Chicago Swing Club Unit Gets Helen Lengfeld Trophy

The Chicago area unit of the Swing Club of the UVS, which had such a successful year in 1960, held meetings in Wheaton, Wilmette and Homewood in April to launch its new season and re-acquaint Swing Club chmn. at various clubs with the organization’s program. The pattern of operation will closely follow those of former seasons with efforts being made to provide even more golf and recreation activity for Veterans Hospitals.

Membership in the Chicago area unit reached a total of 5,665 in 1960, an increase of more than 400 over the previous year. Sixty clubs in the Chicago dist. belong to the Swing Club and its membership is recruited from among the members of these supporting clubs. Veterans Administration Hospitals look to Swing Clubs to supply golf balls and clubs for use by patients at Hospital courses. The Illinois PGA, Illinois and Chicago Women’s Golf Assns., Chicago Dist. GA and sporting goods manufacturers also helped the UVS bring golf to the hospitalized veterans.

In 1960, the Chicago Swing Club unit supported nearly 20 projects including courses, ranges and putting clocks at VA Hospitals and also participated in helping put on such things as winter sports programs, carnivals and indoor field meets. For its efforts, the Chicago unit was awarded the Helen Lengfeld trophy for being the country’s leading Swing Club.

USGA Women’s Open to be Played at Baltusrol, June 29-July 1

The 9th Women’s Open Championship of the USGA will be played over the lower course of Baltusrol GC, Springfield, N. J., June 29-July 1. Entries are open to women professionals and amateurs with handicaps of not over five strokes. Former USGA women Amateur champions are eligible regardless of handicaps.

A total of $8,000 in prize money will be distributed with $1,800 going to the winner. Betsy Rawls, 1960 winner, will be seeking her fifth Women’s Open title. Whether Joyce Ziske, the 1960 runner-up who left the Ladies PGA circuit this year to be married, will play in the Open hasn’t been announced.

The tournament will be played over the usual 72 holes. Entry applications must be received by the USGA (40 E. 38th st., New York 16) not later than June 14 accompanied by a fee of $10.