# 1954 Tournament Schedule

**January**
- 8-11 — Los Angeles Open, Fox Hills CC, Los Angeles
- 15-17 — Bing Crosby AM-PRO Inv., Cypress Point, Monterey Peninsula CC and Pebble Beach GC, Del Monte, Calif.
- 21-24 — San Diego Open, Rancho Santa Fe, San Diego
- 28-30 — PGA Senior Nat’l Ch., PGA Nat’l Club, Dunedina, Fla.
- 28-31 — Palm Springs Inv., Thunderbird Ranch & CC, Palm Springs, Calif.
- 28-31 — Brawley (Calif.) Open, Del Rio CC

**February**
- 1-6 — Life Begins at Forty Tour., Harlingen (Tex.) Muny Crse.
- 4-7 — Phoenix (Ariz.) Open, Phoenix CC
- 16-21 — Nat’l Ch. of Golf Club Champions, Ponce de Leon GC, St. Augustine, Fla.
- 18-21 — Texas Open, Brackenridge Park GC, San Antonio
- 25-28 — Mexican Open, Mexico City

**March**
- 4-7 — Houston Open
- 11-14 — Baton Rouge Open, Baton Rouge, (La.) CC
- 17-21 — Miami Beach Four-Ball Inv., Normandy Isle, GC, Miami Beach
- 21-27 — American Seniors GA Men’s Ch., Ponce de Leon GC, St. Augustine
- 22 — La Gorce Amateur Professional, La Gorce CC, Miami Beach
- 23-24 — Seminole Amateur Professional, Seminole GC, Palm Beach
- 26-28 — Azalea Open Inv., Cape Fear CC, Wilmington, N. C.

**April**
- 2-4 — Greater Greensboro (N. C.) Open Inv., Starmount Forest CC
- 8-11 — The Masters, Augusta (Ga.) Nat’l GC

**May**
- 3-6 — Triangle Round Robin, Cascades CC, Virginia Hot Springs
- 10-12 — Hopkins Trophy Matches, Mississaugua GC, Port Credit, Ont.
- 15-18 — WGA Junior, Univ. of Illinois, Champaign
- 16-18 — DAKS Professional Tournament
- 17-19 — USGA Men’s Open, Baltusrol GC, Springfield, N. J.
- 22-25 — Western Senior GA Ch., Blue Mound G&CC, Milwaukee
- 24-29 — British Amateur, Muirfield

**June**
- 2-4 — Greater Greensboro (N. C.) Open Inv., Starmount Forest CC
- 8-11 — The Masters, Augusta (Ga.) Nat’l GC
- 15-18 — WGA Junior, Univ. of Illinois, Champaign
- 12-18 — Trans-Mississippi Men’s Amateur, Cherry Hills CC, Englewood, Colo.
- 14-17 — Canadian Open, Point Grey G&CC, Vancouver, B. C.
- 19-21 — Mid-Atlantic Ga Junior, Baltimore
- 20-26 — NCAA Championship, Brue Burn CC, Houston, Texas
- 21-27 — National PGA Ch., St. Paul, Minn.

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**Rules Clarified Jointly by USGA and R&A**

Revisions in the Rules of Golf, effective Jan. 1, 1954, have been agreed on by the USGA and R&A. Revisions mainly are of wording for clarification.

Most important of the changes is that prohibiting lifting a ball for identification in a hazard, under an amendment to Rule 23.2. (However, if the ball be covered by sand, fallen leaves or the like; the player still may “remove as much thereof as will enable him to see the top of the ball,” under Rule 33-1e. Further, if he plays a wrong ball from a hazard, there is no penalty — Rule 21-2.3.)

A new clause 3 of Rule 22 will provide that “A ball lifted in a hazard must be dropped and come to rest in that hazard unless oth-


erwise provided for in the rules.” This merely puts in the rules the substance of a principle of long standing.

The definition of a lateral water hazard has been clarified. Definition 14c will provide: “A lateral water hazard is a water hazard or that part of a water hazard so situated that it is not feasible to drop a ball behind the water hazard and keep the spot at which the ball last crossed the hazard margin between the player and the hole. It is the duty of the committee to define a lateral water hazard.”

Rule 38-2 dealing with checking scores in stroke play has been changed in two particulars. It will now be obligatory upon the competitor to “ensure that the marker has signed the card.” Secondly, in handicap play the committee will now have responsibility for application of the correct handicap.

Among other amendments are:
Definition 18—A marker should not lift the ball or mark its position.

Rule 21-2,3—Clarified to provide that strokes played with a wrong ball do not count in the player's score.

Rule 36-1—Combining match play and stroke play prohibited.

Rule 37-3—Clarified to prohibit practice on course before starting in stroke play.

In addition, Definitions 17, 20, 21, 22 and 26 and Rules 9, 27, 30, 32, 35, 40 and 41 have been slightly reworded.

**National Golf Fund Allocs $68,000**

*National Golf Fund, Inc.*, at its annual meeting during the PGA annual convention, approved distribution of $68,000 from National Golf Day funds contributed by U.S. golfers to the nationwide event co-sponsored by Life magazine and the PGA.

Fund distribution is subject to recipient organizations qualifying under internal revenue regulations.

Largest amount, $25,000, went to 14 caddie scholarship funds, headed by Western Golf Assn. Evans scholarship fund. WGA will handle distribution on basis of present scholarship commitment ratio, among Detroit, Mass., Wis., Western Pa., Cleveland, Rhode Island, Pacific Northwest, Illinois Women's GA, Omaha, Maine, Minn., and Kansas City GA caddie scholarship funds.

PGA educational and benevolent funds got $16,000. Green Section of USGA got $10,000 to be employed for regional and coordinated research. US Junior Chamber of Commerce got $10,000 of which $7,000 is earmarked for its national junior championship and $3,000 for sending USGA, Western GA and USJCC junior champions to British junior championship.

PGA teaching committee one evening each week. Business course sessions will be held Mondays starting Jan. 11 and ending with the Feb. 22 session. There will be an extra session Friday, Feb. 12 on “Bookkeeping, Insurance, Inventory, Finance.”

Subjects and speakers already assigned:

- Starting Beginners in Golf
- Variations in Sound Methods of the Golf Swing
- Our Experiences with Our Golf Instruction (Betsy Rawls and Betty McKinnon)
- Golf after 50
- Public Relations and Merchandising
- Bookkeeping — Insurance — Inventory — Finance
- Visual Aids in Teaching
- Future Planning for Dunedin (Leo Grady and Emil Beck)

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more inviting and to keep tired golfers resting and looking around instead of virtually crowding them out. Rearrangement of small shops to make them look roomy and orderly has been quite an achievement.

“One of the real selling jobs I’ve noticed this year was done by a pro who was hav-