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October 24, 1979

Mr. Steven J. H. Van Hengel
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Dear Mr. Van Hengel:

As one of the early members of the Golf Collectors Society, I have read with great interest your several commentaries in the Bulletin.

Recently I was reading Ian Henderson's new book and was surprised to see the reference to a book which you wrote in 1972 entitled 'Early Golf'. Recently I had occasion to talk to Joe Murdoch and mentioned this to him. He told me he had purposely kept the news of this book somewhat obscure.

My purpose in writing you is to ask you whether there is any possibility of my purchasing a copy. I am very much interested in the early history of golf and if you have extra copies, I would be more than happy to purchase one from you.

Many thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Russell C. Palmer

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30th October 1979

Mr. Russell C. Palmer
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Dear Mr. Palmer,

This is to thank you for your letter dated 24th October. I am sorry in having to disappoint you. The little book which appeared in 1972 is out of print. If Joe Murdoch did not give much publicity to this book he did so at my request. It was a very small edition which I wrote primarily for a circle of friends who kept asking me too many questions!

Since you, like myself, are an ancient G.C.S. member you may have found the major part of the little book in the G.C.S. bulletin where it appeared as a serial under the title 'Early Golf', commencing in Bulletin No. 11, February 1973. It also appeared later on in 'Best of the Bulletin'.

The pictures were not included in these but then they were of a fairly poor quality.

If all goes well and I can find a publisher a new, much larger, edition of 'Early Golf' with far better pictures should appear towards the end of next year. Hopefully this will then appear in such an edition that it satisfies everybody who wants one. If you think that the few copies of the small first edition went as far as Japan (without my even knowing it) there must be a market!

With kind regards I am
yours very sincerely

van Hengel



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September 30, 1980

Mr. Stephen J. H. Van Hengel
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Dear Stephen:

Recently, Frank Hardison, a member of our Golf Collectors' Society, sponsored my application for membership in the Royal & Ancient Golf Club. The application was seconded by Jim Nolan. I've had a long-standing interest in St. Andrews and the R & A and finally concluded that it was about time I applied for membership because of my interest and because of the number of times I have been and plan to be in St. Andrews.

During our meeting in Edinburgh during the Open, I meant to ask you if you would be willing to support my application and it completely slipped my mind. It is my understanding that letters from members may be beneficial as part of this process. I am enclosing a brief summary of my background which may be of some help to you.

I enjoyed very much meeting you at Archie Baird's and having the opportunity of reviewing your slides to say nothing of your remarks at our dinner in Edinburgh. I admire very much the work you've done and the obvious thoroughness with which you have conducted your research. I hope you will be able to put this all in book form for I know a number of us would be very interested in having the benefit of your scholarship.

Again, Stephen, if you are of a mind to assist me, I'll be more than very appreciative.

Sincerely,

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ANNIVERSARY
50th

GRAND SLAM
1930

THE "HOLE OUT"
NINTH ANNUAL MEETING

GRAND SLAM

The achievement, also known as the 'Impregnable Quadrilateral', of Bobby Jones in 1930 when, in the same season, he won the Open and Amateur championships of the United States and Britain. It is quite without parallel and it is virtually certain that nobody in future will come near to such a feat.

The sequence of victories was the British Amateur, the British Open, the US Open and US Amateur. The details are as follows:

British Amateur Championship at St Andrews

2nd round	(Monday 26 May)	beat	S. Roper (Wollaton Park)	3/2
3rd round	(Tuesday 27 May)	beat	C. Shankland (St George's Hill)	3/2
4th round	(Wednesday 28 May)	beat	C. J. H. Tolley (R. and A.)	at 19th
5th round	(Thursday 29 May)	beat	G. O. Watt (Broughty)	7/6
6th round	(Thursday 29 May)	beat	H. R. Johnston (USA)	1 hole
7th round	(Friday 30 May)	beat	E. W. Fiddian (Stourbridge)	4/3
Semi-final	(Friday 30 May)	beat	G. J. Voigt (USA)	1 hole
Final	(Saturday 31 May)	beat	R. H. Wethered (Worplesdon)	7/6

British Open Championship at Hoylake, 18, 19, 20 June

291	R. T. Jones (Atlanta, USA)	70	73	74	75
293	L. Diegel (Agua Caliente, Mexico)	74	73	71	75
	Macdonald Smith (USA)	70	77	75	71

