is a game where a ball  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches in diameter is placed on a ball 8,000 miles in diameter. The object is to hit the small one, not the large one.

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