Bill Gordon, Jack Daray
Die in Recent Weeks

William C. (Bill) Gordon, 1955 PGA pro of the year, died unexpectedly in his winter home in Dunedin, Fla., early in February. In 1957, Bill was pro at Chestnut Ridge CC, Baltimore, having moved there two years before after 17 years as head pro at Chicago's Tam O'Shanter CC. He was 61 years old.

Before going to Tam, Bill served at the Rockford (Ill.) CC. He was pres. of the Illinois section of the PGA for seven years. Because he served as host professional at the All-American and World's Championship while at Tam, Bill was known to practically every “big name” pro in the world.

Bill played in the 1958 PGA Seniors at Dunedin and finished second in the over-60 division, shooting a 36-hole 149. In 1951 he was pres. of the Seniors.

Survivors include his widow, Zeta M., a son, Richard J., and a sister, Mrs. Edith Woodall.

Jack Daray, a member of the PGA and American Society of Course Architects, died in Coronado, Calif., Jan. 28, after a brief illness. He was 76 years old.

Jack was pro at Highland CC, Grand Rapids, Mich., and Olympia Fields, Chicago. He later operated Cherry Hills GC and was part owner of Mission Hills, both in Chicago. He moved to California in 1948. Among the courses Jack designed were Gulf Hills, Ocean Springs, Miss., and the 27 hole course at the naval base in San Diego.

Rockford Tournament Added to Ladies’ PGA Schedule

Rockford, Ill., has been added to the Ladies’ PGA tournament schedule and events tentatively scheduled for Asheville, N. C. and Gatlinburg, Tenn., have been confirmed. The 54-hole Rockford tournament will be played Aug. 8-10 with a purse of $6,500. The Asheville tournament will be played May 23-25 and Gatlinburg, May 30-June 1. The total LPGA tourneys already played or confirmed is now 24 as compared to 26 in 1957. Purse for 1958 amount to $168,000. In 1957 they totalled $156,500.

The annual Azalea golf tournament will be played at the Country Club of Charleston, S. C., Mar 20-23. The entry deadline is Mar. 17.