The USGA was particularly careful about cup location to give the players plenty of leeway for bold, smart putts. Oakland Hills rough was possibly heavier than that at the hilly Field club, but fairways were not unduly narrow. There was some discussion about long grass back of greens at Oakland Hills but experienced competitors agreed that it called for one of the masterly shots of golf so there was no cutting.

There has been evident in recent years a very receptive attitude on the part of the USGA toward players’ comments regarding cup location and course conditions.

Age and Youth in Charge of Courses

An interesting sidelight of the major tourney course condition is that at Oakland Hills, the veteran Herb Shave, one of the most active of America’s prominent elder greenkeepers, was responsible, while at the Pittsburgh Field club the greenkeeper is John McNamara, one of the youngest greenkeepers to be in charge of a major tournament course in recent years. McNamara was trained on the course under his father.

One of the problems that often are incorrectly and inadequately handled at tournaments, the matter of outside toilets, was engineered in a thoroughly satisfactory, neat manner at Oakland Hills.

At both clubs there was a very happy choice, or luck, in the assignment of official duties to club members, and an absence of officiousness and obvious machinery. Marshaling was well done. That’s always a big problem in the Open, inasmuch as the galleries crowd around a few favorite players and the rest of the field has to shift for themselves unless proper provisions have been made.

Oregon junior golf tournament to be held on the Riverside G&CC course the week of July 12. A notice has been sent every member of Oregon clubs asking them to cooperate in the campaign.

Ted Longworth, president of the Oregon PGA section, and vice-president of the Pacific Northwest PGA, has announced that pros in his section will gladly recondition all equipment worthy of repair and will turn them over to Ralph Tomlinson, who has fathered the junior championship for the last nine years. The “Oregon Journal” sports department is also accepting equipment donations, which will be reconditioned and which will be used as prizes for the tournament of “future greats”.

Assisting Tomlinson with plans for the event are A. C. McMicken, of the Pacific Northwest GA, Longworth, and Mrs. Walter Graham, team-captain at Waverly CC where Ted is pro.

This plan for promoting golf for the kids ties right in with the latest step in the Pro Promotion campaign. It is conservatively estimated the poster, “You can’t take ‘em with you,” urging that old clubs be turned in to the pros for reconditioning, then to be passed on to kids otherwise denied golfing privileges, is now being displayed in 1,500 pro-shops throughout the country. The number of old clubs so far turned in to these pros range from 8 to 42 per shop, and if 20 old clubs per shop be used as an average, it can be seen that between 25,000 and 35,000 golf clubs have been made available for furthering the interest of many thousands of kids in the game of golf.

Von Nida Is New Aussie Flash—Called the “Phar Lap of Australian golf,” Norman von Nida, Queensland pro, is shooting golf which promises to put him into world prominence very soon. He recently won the Queensland Open against a fine field by ten strokes to score 284. Within the past year he defeated both Hagen and Sarazen at match play.