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Auguste Boyer, an underrated champion

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Antoine BOIERO called Auguste BOYER

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Transcription de décès

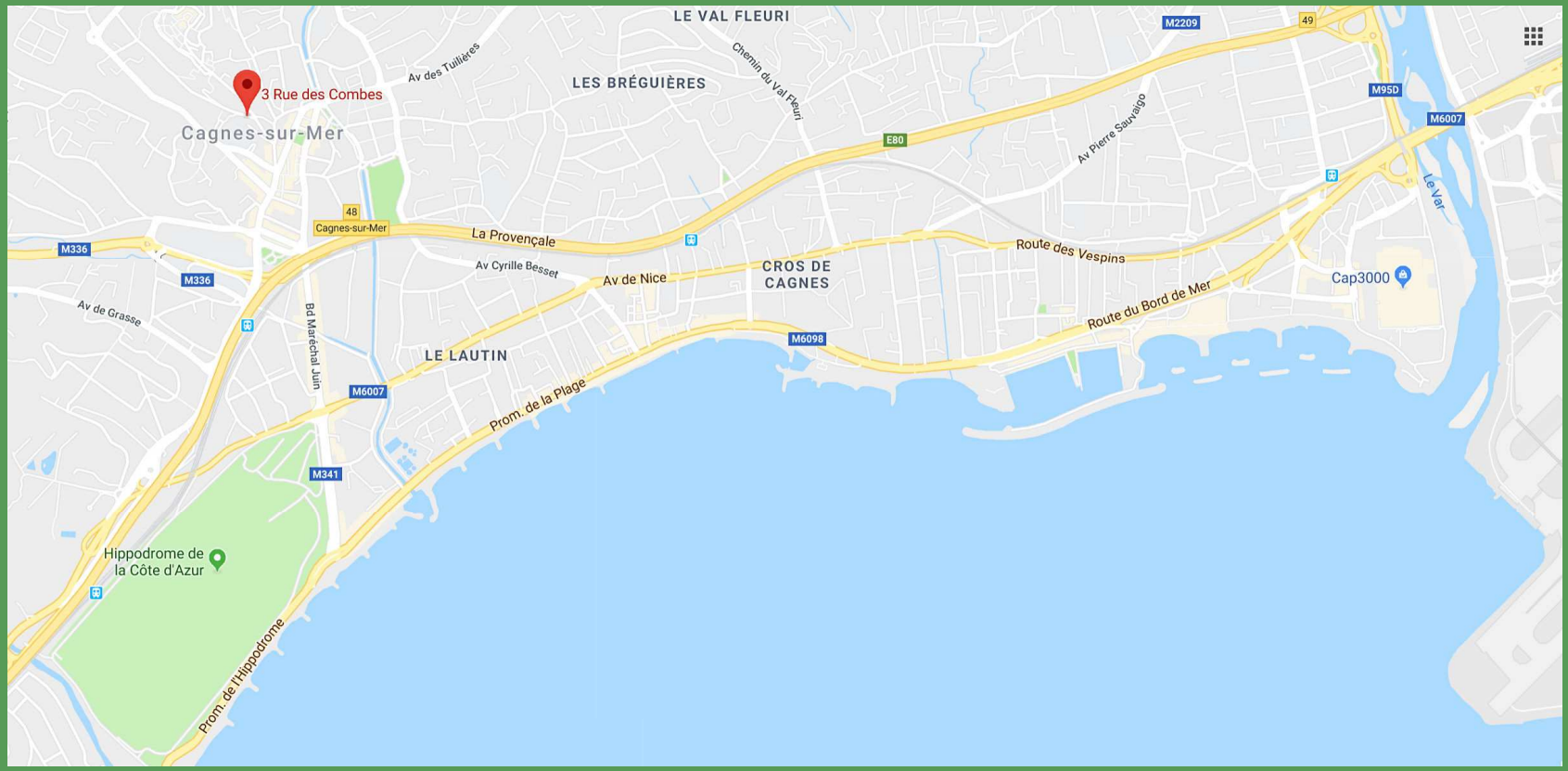
BOIERO Antoine
dit BOYER

Le vingt et un Octobre mil neuf cent cinquante six à six heures, est décédé 30 Avenue de la voie Romaine: Antoine BOIERO dit BOYER, né à Cagnes sur mer(Alpes maritimes) le treize Mars mil huit cent quatre vingt seize, professeur de golf, y domicilié, 3 rue des Combes, fils de Jean BOIERO et de Louise GRANETTO, époux décédés . Célibataire ._____

- Born 13 March 1896 (Cagnes-sur-Mer)
- Died 21 October 1956 (Nice) at 6 am
- He was never married but had a relation with Hélène Milhomme

  (she was previously married to Marcel Audouin, at Le Pecq, on 30 July 1926).

