

## "There is a Rabbit's Foot Waiting for you"

The dream of being tops in Women's golf includes two things — winning the United States Amateur Championship and being chosen as a member of the U.S. Curtis Cup Team. Winning the Amateur Championship speaks for itself, but to represent your country in golf is not matched by any other achievement.

The idea of an International women's golf match was born in a meeting of the Women's Eastern Golf Association in 1924, but did not become a reality until 1932, two years after Miss Glenna Collett, Maureen Orcutt and some friends played an informal match in England in 1930.

The Ladies' Golf Union in England and the United States Golf Association agreed to undertake the matches, with a proviso that France might join whenever it felt able to do so. The matches would be played every other year and would alternate between the British Isles and Ireland, and the United States. The format includes three foursome matches and six single matches for two days.

The Cup for the matches was donated by two sisters, Misses Harriet and Margaret Curtis, both former U.S. Champions and the match was named for them. The cup is inscribed: "To stimulate friendly rivalry between the women golfers of many lands". It has achieved its goal as well as the many friendships and happy hours that have been part of the match since its origin.

The Women's Metropolitan Golf Association was represented by Miss Maureen Orcutt in the first

four teams to be named from 1932 to 1938. Miss Charlotte Glutting was also on the 1934 and 1936 teams. But, the interesting detail to the Women's Metropolitan Golfer is that, at the time of the first match, the Captain of the U.S. Team, Mrs. Willard Sullivan, gave Maureen a rabbit's foot attached to a blue enamelled brass pin. Maureen carried this through the four matches she participated in so successfully.

There were years during World War II in which there were no International Matches, but some time after they were resumed, I was very fortunate to be named to the team. Maureen pinned the rabbit's foot to my Tam and away we went to Sandwich, England. The foot had not lost its charm. I won my match, and on returning home, thought the famous little pin should be returned to its owner. However, Maureen suggested it be held by the most recent participant in the Curtis Cup and given to the next player named to the Curtis Cup Team from the Women's Metropolitan Golf Association.

The rabbit's foot went on another trip in 1970. Only as far as the Brae Burn Club in Massachusetts where I had the honor to Captain the Curtis Cup Team. I felt we had a secret weapon. The British had an unusually strong team, but our gals came through. It was a happy occasion when I passed on the rabbit's foot to Mrs. Jean Ashley Crawford in 1972, when the matches returned to Scotland. Successful again! This year is again a Curtis Cup year, and the matches will be played in San Francisco in August with our own former board member and also past United States Golf Association Women's Chairman — Mrs. Allison Choate, dearly known to us as "Sis", as Captain of our team. I know the rabbit's foot will be with her, together with our wishes for the best in golf and sportsmanship for our Team.

If you love golf and participate well, the chances of fulfilling a rare dream will be yours when chosen as a member of the Curtis Cup Team. I hope the rabbit's foot will hop into your pocket.

Carolyn Cudone



Mrs. Jean Ashley Crawford  
passing the rabbit's foot  
on to  
Mrs. Allison Choate



June 1, 1936— Members of the United States Cup squad as they arrived in New York aboard the Queen Mary. (l-r) back row— Patty Berg, Mrs. L. D. Cheney and Miss Charlotte Glutting. Front— Mrs. O. S. Hill, Mrs. Glenna Collett Vare, Miss Maureen Orcutt, Mrs. Frank Goldthwaite and Miss Marion Miley.