Wallis, Cartwright Get Burke Writing Awards

Wally Wallis, Oklahoma City Daily Oklahoman, and Gary Cartwright, Dallas Times Herald, were winners of the news division and feature division competitions in the third Burke Golf Equipment-National PGA Distributors golf writing contests.

Wallis received $250, a plaque and money clip for his account of the 36-hole Nicklaus-Coe match in last year’s National Amateur final, and Cartwright received a like award for his story on Art Wall’s attitude toward the tournament circuit.

Bill Rives, Dallas Morning News, won the second place prize of $150 in the news division and third prize of $100 went to Ben GaTlikov, Dayton (O.) Daily News.

Runner-up in the feature division was Fred Byrod, Philadelphia Enquirer, and third place was awarded to Marshall Dann, Detroit Free Press.

The competitions, founded in 1957 by Jack Schram, now pres. of Comptometer Corp., and head of the Burke Golf div., were judged by faculty members of the University of Illinois’ Journalism dept.

Michigan GCSA Officers

Michigan and Border Cities GCSA has chosen the following officers for 1960: Leo Johnson, pres.; Robert Prieskorn, vp; Cornelius Schrade, secy.-treas.; and William Bair, corresponding secy. Directors are Merton Nye, Donald Ross, Bob Williamson, Clarence Wolfkom, George Prieskorn and Ernest Wohfiell.

PGA Delegates Favor Headquarters Move

Delegates to the PGA annual meeting, the 43rd held by the organization, were practically unanimous in agreeing that the professional group should shop around and look for new national headquarters. A recommendation to this effect was made to the executive committee which will meet again in May to act officially on the suggestion. However, before the site of national headquarters can be changed, approval would have to come from the sectional delegates who will not meet again until late in 1960.

Members are disenchanted with the Dunedin setup because of inadequate golf facilities and also because the PGA’s head office is not large enough and “is located upstairs with a side door entrance.” The PGA leases the Dunedin Isles course from the city at $1 a year and rents space in the First National Bank of Dunedin. A majority of delegates at the December meeting expressed the opinion that the pro organization should own the land and building which constitute the National Golf Club and that the home office should be more in keeping with a large and growing nationwide group.

No Offer Received

PGA officers say that they haven’t received any firm offer of a new course site. If one were to be selected, approved and purchased, the PGA office would be moved to the new location because it is felt that the course and head office should be in the same city.

City Manager Herbert Dear and Dunedin commissioners are anxious to keep the PGA in Dunedin because they feel the pro organization is good for the city. Whether the course can be sold to the PGA hadn’t been decided at the time of the December meeting because provisions of the deed to Dunedin Isles hadn’t been fully studied by city officials.

Turf Conferences

Jan. 5-6 Mid-Atlantic, Lord Baltimore Hotel, Baltimore.
18-21 New Jersey, Rutgers University, New Brunswick.
27-Feb. 6 National, Shamrock Hilton, Houston, Tex.
Feb. 15-18 Penn State, University Park, Pa.