

# Pam Barton Memorial Day

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Pam Barton was a symbol of the spirit with which British women golfers served their country during the war and are still serving. They have so won our admiration that we wish to pay them a fitting tribute, and at the same time lend any practical support we can.

But first, here is the story of Pam Barton:

She was born in London in 1917. She was keen on games, field hockey and cricket as well as golf. At 17, she was beaten in the final of the British Championship but won the French title. In 1936, at 19, she won both British and USGA Championships.

Her spontaneous friendliness and good sportsmanship made her very popular. She had great charm.

At the outbreak of the war, she joined the ambulance service and drove in London through the Battle of Britain. In February, 1941, she joined the Women's Auxiliary Air Force and got her commission that autumn. She eventually became a Flight Officer in command in one of the largest stations, with a personnel of 600.

In November, 1943, at 26, she was killed in an air crash.

## The Objectives

In recognition of what Pam Barton exemplified, a group of American golfers have banded together to organize a Pam Barton Memorial Day.

There is a two-fold objective:

FIRST, to show our admiration and sympathy for what the British women golfers did and suffered through the war.

SECOND, to assure continuation in 1950 of the international match series between women's teams representing the British Isles and the United States.

In the normal order of things, the Ladies' Golf Union, of Great Britain, would send

a team here in 1950. However, financial conditions created by the war might make this difficult if not impossible.

Therefore, every golfer and every golf course in the United States will be given opportunity to share in a Pam Barton Memorial Day to raise funds toward expenses of the British team. The committee in charge comprises mostly women, but Francis Ouimet is treasurer and Bob Jones is a member.

At present the plan is to ask every club to hold a Pam Barton Memorial Day, to ask our leading players to give exhibitions, and to ask interested individuals for subscriptions to the fund. Each club will be requested to fix its own date for a tournament among its members, preferably in August.

It is expected that the money will be held in America to be available for the expenses of the visiting British Curtis Cup Team.

May this small effort promote friendliness, good sport and understanding in this troubled world.

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## MOVABLE WEIGHT IN CLUBHEAD

Q: For some time now I have been using a driver and spoon which are standard in every respect with this exception: the metal used to weight the head is in the form of a powder instead of a solid piece.

I have just been told that these clubs would be considered "illegal" under the rules and regulations of the game as laid down by your Association. Would you please tell me if this is so, and if it is, upon what basis this type of club could be declared "illegal?"

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A: We understand that the weight in the heads of your driver and spoon is movable. That being so, the clubs do not conform with this Association's Rules Governing Form and Make of Golf Clubs—see item 5 on page 60 of the Rules of Golf booklet.