Jones, Ouimet to be Cited at National Award Dinner

American golf's two amateur immortals, Bob Jones and Francis Ouimet, will share the stage at the eight annual National Golf Award dinner in New York's Plaza Hotel, Jan. 26. Vice Pres. Richard M. Nixon, also a golfer, will be the principal speaker.

Stewart (Skip) Alexander, 1959 winner of the Ben Hogan trophy for handicapped golfers, is another who will be cited at the Award dinner. Skip survived a 1950 plane crash and came back to play competitive golf and take a club pro post.

Jones, who won 13 U. S. and British national championships, will be given a trophy commemorating the 30th anniversary of his unprecedented Grand Slam.

Ouimet, whose victory in the 1913 Open popularized golf as a U. S. sport, will get the Gold Tee award for his many contributions to the game. An original member of golf's Hall of Fame, he served on the U. S. Walker Cup team as player and captain for 27 years.

Others to be honored include: Robert Hudson, Portland, Ore., for aiding in sponsorship of Ryder Cup matches; Jack Nicklaus and Barbara McIntire, men and women's Amateur champions; Mickey Wright, Women's Open winner of '58 and '59; Deane Beman, British Amateur titleholder; Bob Rosburg, PGA champion; and four Metropolitan champions, Paul Kelly, Maureen Orcutt, Paul Dunkel and Sam Petrone.

Repeat Performance

The cocktail party and style show, sponsored by Bowen, Inc. (Wm. Joyce golf shoes), Munsingwear and E-Z Go Golf Cars at the PGA meeting in December, made such a hit that the three companies will stage a repeat performance on Jan. 26. The party and show will precede the PGA Seniors' banquet which will be held in Clearwater, Fla.

Club Managers Faced With Food Service Problems

Daniel M. Layman of the Union League Club of Philadelphia and pres. of the Club Managers Assoc. of America, doesn't think that management problems will diminish in the coming year. But he feels that easing of the Federal Excise taxes will prompt clubs to spend more money on improvements, thus enabling managers to operate their facilities more efficiently and economically.

"Quite a few clubs," says Layman, "have deferred rebuilding programs pending clarification of the tax law on capital expenditures. Now that it has been straightened out, modernization will be in vogue. If club managers are given a voice in recommending changes that will improve efficiency in the operation of their clubs, I'm sure that substantial economies can be effected."

But, Layman continues, managers still will be haunted by rising costs, particularly where labor is concerned. Keeping trained personnel in kitchen and dining room operations is another problem. Practically everyone connected with the food service field, the CMAA pres. adds, bemoans the shortage of skilled employees in these two vital areas.

The National Council for Restaurant and Hotel Education, headed by Matthew Bernatzky, Layman says, has made great strides in recent years in trying to provide solutions to the food service dilemma. But the council isn't out of the woods yet and only a great deal of cooperation on the part of persons connected in any way with club management will insure continued progress.

Royer Elected President of Western Golf

James M. Royer, an insurance executive, was elected to succeed Harold Moore as pres. of Western Golf Assn. in December. A member of Knollwood in Lake Forest, Ill., he was a WGA vp from 1957 through 1959 and is on the nominating committee of the USGA. Elected with Royer were the following vps: William P. Cagney, Jr., Norman G. Copland, Cameron Eddy and George K. Whyte; treas., William F. Souder; secy., Ralph A. L. Bogan, Jr.; and counsel, Adelor J. Petit, Jr.

Western Golf now has 415 Evans scholars in school and in 1959, $304,000 was added to the scholarship fund.