first for contouring and seeding work while the greens were under construction, and more recently for weeding, watering and fertilizing to keep them in top condition. Old soldiers will recall details of this nature with some repugnance, but at Turner everyone has been so wrapped up in getting and keeping the course in its present excellent shape that these things have been taken in stride even though they have meant extra duty.

Dues Are Low

The Turner nine is open to all military personnel stationed in the Albany area. Dues have been kept to a minimum with officers paying only $5, and enlisted men $2 a month, for all privileges. Daily fees for non-members are $1.

The course itself is a fine blend of frustrating, not-so-difficult and letup holes. Sand traps are plentiful but not so numerous as to discourage the fellow who shoots in the 45-60 range. A man-made lake, located in front of the green, calls for a skillful approach on the 382-yard sixth. Total yardage for the course is 5,421 and includes a 569-yard No. 4 hole and a 520-yard seventh, both of which are doglegs. For those who don’t hit the long ball, No. 2 which is 151 yards, and No. 8, a 226-yard test, offer them a chance to show their finesse with the irons. Par for the course is 36.

A Blind Bogey tournament, held in July in conjunction with Turner’s Family Day celebration, was the first regularly scheduled basewide golf event. It was the forerunner of many similar affairs that will be held at the club in the future, the theory being that since practically everyone connected with the Base joined in to help build the course, there is no reason why they shouldn’t continue to enjoy their golf games on a community basis.

Southern Cal PGA Gives Cameron Life Membership

Samuel C. Cameron, Long Beach (Cal.) newspaper executive, was given an honorary life membership in Southern California PGA at the annual award dinner held at the Riviera CC, Pacific Palisades in April.

Cameron, whose financial and moral support have made possible the largest sectional PGA championship in America (they play for $7500 this year), became the 20th person to receive the gold membership card. Others on the list include Bob Hope, Norman Chandler, Bing Crosby, Darsie L. Darsie, Milt Arthur, Scotty Chisholm.

Also honored at the dinner were three pros of the Southern California section, Harry Bassler, George Lake and Willie Hunter, sr., for their contributions to the profession.

Flag Pole Not A Target

Jim Thomson, pro-supt., Mohawk GC, Schenectady, N.Y., told Northeastern (NY) GCSA: “After a season of trying the new Flag Pole rule I find that players are using the pole as something to hit at. They waste considerable time adjusting the pole according to their particular angle of putt. My personal opinion is that the flagpole was intended as a marker and not as something to hit at.”