GIFT GIVING IDEAS Give The Great Game Of Golf

(NAPSA)—The golfers and would-be golfers on your birthday, anniversary, Father's Day, graduation day, holiday or any day gift list may enjoy a golf club—but not one they can use to hit the ball.

Instead, give the gift of a membership in the United States Golf Association (USGA). For a

\$15 membership, the recipient can enjoy a oneyear subscription of *Golf Journal* magazine, a current edition of the *Rules of Golf* book, a USGA decal,

ID card and bag tag; advanced opportunity to purchase tickets to

selected USGA Championships; volunteer opportunities at USGA Championships in the member's area; entry into the Ultimate Golfer's Dream Sweepstakes; and a USGA *Members Guide and Catalogue* from Golf House with special member discounts.

Benefits at the higher levels of membership include a U.S. Open Program, U.S. Women's Open and U.S. Senior Open Videos; and in the case of Patron of Golf Members—USGA Championship Tickets.

Memberships help the USGA maintain such valuable programs, for the good of the game as:

Funding programs for ju-

niors, physically challenged golfers and caddies;

• Conducting 13 national championships, including the U.S. Open, Women's Open, Senior Open and ten Amateur events;

• Preserving the principles and values of the game through writing and interpreting the Rules of Golf;

• Testing and maintaining the standards of golf equipment at

the USGA's Research and Test Center;

• Protecting the envir o n m e n t through the USGA Green Section:

• Maintaining the National Handicap and Course Rating System, which allows golfers of varying abilities to compete equally against each other;

• Preserving the history of the game at the Golf House Museum and Library.

The USGA has been the governing body of golf since 1894. It's a non-profit organization run by golfers and made up of more than 9,000 public and private golf courses, clubs, and facilities and nearly 800,000 individuals.

You can learn more about the USGA and order gift memberships online at http://members.usga.org or on the phone at 800-223-0041.