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GOLF HELPS SHAPE 1950'S AMERICA

"DON'T ASK WHAT I SHOT" AUTHOR TO SPEAK AT CARTER LIBRARY

ATLANTA, GA.- During the 1950's, one sport had a major impact of shaping life in the United States. That sport was golf. On Tuesday, July 10, author Catherine Lewis will explain how when she reads from her new book *"Don't Ask What I Shot: How Eisenhower's Love of Golf Helped Shape 1950's America."* The reading begins at 7:00 p.m. at the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library theater and is free and open to the public. Following the reading, Lewis will sign copies of her book. The lecture is co-sponsored by the Georgia Center for the Book. Copies of "Don't Ask What I Show" will be for sale at the event.

Publishers Weekly says "Don't Ask What I Shot" includes "fascinating stories of how during WWII General Eisenhower ordered an air force pilot to drop a bomb on a new army golf course in Italy to quickly dig a hole for a sand trap, and how as president he took to the links with not only golf clubs but a "doomsday" briefcase that held the codes to launch a nuclear attack. Eisenhower used golf as a way to relax from stress and as recuperative exercise after his first heart attack in 1955. Lewis explores how Eisenhower often directed national policy from fairways and clubhouses, including Little Rock's Central High School integration standoff and the response to the American spy plane crash in the Soviet Union."

"Don't Ask What I Shot is a fascinating examination of one of golf's pivotal decades, and the remarkable president who did more to popularize the game than any other in history."

-Mark Frost, award-winning author of *Grand Slam* and *The Greatest Game Ever Played*

" In Catherine Lewis' revealing new book, the Atlanta-based golf historian and Kennesaw State University professor tells an intimate story about a president's public obsession--an obsession so passionate that at times you wonder if he cared what America thought about how he spent his time in office, and out of it. Eisenhower cared what America thought. Golf addicts, though, can't help themselves"

- Todd Sentell, author of, *Toonamint of Champions: How LaJuanita Mumps Got to Join Augusta National Golf Club Real Easy*

Doors to the Carter Presidential Library will open at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 404-865-7109 or visit www.jimmycarterlibrary.gov.