Ames Slated to Be USGA President in 1958

John D. Ames of Chicago has been nominated to be pres. of the USGA for 1958, according to the report of the nominating committee headed by Isaac B. Grainger. Election of Ames to the office will take place on Jan. 25 when the USGA will hold its 64th annual meeting at the Drake Hotel in Chicago.

Ames, a partner in a Chicago investment firm, has been a USGA executive comm. member since 1946. In 1950-51 he was treas. of the assoc., secy. in 1952-53 and a vp since that time.


Hord W. Hardin of St. Louis and Bernard H. Ridder, Jr., of Duluth, Minn. have been nominated to the executive comm. to succeed Richard S. Tufts, Pinehurst, N. C., incumbent pres., and John W. Fischer of Cincinnati.

The USGA's 1959 nominating comm. is slated to include Totton P. Heffelfinger, Minneapolis, Charles R. Coe, Oklahoma City, John W. Goodrich, Boston, Corydon Wagner, Tacoma, Wash., and Charles R. Yates, Atlanta.

The present nominating comm. is made up of, in addition to Grainger, the following: Edwin C. Hoyt, Darien, Conn., Charles D. Hunter, Jr., Tacoma, Lynford Lardner, Jr., Milwaukee and William H. Zimmerman, Columbus, Ga.

On Friday, the 24th, the USGA Green Section will hold a one-day educational program for supt.s and green chmn. on how to meet the rising costs of course maintenance. This meeting is also scheduled to be held at the Drake Hotel.

Shute Won PGA Championship Two Years In A Row

Denny Shute, who was selected this year to join golf's immortals in the PGA Hall of Fame, is the last man to have won two consecutive PGA Championships, having turned the trick in 1936 and 1937. Now pro at Portage CC in Arkon, O., Shute won the British Open in 1933 and in 1941 was runnerup for the USGA Open. He also was a member of four Ryder Cup teams.

In the balloting for the Hall of Fame, Shute got 100 votes. Jock Hutchison, Sr., his closest rival, got 86. Others who received votes were Johnny Farrell, 75, Olin Dutra, 49, Fred McLeod, 27, and Tom Kerrigan, 9.

Schedule Set for PGA's Second Assistants Training School

Chairman Emil Beck and a faculty consisting of Joe Devany, Eddie Duino, George Aulbach, Willie Ogg and Bill Hardy, which made such a sparkling debut in the education field in 1957 when they conducted the PGA's first Training School for Assistant Pros, again will take over the teaching chores when assistants come to Dunedin, Fla., Jan. 12-18 for the second annual five-day training course.

Registration for the school is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 12, with applicants signing up at the PGA National CC. Housing is available at the Hotel Ft. Harrison in Clearwater with students being expected to arrange their own transportation between their residences and the school. Attendance at all teaching sessions is compulsory with attendance and other records being available to employers upon request.

The Training School will conduct morning and evening sessions from Monday through Wednesday with afternoons of these days being free for golf. Students who aren't members of the PGA will be permitted to play the National course upon payment of a small fee. Classes on Thursday and Friday will be held only in the mornings. A banquet at 6:30 p.m. on Friday evening will climax the five-day course.

Black Joins Tour Bureau

Joe Ed Black, formerly asst. to Pro Vern Farquhar at Roff Rogers GC, Amarillo, Tex., has been named asst. PGA tournament supervisor. He will work under Harvey Raynor. A former Hardin-Simmons University golfer, Black finished in the money in the 1956 Western Open and was only four strokes off the winner's pace in the 1957 Texas Open. Other members of the PGA tournament bureau staff include Ed Carter, mgr., Tony Anthony, Ken Everett and Jim Gaquin.

Golf Architects Meet

American Society of Golf Architects will hold its 12th annual membership meeting at the Beach Club Hotel, Naples, Fla., Jan. 27-31.