Southern California GCSA members were guests of course dealers and suppliers in the area recently for their annual trek to the Hollywood race track for a day of frolic along with possible financial ruin. The event was originated some years ago by Gene Marzolf, then a supt., but now an equipment and supplies salesman. He has been handling arrangements for the affair ever since. The sixth race was dedicated to the supts. by Hollywood officials. More than 100 greenmasters and dealer officials and representatives enjoyed the day at the races.

Hill of Fame Tree Planted in Honor of Horton Smith

The twelfth tree, commemorating the deeds of some of the country’s greatest golfers, was planted on the Hill of Fame at Oak Hill CC in Rochester, N. Y. on July 23. It was dedicated to Horton Smith, the two-time Masters winner who knew his greatest fame about 25 years ago. Dr. John R. Williams of the Hill of Fame committee was in charge of the ceremony at which a pin oak was planted.

Smith, who is head pro at the Detroit Golf Club, a post he has held since 1946, won his first major tournament, the French Open, on his 21st birthday in 1929. Altogether, he won 33 major tourneys. He was a member of six Ryder Cup teams and his Masters triumphs came in 1934 and 1936. He is the only man who has played in every one of the Augusta classics. In 1946, after returning from service, in which he was an Air Force captain, Horton became active in the national affairs of the PGA. He was secretary of the association in 1950-51 and pres. of the organization from 1952 through 1954. In recent years he has served on several national PGA committees and has been one of the more active members of the Michigan section.

Those who have been enshrined on the Hill of Fame include Walter Hagen, Robert T. Jones, Jr., Ben Hogan, the late (Babe) Zaharias, Cary Middlecoff, Chick Evans, Francis Ouimet, Gene Sarazen and others not too well known as golfers, but who made some contribution to the game, such as Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Washington Interclub League Sets Fine Pattern for Juniors

The Interclub Junior Golf League of Washington, D.C., probably the best operated and most enthusiastically supported kids’ circuit in the country, has grown from four teams in 1956 to 18 through 1960. During this time the number of individual participants has increased from 38 to 146. A handful of girls has been members of the various teams since the league was started.

Each team is composed of six players, two in each of three age groups — 16-17, 14-15 and under 14. A player may compete in a higher age group but not in a lower one. The player’s age as of June 1 determines his eligibility classification.

Play is by foursomes with players in the same age group competing against one another individually and in best-ball matches. One point is scored for an individual match victory and one point for best-ball. In case of ties, points are split. There are also round-robin matches in which each player plays three matches, one against each of the other three in the foursome. There is no best-ball in a round-robin.

Division championships go to teams that score the most points during the season. In the final playoff for the Interclub League championship, tied matches are decided on a sudden-death basis.

Quite a few inquiries have been received by Interclub League officials as to complete operation of the circuit. Full details can be obtained from Joe Gambatese, 7119 Exfair rd., Bethesda, Md.