Recent Golf Divots

Fred Brand, Sr., president of the Tri-State PGA Section since its founding 22 years ago, is sporting a beautiful gold wrist watch these days. The watch was given Brand as a token of appreciation from the Tri-State chapter. Brand has been pro at the Allegheny CC, (Pittsburgh) since 1917. . . Out Hollywood way, movie actor Bob Taylor is the latest golf addict. Martin Sykes, pro-manager of the Pico Fairways, who is teaching Taylor the fine points, says, "Taylor coordinates well, has good hands, a good head on him, and is an honest-to-goodness student of the game. He might go far."

A total of 4,621 players entered the four USGA championships during 1939. Of this total, 2,401 were in the public links event. . . . They'll have to put up a new women's championship cup at Churchill Valley GC in 1940. Mrs. J. S. Gish won her 3rd straight club championship last fall to retire the W. W. Martin trophy. . . . Frank Hartig, pro at the Amsterdam, N. Y., muny course, was presented with a traveling bag and accessories by some of the Amsterdam muny golfers, just prior to Hartig's leaving early in January for his Melbourne, Fla., pro post.

Chillicothe, Ohio, golfers are getting the 'golf bug' unusually early this year. Approval was recently obtained for the building of a 9-hole municipal golf course on the site of the county fair grounds. The course is expected to be ready for play by June. . . . Members of Lexington (N. Car.) CC are looking forward to April 1st, when the site of the county fair grounds. The new addition includes new locker-rooms for both men and women, a large assembly room for banquets and dances, a kitchen and a golf shop. Nine more holes are also being added to the Lexington course this spring, which makes the Lexington improvement job one of the season's best.

First annual Northern California Bachelor golf tournament will be held on the Tilden Park course in Berkeley, Feb. 18 and 25. The event will be open only to bachelors. . . . Roy Smith, Hillcrest CC (Indianapolis district) pro for 16 years, is giving group golf lessons at the Bush-Feezle Sporting Goods Co. in Indianapolis this winter. Among Smith's outstanding pupils in recent years were Harriett Randall Ochiltree, present Indiana women's champion, and John David, former Indiana intercollegiate champ. . . . Jim Barnes, Essex County (N. J.) CC pro, former American and British Open champion, and who won the N. J. state open last year, is giving lessons in a Montclair (N. J.) department store this winter.

David M. Bell has been re-elected president of the Tri-State Golf Course Superintendents Assn. This is his seventh consecutive term. . . . T. H. Riggs-Miller, well known golf architect, and a familiar figure in greenkeeping for many years, died December 27 in Independence, Mo., of a cerebral hemorrhage. For the last five years he had been a resident of Kansas City and came there to re-design Swope Park course No. 1. He was 52 years old. . . . Norman Butler is the new pro at Columbus' (Ohio) swank Scioto CC. He succeeds Joe Thomas. Thomas has been named to the pro post at the Columbus Twin Rivers muny course.

Fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed the Danville (Va.) GC clubhouse late in December. Nothing could be done to save the building because of insufficient water pressure. Loss was estimated at $20,000 with insurance coverage reported to be $15,000. Plans are being made for the immediate erection of a new structure. . . . Walter E. Stoddart, retired golf professional, died Dec. 31 in Mount Kisco, N. Y. He was 62 years old. Stoddart had held positions at the Country Club, Brookline, Nassau G&CC, Weeburn CC, Bedford GC and Mount Kisco GC. He spent 20 years at the latter club, retiring when it closed two years ago.

A new body for the promotion of golf in the San Diego, Calif., district was formed recently under the name of the Golf Promotional Assn. of San Diego. As explained by Sydney Gaines, who was elected president, the general purpose of the association is to aid in the promotion of all golfing activity at both public links and country clubs. . . . Minnesota greenkeepers have been going strong for bowling, held just prior to the monthly dinner meetings. Most ardent enthusiasts are Mike Sanko, Len Bloomquist, Harold Stodola, Henry...
Managers to Meet in Detroit this Month

Plans for the 14th annual convention of the Club Managers Association of America, to be held in Detroit February 27-29, have been completed, according to late word from Jesse G. Wetzel, Detroit Club mgr., and general convention chairman. The program includes an outstanding series of interesting talks, educational features, and entertainment, and CMA officials are looking forward to handling one of the largest convention crowds in the association’s history. Hotel Statler in Detroit is convention headquarters.

Many of the delegates and guests are expected to arrive in Detroit Sunday, Feb. 25, and tickets will be available for them for the Ford Sunday Evening Hour, provided advance reservations are made with Wm. F. Roulo, manager of Detroit’s University Club and treasurer of the national association. Roulo is also publicity chairman for the convention. Monday will be devoted to registration, informal conferences, board of directors meeting at the Detroit Club, and an informal reception is scheduled for that evening in the Statler English room.

General chairman Wetzel will get the convention officially under way Tuesday morning with the call to order. Right after the invocation an address of welcome will be given by the Hon. Edward J. Jeffries, Jr., mayor of Detroit. CMA president Fred H. Crawford, of Louisville’s Pendennis Club, will give the opening address. A business session will occupy the remainder of the morning’s program.

Fine Program Announced

Educational program of the convention gets under way Tuesday afternoon and will continue through Wednesday afternoon. Round table conferences with Wm. Roulo presiding at the discussion on city clubs, and John Pomeroy, Red Run GC, Royal Oak, Mich., presiding for the country club group, is scheduled for Thursday morning. Also scheduled for Thursday a.m. is a meeting for women managers only. Mrs. Ruth S. Jones, Oak Hill CC, Pittsford, N. Y., will preside at this conference.

After luncheon in the Statler’s large banquet room, the managers will finish up the business end of the convention in Thursday afternoon’s sessions. 1940 officers will be elected during the final day’s conferences. Annual banquet and dance