Night at the Waldorf

Gene Sarazen shows his award to Guido Cribari, Westchester county newspaperman (center) and Fred Corcoran of International Golf Assn. In background is Charles Bartlett, Chicago Tribune and national secretary of the GWA. At right, JoAnne Gunderson and Patty Berg, award winners, listen to the oratory.

Nearly 900 persons, a record crowd, attended the 11th Awards dinner of the Metropolitan Golf Writers' Assn. in the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria, New York, on Jan. 9. The Gold Tee, the writers' top award, was presented to Arnold Palmer. The Chapin award went to Dr. and Mrs. George Trainor and daughter, Ann, and the Ben Hogan award was given to Bobby Nichols.

Other award winners and notables present included Jack Nicklaus, JoAnne Gunderson, Murle Lindstrom, Maureen Orcutt, Paul Runyan, Sam Snead, Gene Sarazen, Patty Berg, John Ames, Gus Benedict, Fritz Souder, Lou Strong, and New York state and Met district officials and champions.

Mentions IRS's Debt

Sen. Hugh Scott (Rep., Pa.) contributed to the evening's merriment by emphasizing the indebtedness of the Internal Revenue Service to Arnold Palmer and Sam Snead.

The invocation, by Monsignor S. J. McGovern, Church of St. Joseph, Spring Valley, N. Y., impressed everyone as a true prayer from a golfer's heart. It appears on page 112 of this issue.

(Above) Here's democracy in action. The world's greatest golfer designs to pose with a fellow who at first was thought to be Old Tom Morris, but turned out to be no other than the world's worst golfer. The man at right, whose hat was confiscated when he came to dinner, had his pate freshly buffed for the occasion.

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