USGA Suggests Similar 
Tourneys for All Clubs

A UNIFIED program of golf tourna-
mements for war relief is being recom-
mended to the country's 5,400 private and 
public courses and associations by the 
USGA in agreement with the American 
Red Cross and the National War Fund. 
The program encompasses Red Cross 
Tourney on Memorial Day and Inde-
pendence Day week-ends, and National 
War Fund tournaments on Labor Day 
week-end.

Any other benefit events from now until 
July 31 should be for the Red Cross and 
thereafter for the War Fund.

The American Red Cross and the 
National War Fund are now the only two 
major agencies raising war relief funds 
nationally. Thus, the plan recommended 
is intended to simplify matters for not 
only them but also golf committees which 
have had difficulty choosing beneficiaries 
that made in late years. Club committees 
will not be asked to hold any national war re-

The USGA suggests that clubs and as-
sociations charge entry fees of $1, or per-
haps 50c at public courses, with 100% of 
all fees to go to the beneficiaries. All 
other tournament details are up to the 
local clubs and associations.

Red Cross Certificates

The Red Cross will award prize certifi-
cates for each separate Red Cross event, 
as follows: two for a women's tournament, 
two for a men's tournament, and four for 
a mixed foursome.

Last year the USGA sponsored Red 
Cross events on the three holiday week-
ends named above and at miscellaneous 
times, and $101,301 was raised by the 851 
organizations which reported. As was the 
case then, the 1943 tournaments may be 
called "Hale America" events if clubs 
desire.

The National War Fund represents all 
major war charities except the Red Cross. 
The President's War Relief Control Board 
requested them to band together, to re-
duce appeals to the public.

"The causes of the Red Cross and the 
National War Fund speak for themselves," 
says George W. Blossom, Jr., president of 
the USGA. "We know the golf organiza-
tions of the country will do their bit. "The 
tournaments we are now recommending 
will not only aid war charities but will 
encourage fitness among civilians. Health 
and high morale are necessary. Golf can 
help sustain them. I was much interested 
in a recent Associated Press report from 
London that 'British authorities encourage 
the average worker to play the game as a 
beneficial form of recreation. It also 
is one of the requisite exercises usually 
prescribed for convalescing soldiers.'

“Our Government has a physical fitness 
program, and several officials, especially 
Mr. Paul V. McNutt, have endorsed golf. 
As long as the game helps and does not 
hinder the war effort, there can be no 
question as to the good taste of golf for 
recreation at one's home course. We pre-
sent this program of war relief tourna-
ments, then, as one which, like all charity, 
will do good to both the receiver and the 
giver.”

NEARLY 100 dozen golf balls that have 
been in the laboratory at Illinois In-
stitute of Technology at Chicago for the 
USGA tests have been given to the Red 
Cross. The balls are being shipped to 
England, Scotland, North Ireland and 
Australia to make golf possible for Ameri-
can soldiers, sailors and marines in those 
countries.

Clubs in the various Allied countries 
have generously extended to Americans in 
uniform full privileges of play and let the 
Yanks have loan sets of clubs, but the 
ball supply problem is a tough one that 
will be greatly eased by the USGA action. 
Many of the balls are of the top grades 
of the leading manufacturers. The makers, 
instead of asking for return of the balls 
after the tests, willingly agreed to the 
USGA suggestion that the balls be 
shipped for use of American armed ser-
vice men in foreign lands who are eager 
to get a few rounds in when they are 
lucky enough to get leaves near a golf 
course.

7,000 Watch L. A. Tourney—A gallery 
of 7,000 attended the finale of the South-
ern California War Workers golf tourna-
ment sponsored by the Los Angeles 
Times. Oscar Hoberg, a 3-handicap player 
from Douglas Aircraft won the event by 
getting hot with a 68 on the Ingleside 
course. Movie, radio and stage stars 
played and scored with the contestants. 
Scotty Chisholm, trading his war-worker 
overalls for his kilts and other hieland 
regalia, returned to his public as referee.