Aces reported in the Peter Dawson national ringer tourney were about 2/3s as many as last year, indicating less golf and lower standard of play due to younger golfers being in the war. . . . Longest ace was 319 yards at first hole of Briar Hills GC, Briarcliff Manor, N.Y., by E. C. Bradley, playing his first game of the year.

During the tournament different members of the South Hills, CC, Pittsburgh, Pa., made aces on the club’s 160 yard twelfth, the 140 yard fourth and the 200 yard fifteenth.

Bob Hope and Bing Crosby in a 13-hole exhibition with Lawson Little and Ed Dudley at Cherry Hills, CC, Denver, Colo., drew $2,200 for the four army camps in the Denver area. Nearly $50,000 in War Bonds were sold to the crowd, including one $10,000 bond.

Remember those Lake Shore CC (Chicago district) announcements that always were among the niftiest in evidence in the Club Managers’ Assn. annual competition? . . . You should see them now . . . Neat, but certainly not gaudy. . . . Mostly mimeographed . . . C’est la guerre.

“Come along and enjoy the day with ‘Smiling George’ was the way Calumet CC (Homewood, Ill.) billed its invitations to play in its annual tribute to its popular veteran pro, George Knox. This year’s George Knox Day was Aug. 15. . . . Walter Knott, World War vet once employed as locker-room steward at US clubs and now working at a British club says Sunday play of 12 is a crowd. “Hitler’s divots” on the course have been repaired.

Grounds Committee of the Minikahda Club, Minneapolis, sent to all members a post card on which appeared the following request:

“With the golf course in as fine a shape as it has been for a long time, the inexcusable failure of the golfers to replace divots is beyond the undertakings of those who take pride in the course. The obligation to replace divots is upon the golfer, not upon the caddie, and divots should be replaced right side up. Please do your part.

Became ‘sodistic’!”

Golf in Australia, the New South Wales Golf Council, various Australian golf clubs and their members, have arranged to provide golf for American soldiers and sailors in their country. Playing equipment is loaned by club members to the visiting
Yanks. Thanks, cousins. . . . Several midwestern clubs have been holding monthly buffet and cocktail hour affairs from 4:30 until 9:00 P.M. for 30 to 50 soldiers or sailors invited from nearby posts. All members are billed 50c or $1 to defray expenses of the party and kicks have been very few at the automatic charge. There have been large attendances of members who have come to meet the boys.

Public Relations Office of Quartermaster Replacement Training Center, Camp Lee, Va., in a press release on Pvt. Darrell Napier says Napier’s 17 years of golf got his legs in good condition for war. Napier was asst. to Bobby Cruickshank at the Country Club of Virginia. Five aces in 8 days were made at the Longmeadow (Mass.) CC. West Shore G&CC, Grosse Ile, Mich., leads the Peter Dawson National Ringer tournament with a low composite score of 44.

Annual tournament of the Sand Diggers and Bunker Boys (father and son affair) of Wheeling (W. Va.) CC had among other features a plane flying over the course distributing War Bond publicity and other printed matter in a lighter vein.

Many of the younger pros who are married and have children are taking war factory instruction courses in evening schools. . . . Greenkeepers also are going for this instruction and are getting the hang of things quickly due to the mechanical versatility they employ in handling their golf jobs.

New Jersey Section PGA is to display a members’ service flag with a star for each member, at each association event and meeting. The flag is to be displayed beneath the U. S. flag and above the N. J. PGA banner. The idea was proposed by N. J. pres. Maurrie O'Connor. . . . It’s an idea that should be adopted by all PGA sections and by the PGA national body if there are winter tournaments in which the PGA figures.

Pro-member tournaments at various N.J. clubs have featured this season’s New Jersey PGA calendar. The affair at Crestmont with visiting pros paired with members brought $500 for the USO.

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