Despite the general belief that golf club resignations are caused mainly by members leaving town or suffering sharp reductions in incomes, careful investigations by representative clubs have determined that the majority of resignations result from some dissatisfaction with club operations.

Inasmuch as each member represents a considerable amount of annual income for the average club, it plainly is unwise to let the points of dissatisfaction develop. The questionnaire method not only gives the officials and department heads a clear picture of what the members are thinking about the club, but shows each member that he is regarded as one who has an important part in determining the club's operation policies and methods.

Youngstown Increases Open Purse—Purse for this season's playing of the Youngstown Open has been increased from $250 to $1,000. Jack Miskell, pro at the 9-hole Poland Golf course where the tournament is held, reports that the first Open, held last year, did so well that tourney officials decided to put the event on a larger, and an annual basis. Youngstown lies between Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Akron, and last year drew heavily from these districts, both in players and gallery attendance.

Ted Luther, Churchill Valley CC pro, won the 1938 event with a score of 137 for the 36 holes. Sam Parks, former National Open champion, and Al Espinosa, Akron, were also included in the field. Miskell says many additional "name" stars have already indicated they will take part in this year's meet, which will be held July 24-25.

New York Caddies Are Under Unemployment Rules

According to a decision of the New York Unemployment Insurance Appeal Board, made March 8, caddies in that state are employees of clubs, and the clubs are liable for payment of unemployment insurance contributions based on the caddies' earnings. The decision said earnings included all amounts paid to caddies.

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