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Berkshire Country Club hosted the 1950 Pennsylvania Women's Amateur Championship, August 14 to 18. . . On August 10, Bill Reedy, the Reading Eagle's long-time sports editor, previewed the tournament in his column.

Reedy is the subject of GC 39, [Celebrating the Great Bill Reedy](#), published March 17, 2016. . . Reedy's writings featured

the three-dot ellipsis, rather than a single period, between sentences . . . This unique style provided the sports fan with a sense of openness in the text, making Reedy's words all the more inviting to read.

The text is as it appeared in the Eagle in 1950, with the exception of the bold-face names, a flourish added by the GC editor . . . Typos can likewise be attributed.



From tee to green:

Though she is the current queen of American amateur golf among the feminine players, **Mrs. Mark A. Porter** (the former **Dorothy Germain**) is taking

nothing for granted in her bid to retain the Pennsylvania state championship which will be waged at the Berkshire Country Club next week. . . She planned to visit the Berkshire today for a playing tour of the long course over which she will have to qualify for the state event next Monday. . . Five years ago, as **Dot Germain**, the 21-year-old student at Beaver College, she played the Reading Country Club layout in an exhibition match with **Patty Berg**, **Byron Nelson** and **Henry Williams, Jr.**, as the other principals. . . The Berkshire, however is completely unfamiliar to the national champion who, furthermore, defeated Dorothy Kieley in the U.S. women's finals at Merion last September. . . There was a very compelling reason for her absence from competition the early part of the summer. . . She became the mother to a son, **Mark Porter, Jr.** in April. . . The Porters, who live in Westmont, N.J., just across the Delaware River Bridge, also have a daughter, 2½ years old. . . As a representative of the Llanerch Country Club, Philadelphia, Mrs. Porter regained some of her championship form recently when she combined with Marty Lyons to win the lady-pro tournament of the Philadelphia district. . . **Betty Fehl** and **Henry Poe**, of the Reading Country Club, were the victims in the final match.

Sponsors of the Pennsylvania tournament at the Berkshire feel particularly fortunate in having the entry of **Dorothy Germain Porter**, the national champion, since **Helen Sigel**, also of Philadelphia, will not be here to defend the title she has won the last three successive years. . . **Miss Sigel**, like **Mrs. Porter**, was selected to the American Curtis Cup team which will oppose the British in the international matches at Buffalo, N.Y. September 1-2. . . She is passing up the Reading event at defend another title – the Women's Western Amateur which will be played also next week at Highland Park, Ill. . . One conqueror of **Helen Sigel** this year will be in play at the Berkshire. . . **Mrs. John Gessler**, of the Whitmarsh Valley Club, is the new champion of the Philadelph-

ia District and to gain that distinction she upset **Helen Sigel** in the final match. . . **Mrs. Porter**, though favored in the state tournament here, will face a strong field, including Reading's two top entries, **Betty Fehl** and **Ellen Gery**. . . The competition will certainly be stiff enough to sharpen her game for the Curtis Cup matches.

This is not the first time a new Pennsylvania women's golf champion is certain to be crowned at the Berkshire. . . In 1937, when the tournament was waged over that same course, **Edith Quier** (now **Mrs. Harrison F. Flippin**), a member of the host club and defending champion, was not on hand when **Betty Abernathy**, of Pittsburgh, succeeded to the throne. . . **Mrs. Flippin**, who now resides at Merion, has entered next week's play, however. . . Twice she was runnerup in the state championship before winning the crown in 1936. . . As a native Readingite, she was the first player from Central Pennsylvania to capture the title. . . **Mary Morrison**, from Hershey, who topped the field in 1939, was the only other entry from the district to win this tournament that is usually dominated by women from the Philadelphia and Pittsburgh districts. . . Central Pennsylvania's strongest bidders for the state honors here next week are **Mrs. Creason**, of Harrisburg, **Sonia Wise**, of York, and **Betty Fehl** and **Ellen Gery**, of Reading.

Betty Fehl, Berks County champion, was only 15 years old when she played in her first state tournament at the Berkshire in 1937, but she qualified for first flight with 44-44-88, six strokes of the medal pace set by **Mrs. Norman M. Lack**, of Wilmington, Del. (the former **Frances Williams**) in a field of 40 starters. . . She was the only home entrant to get into the championship flight. . . Betty lost out in the first round the **Miss Marion Resengarten**, of Philadelphia, 3 and 1. . . The big upset of the tournament came in the second round when **Mrs. Lack**, a native of Berks and sister of **Henry Williams, Jr.**, well-known professional, was eliminated by **Mrs. W.G. Boggs**, of Pittsburgh. . . **Mrs. Lack** won the first Pennsylvania tourney ever promoted, in 1933. . . **Virginia Fox**, of Harrisburg, was the top competitor in the Central Pennsylvania area in 1937 and she advanced to the semi-finals. . . There she fell victim to the play of Oakmont's **Betty Abernathy**, who downed **Mrs. Boggs**, 1 hole, in an all-Pittsburgh finals.