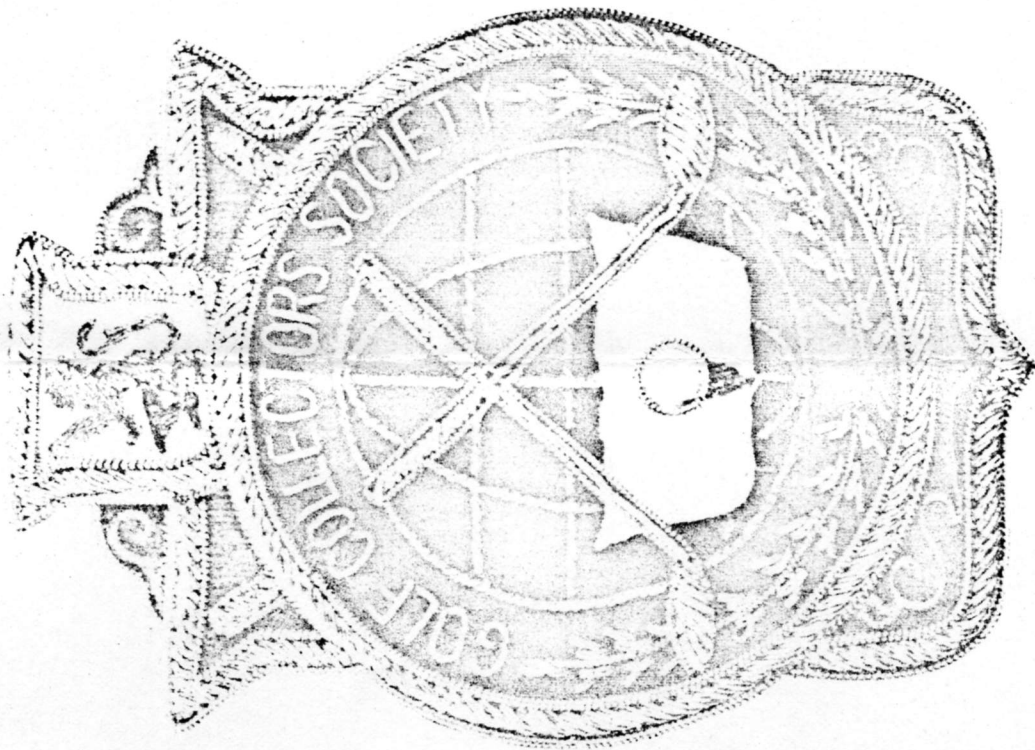
US Open Championship at Interlachen GC

287	R. T. Jones	71	73	68	75
289	Macdonald Smith	70	75	74	70
292	Horton Smith	72	70	76	74

US Amateur Championship at Merion Cricket Club 22-27 September

Having been the medalist in the qualifying rounds with a score of 142, one stroke better than George Von Elm (Rancho), Jones won the matchplay section as follows:

1st round	18 holes	beat	C. Ross Somerville (Canada)	5/4
2nd round	18 holes	beat	F. G. Hoblitzel (Canada)	5/4
3rd round	36 holes	beat	Fay Coleman (California)	6/5
Semi-final	36 holes	beat	Jess W. Sweetser (Siwanoy)	9/8
Final	36 holes	beat	Eugene V. Homans (Englewood)	8/7



SEPTEMBER 25-27, 1980
Ramada Inn, Old Town
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

"playing at The Goff"

Belle Haven Country Club
Alexandria, Virginia

The evening is at your own pleasure

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

WASHINGTON ROOM

9 a.m. to Noon Registration

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Trading, Buying, Selling and
Talking

5 p.m. to 8 p.m. At your own pleasure

8 p.m. to 11 p.m. More trading, buying, selling
and talking

*Warning: There may be an interruption of this pleasure
at about 1:30 p.m. by the Resident Dictator.*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

WASHINGTON ROOM

9 a.m. to Noon

GCS Annual Meeting

Joe Murdoch	Pat Kennedy
Bob Kuntz	Gary Wiren
Vic Vaughn	Fred Emery
Mel Lucas	Bill Hardy

*(Note: Characters will not necessarily appear in
the order in which they are listed. Stay alert!)*

Noon to 1:30 p.m. Lunch at your own pleasure

1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. More trading, buying, selling
and talking

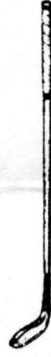
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6 p.m. Cocktails

7 p.m. Dinner

8 p.m. "Town, Gown and Golf"
a presentation by
Russ Palmer

9 p.m. Closing Comments



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Getaway Day . . .

Collections open to visitors:

John Whittemore, Falls Church, VA.

Vic Vaughn, Arlington, VA.

Nevin Gibson, Clinton, MD.





27th October 1980

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Dear Russell,

Thank you for your letter of 30th September. I shall certainly keep an eye peeled for your proposal as member of the R. & A. and write a 'letter of support' when you come up in the circular.

I do not quite know what the position is at the moment but as you may know there is a quota for members from the U.S.A. which is usually full and means that new applications are going on a waiting list.

We shall see. Anyway I'll look out for it and do something when I see it.

Thank you for your complimentary remarks about my work.

I do intend to publish a book about it in good time. Pending that there may be an exhibition in Holland and Belgium in 1982 with an illustrated catalogue with text in English as well as Dutch. That catalogue will then contain some of the essential material.

Kind regards

Steven

Steven J.H. van Hengel

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April 19, 1982

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Dear Steven:

You may remember that I mentioned to you some time ago that I had an application for membership in the R&A pending. At the risk of being presumptuous, I would very much appreciate your writing a letter in support of my application.

Enclosed is a summary of my background. In addition, I should mention I have been in Scotland six times in the last ten years so that my interest in the R&A is both practical and historical. Should you need further character reference, I know Arch Baird or Joe Murdoch would be more than happy to support my qualifications.

The letter should be written to Royal & Ancient Golf Club,
c/o Mr. Everett Fisher, American Advisory Committee, P. O. Box 1189,
Greenwich, CT 06830.

If you are willing to do so, I will be very grateful to you for your help. Many thanks.

Sincerely,

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P.S. I hope we will have a chance to see one another during our Golf Collector's Meeting at Prestwick in July. It should be a wonderful occasion.

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Dear Steven:

I enjoyed seeing you at Prestwick and the opportunity to chat if only briefly. It was a wonderful occasion, and it was nice to have a chance to see old friends and make new friends as well.

As a reminder, if you're of a mind, I would very much appreciate your endorsing my application for membership in the R&A. For the record, I am enclosing a copy of my credentials which may be of some interest.

I hope you will be able to have your book published to your satisfaction. I know there are a lot of people around the world who would be very much interested in benefiting from your years of outstanding research. I certainly count myself among that number.

Again, many thanks for your help, Steven.

Sincerely,

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