Orlick, 1960 Home Pro, Is Man of Many Accomplishments

Warren Orlick, home-pro-of-the-year for 1960, has spent more than a quarter-century in the game during which time he has established himself as an authority on its rules, developed outstanding Junior and women's programs, and had the foresight to devote much of his time to the training of apprentice pros. He has served for the last eight years as head pro at Tam O'Shanter CC, Orchard Lake, Mich.

Orlick is the sixth man to be named PGA home-pro-of-the-year, is the first Michigan golfmaster to get the award and succeeds Eddie Duino, San Jose (Calif.) CC, who was selected for the honor in 1959.

A PGA member since 1932, Warren has worked continuously as either a head or assistant pro at Michigan clubs except during World War II when he was in service for three years. As a combat medic, Orlick won the bronze star and purple heart in the European theater.

Junior Program Copied

Orlick's methods of conducting Junior programs have been adopted by a Detroit newspaper which, several years ago, expanded them into an annual citywide project for young players. Warren also has figured prominently in conducting clinics covering the playing of the game and the rules for Detroit Dist. women. Several of his assistants, thoroughly grounded in the Tam master's methods of merchandising, teaching and operating a pro shop, have graduated to head pro positions at clubs all over the country.

A past pres. of the Michigan PGA, Orlick served in an executive capacity with that group from 1954 through 1959. For the last six years he has been chmn. of the national PGA rules committee and in 1953 he attended the Ryder Cup matches in Wentworth, Eng. as an official observer. The home-pro award is not the first that Warren has received for his work in golf. In 1959 he received a Michigan Sports Guild citation for his services to the game.

BOOK REVIEW


In about 250 large pages, 275 illustrations, Middlecoff has done a helpful job of instruction. The material is arranged alphabetically. For example; D begins with Downhill Lies, then goes into Downswing (with considerable and understandable detail in word and picture) and Driver. Middlecoff is thorough but not to the point of giving the reading golfer more than can be digested. The instruction illustrations and diagrams are clear, attractive and technically accurate.

Middlecoff's material on choice of clubs is interesting. He says he "normally" carries a driver, 3-wood, 1 through 9-iron, pitching wedge, sand wedge and putter. He brings a 4-wood to most tournaments and occasionally substitutes it for his 1-iron. He says the 4-wood comes in handy on courses that require a number of long high carries when the wind is no problem.

1960 A Financial and Golfing Success for Metropolitan GA

The annual report of the Metropolitan Golf Assn., released in Dec., shows that in 1960 the organization had a membership of 194 clubs that included 155 regular, 35 associate and 4 honorary. MGA is the largest golf assn. in the U. S.

A golf car survey, which got extensive circulation throughout the country, was the most ambitious MGA undertaking of the past year. In the report of Pres. Clarence W. Benedict, several other noteworthy accomplishments also were cited. These included providing weekend and club tournament scores that appeared regularly in the N. Y. World-Telegram and Sun; the issuance of nearly 10,000 handicaps; cooperating with the USGA in bringing as many as possible course ratings up to date; and also cooperating with the USGA in testing the 1960 rules of golf. The association's Junior golf program also was quite extensively expanded.

Several Big Tournaments

Prize money of $5,000 was divided among the 20 low pros in the Metropolitan Open, won by Al Mengert. For various amateur competitions, the MGA awarded a total of 128 prizes. One of the highlights