Living 2 miles from the club



The red spot shows where Auguste Boyer was living.

The Nice Golf Club was replaced by the race-couse (hippodrome)

From caddy to golf-professional

Auguste Boyer, a fantastic caddy … then a caddy-master

From the Bystander, Feb. 1924

First World War

- Boyer was enroled when 18 years old
- At the end of WWI, he went back home, decorated with “Croix de Guerre, avec palmes”.

From caddy to golf-professional

Mr Hay-Gordon (Hon. Sec) facing Major Thomas Longhurst (vice-pres.)
Baron de Bellet (pres.) and players: Turnbull, Auguste Boyer, Vinay (Nice)
Gaud (Cannes Mandelieu), Grant & Armour (Monte-Carlo), Freemantle (Cannes)
A drawing from "l'Eclaireur du Dimanche", 20 April 1924

April 1924, Monte-Carlo

- Pro-Am played at Monte-Carlo
  - Jolly (Bordighera) & Mr Newton (10)
  - Norman Grant (Cannes) & Mr H. Brooke (12)
- Followed by a professional competition (15 players)
  - Willy Armour, 143 (first, tied)
  - Norman Grant (Cannes-Mandelieu), 143
  - Boyer (Nice), 144

Dec. 1924, Monte-Carlo

N. Nutley (Mont Agel), M. Freemantle (Mandelieu), W. Armour (Mont Agel), Mrs. Walker (giving the prizes) , A. Grant (Mont Agel), A. Boyer (Nice) and B. S. Callaway (Mandelieu). Back row W. H. Jolly (Bordighera), A. Gand (Mandelieu), A. Viney (Nice), F. Pasquali (St. Raphael) and L. Fighiera (Mont Agel). E. Navello

First more important competitions

- 1924, Oct. French Pro. Championship, St Cloud
  - Boyer finished 16th (out of 28 players)
- 1925, Oct. French Open, Chantilly
  - Boyer finished 9th (12 strokes behind Massy, winner)

Continental European Opens

Country	Years
Belgium	1933, 1936
Germany	1930, 1932, 1935, 1936
Italy	1926, 1928, 1930, 1931
Swiss	1930, 1934, 1935
The Netherlands	1932

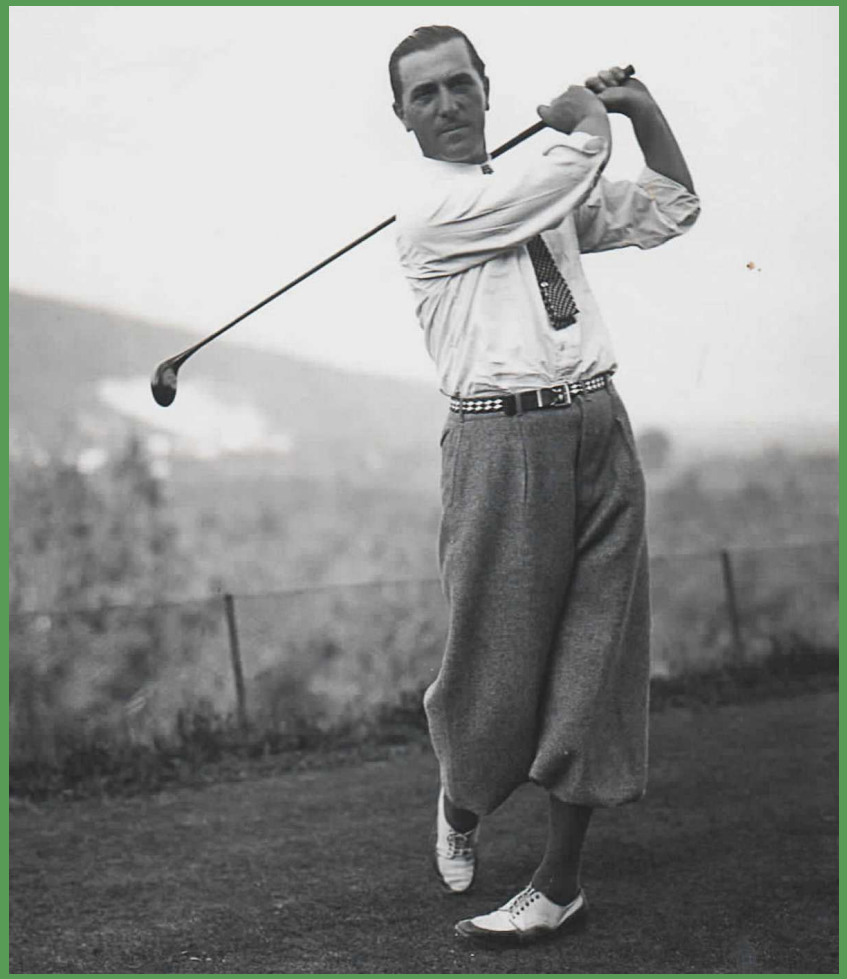
French Close Championship 1931, 1933, 1934, 1936

But Never the French Open!

