ELECTIONS
USGA—PGA—and local groups name new officers

GEORGE W. BLOSSOM, JR. of Onwentsia Club, Lake Forest, Ill., was named by the nominating committee of the USGA again to head the nation’s major golf organization. The nominating committee's action is tantamount to election at the association's annual meeting in New York, Jan. 9. Only change in the Blossom administration is election of Daniel A. Freeman, Jr. of the National Golf Links of America to succeed John F. Riddell, Jr. as treasurer. Freeman is a vice-president of the National City Bank of New York.

Other officers and executive committee members of the 1943 USGA administration:

Vice-Presidents: Morton G. Bogue and Charles T. Littlefield; Secretary, Frank M. Hardt; General Counsel, James H. Douglas, Jr. In addition to the officers, the USGA Executive Committee includes John H. Ballinger, Edward L. Cheyney, Leslie L. Cooke, C. Pardee Erdman, Totton P. Heffelfinger, Francis D. Ouimet, Charles V. Rainwater and Fielding Wallace.

Heffelfinger now is a lieu. (sg) in the Navy flying forces and Douglas is a Col. in the Air Transport Command of the Army Air Corps. Erdman is awaiting call as a Navy chaplain. Numerous members of the association's other committees are in the armed services.

Wynant D. Vanderpool, former president of the USGA, heads the 1944 Nominating committee.

ED DUDLEY, pro at Broadmoor GC, Colorado Springs, Colo., was re-elected to the presidency of the PGA at its annual meeting held at Chicago, Nov. 9 and 10. Frank T. Sprogell of Kent CC, Grand Rapids, Mich., as secy. and Willie Maguire of the Houston (Tex.) CC, as treas., also were re-elected. Tom Walsh, Westgate Valley CC, Worth, Ill., was continued as honorary pres.


TAYLOR HAY, Union League club of Chicago, was elected president of the Chicago District Club Managers’ Assn. at its annual meeting, Dec. 7. Frank Murray, Glenview Club, was elected v-p and George F. Ehrhardt, Skokie CC, was elected secy-trears. Directors elected: William B. Bangs, Jr., Exmoor CC; Charles B. Bangs, Oak Park CC; F. Dioguardi, River Forest CC; Earl Dean, Bob o’Link; Fred Rosen, Idlewild; Martin Whalen, Racquet club; J. B. Wilder, South Shore CC.

RAY H. GERBER, Glen Oak CC, was elected president of the Midwest Greenkeepers’ Assn. at the organization’s annual meeting, Dec. 7. Ray Didier of Tam O’Shanter was elected first v-p and Gerald Deearle, Edgewater GC, second v-p. William H. Stupple, Exmoor CC, was elected secy-treas. Directors elected: John Darrah, Beverly CC; Stanley Arendt, Inverness CC; and Donald Strand, Westmoreland CC.

MATT KIERNAN, veteran Eastern official of Spaldings, passes along an idea worthy of serious study by numerous clubs.

Says Matt:
“Four-day-a-week memberships entitling the holders to play, say Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, might yield a very welcome volume of membership fees at reduced prices, a good total of reduced-rate annual dues, considerable house income, and, if arrangements were made, a good volume of green fees for play on days not covered by the four-day privileges.

“The four-day memberships would care for the man whose family is importuning...”
him to join a private club, but who hesitates at paying the usual initiation fee, plus dues, which he knows is just the beginning of his charges at a club.

"With the excellent facilities being offered at municipal and privately-owned daily fee courses, it is obvious that the private club that wants to make a wide appeal for members among the "nice" people must popularize its prices. A premium is warranted by the selectivity of the private club and its comparative freedom from crowding. But the price gap cannot be permitted to be too wide or a highly desirable class of potential members won't bridge that gap with their checkbooks.

"The place to begin any consideration of such membership is, of course, an analysis of play per day at a club. Club officials must think cautiously, too, about how such a type of restricted-play membership might be so fitting to many of the present full members, they'd want to change over. Possibly the only way to give the suggestion a trial is by offering a sharply limited number of such restricted memberships during a test season."

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