Orlick Gives Winter Students Progress Report

Warren Orlick, Michigan PGA pres., and pro at Tam O'Shanter CC, Orchard Lake, teaches at the Sidney-Hill Northwest Club, a health club near Detroit.

Notwithstanding many PGA duties in the winter, Orlick manages to give more than 600 lessons during this season. At the conclusion of the winter school, Orlick sends each of his pupils the following mimeographed letter which he fills in by writing recommendations based on his observations during the indoor sessions:

Dear Mr. .............:

Now that the golf season is approaching I know that you are anxious to test your skill outside. I have kept records of your lessons through our winter sessions and my recommendations are:

(Notes briefly a few points that should have the pupil's particular attention.)

I am confident that these suggestions will produce a smoother, easier swing but with practice the recommendations will assure you fewer poor shots and lower scores.

If you are a member of a club, have your professional check your game early in the season. A few lessons in the spring are worth many lessons in the summer.

It has been a privilege to work with you on your game, I hope you have a successful season.

Very sincerely,

P.S. Let me remind you that I have a complete line of golf equipment and apparel in my pro shop at Tam O’Shanter. Having worked with you, I believe that I can well advise you on the proper selection of equipment. If you are a member of some other club, please disregard this postscript as your own professional has what you may need.

Warren says that for an inexpensive mimeographed job this advertising gets a lot of business and considerable appreciative comment from pupils who receive the instruction summary.

WGA Tops Caddie Services with New Film, “Your Caddie, Sir”

“Your Caddie, Sir”, a full color, 16mm caddie training film is the newest of many services for better caddies provided by the Western Golf Association. The 21-minute sound movie with narration by Bing Crosby, produced primarily as an educational film, moves at a pace and carries a story line that makes it an entertaining feature for any viewer.

Every point of caddie instruction is outlined and illustrated as the film covers the action in playing a round of golf from the first tee to the 18th green.

Principal characters are Dick and Ken, two outstanding Honor Caddies, with Chick Evans, Walter Burkemo and Horton Smith the featured players.

All caddie instruction sequences were filmed at Plum Hollow Golf Club, Detroit with pro Bill Uzelac and caddiemaster Bill Langnau assisting.

Requirements for an Evans Scholarship, interview with a scholarship candidate and scenes at Evans House at Northwestern University wrap up the WGA’s newest production shown to the press and golf and club officials for the first time on Mar. 4 at the Chicago Athletic Club.

Bookings for the film can be arranged by writing the Western Golf Association, Golf, Illinois. WGA member clubs are given preference over non-member clubs as in past years.

National Golf Day Scheduled for June 7 by PGA

Dick Mayer, the 1957 Open champion, and Lionel Hebert, who won the PGA Championship last year, will compete in an 18-hole medal match play as a feature of the week-long National Golf Day competition. The match will be played at Southern Hills CC, Tulsa, site of the 1958 Open which will be played June 12-14. National Golf Day is officially set for Saturday, June 7.

Persons taking part in the big annual event will match their scores against the winner of the Mayer-Hebert match. Winners will get “I Beat the Champ” medals from the PGA. Men will play their normal handicaps while special handicaps for women are now being worked out by PGA officials.

In the six years that National Golf Day has been in existence, nearly $600,000 has been raised for various charities.

More than 4,000 pro members of the PGA will be asked to cooperate in helping put over the nationwide program. Golfers will be permitted to play as many rounds as they like in competition with Mayer or Hebert provided the rounds are played between June 1-7 inclusive. The $1 entry fee will again be in effect with caddies being permitted to play for 25 cents.