Best finish is 2nd at Dieppe , 1930 (one stroke behind S.R. Whitcombe)

We must name here Marcel Dallemagne who was his most serious French competitor.

Auguste Boyer

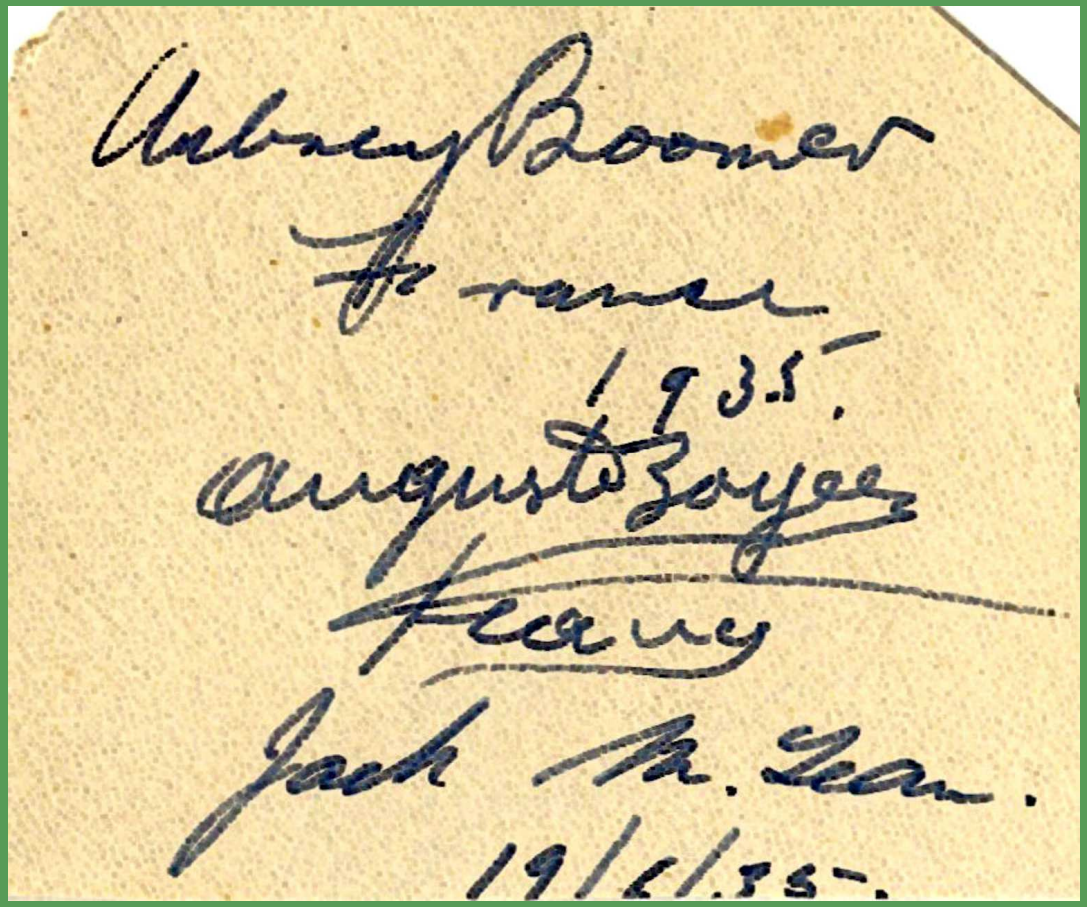


Two pictures of Auguste Boyer. Left: at Lake Como during one of his victory (Studio P. Vasconi). Right: picture from La Riviera Illustrée, Dec. 1935.

Boyer in The Open

Year*	Venue	Rank	Strokes/win.
1928	Sandwich	MC	
1929	Muirfield	NQ	
1930	Hoylake	9th	+9
1931	Carnoustie	40th	+17
1932	Prince's	NQ	
1933	St Andrews	14th	+5
1934	Royal St George's	29th	+21
1935	Muirfield	11th	+13
1936	Hoylake	MC	(1st in 84 / NR)
1937	Carnoustie	MC	
1938	Royal St George's	NQ	

Auguste Boyer in The Open



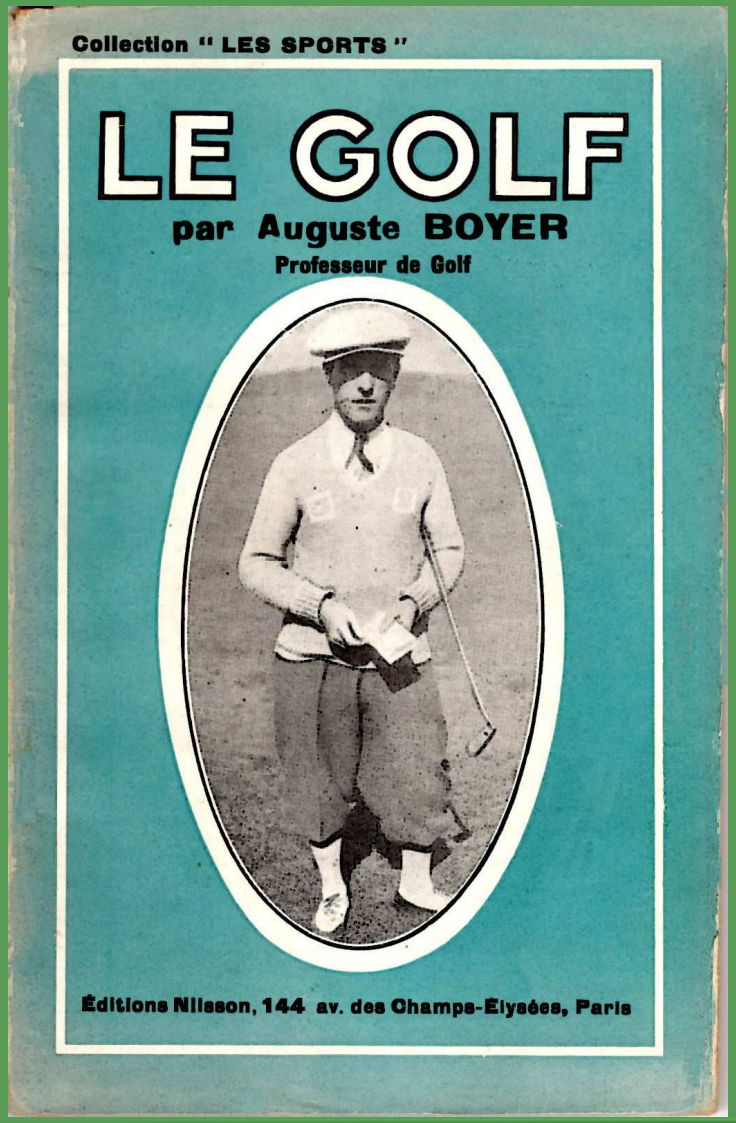
Autographed signatures during the British Open 1935

Aubrey Boomer – Auguste Boyer – Jack Mc Lean

Boyer in the US Open

- Boyer played just once in the US Open, in 1931
- After the French open played at Deauville he travelled with Aubrey Boomer on the boat *"Majestic"*.
- Finished 29th,
  15 strokes behind the winner (Billy Burke)

Le Golf, a book written in 1930



An elusive 80 pages book

Published in 1930 by ed. Nilsson, Paris.

Boyer after WWII

- After WWII the NGC did not opened
- From 1946 until his death
  - Winter season at Cannes-Mandelieu GC
  - Summer season at Lyon (St Genis Laval) for 3 years
- In 1953 ("A prequel …") cf. Bill Anderson in GM#14
  - USA vs Continental Europe match at St Cloud
  - Boyer was the non-playing Captain.

Boyer after WWII

- In September 1956 he was teaching at St-Moritz (Swizerland) when he got an attack.

- He was admitted to the Pasteur hospital in Nice, but couldn't be saved. He died 21st October 1956.

A moving family picture, taken by Boyer

A photograph taken by Auguste Boyer and signed by him ("Augy") and Hélène (Marie) Milhomme. Taken summer 1954.

Top: Louis (Hélène's brother) & Marie.

Standing left: Thérèse Pegis (née Milhomme)

Sitting (2nd rank): Pierre Bardoux, Suzanne Ramette (née Milhomme), the little girl is Pierrette Bardoux (later married Ferrand) and Marie "Hélène" Milhomme.

Sitting (1st rank): Jacques Ramette, Hélène Bardoux (née Milhomme) and Gilbert Pegis.

Auguste Boyer

Jean Garaialde and Auguste Boyer (Valescure, c. 1955)

From one generation to the next one

Thank you for your attention