HAWAII CUP OFFERS PROS FREE ISLAND HOLIDAY

DALLAS—Country Clubs of America is conducting the Hawaii Cup Invitational Golf Championship—a new competition that provides country club members with a good “excuse” for an exciting golf holiday and offers a free trip to professionals who can get a nine-member team together from their clubs.

According to Ross Teter, executive director of Country Clubs of America and former executive secretary of the Tournament Players Division, Hawaii Cup invitations have been extended to selected country clubs through the United States.

Under the format a club professional who signs up nine members at his club receives an expense-paid trip to Hawaii with his members to compete in the tournament.

“The tournament is sponsored by American, Braniff and Western airlines,” Teter says. “Country Clubs of America handles all arrangements, including sightseeing, meals, all accommodations and side trips for wives.”

Clubs that accept invitations to compete will be represented by a team of 10 members, one of whom can become the club professional or assistant professional. The first tournament, held April 24, had over 200 participants. All professionals begin play at scratch, and amateur team members are allowed their full handicaps. Each tournament matches 10 teams on three of Hawaii’s outstanding courses: Royal Kaanapali, Keauhou-Kona and Makaha.

Country Clubs of America is a non-profit association. In addition to Teter, the executive committee is composed of Joe Black, former PGA tournament supervisor and Patrick D. Williams, former PGA director of education.

“The organization was formed for the purpose of enabling golf professionals to offer a better golf program to their club members. For many years the PGA has been conducting a fine tournament program for professionals,” Teter says, “and those organizing this association decided that it was time to do the same thing for the club members and their home professionals.”

“We hope to someday become to club golfers what the PGA and USGA have become to professional and amateurs who play par golf,” Teter says. “The success of the Hawaii Cup will enable us to finalize our plans for tournaments in Europe, Mexico and other areas. For more information on the Hawaii Cup contact Country Clubs of America, 2877 LBJ Freeway, Suite 116, Dallas, Tex. 75234.

NEW RAM FACILITY DEBUTS

MELROSE PARK, ILL.—Ram Golf Corp. has opened a new warehouse, which is located at 320 International Parkway, Arlington, Tex. 76010. It is the company’s sixth warehouse in the United States and will service the states of New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

NATIONAL GOLF DAY

National Golf Day, which has raised over $2 million since its inception, will be held May 30 at Canterbury GC in Cleveland. Jack Nicklaus and Lee Trevino, and Kathy Whitworth and Joanne Carner will play 18-hole matches. Last year over 175,000 golfers paid $1 to “Beat the Pros.” Golfers who compete this year will receive a bagtag with a picture of the four players.

Winners (those with scores lower, including handicap) will receive a specially-colored tag to show that they have emerged victorious. Golfers must play against the professionals during a two-week period before or after May 30. This year, par-three layouts will be eligible for recording your score.

The money raised from National Golf Day is dispersed among 27 different associations for their caddie scholarship programs. For more information contact Larry Null, Professional Golfers’ Assn., Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. 33403.

EPA HALTS PESTICIDE SHIPMENTS

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Environmental Protection Agency has banned the immediate inter-state shipment of 19 pesticides registered for predator control. It has also begun a recall of existing stocks.

Included in the ban was thallium sulfate, a rodent poison, and products containing cyanide, strychnine and sodium monofluoracetate (1080). The action takes these compounds off of the commercial market immediately and paves the way for their permanent cancellation from the Federal government’s registration program.

SHAKESPEARE ON BIG BOARD

NEW YORK—Shakespeare Company has been listed on the New York Stock Exchange and will be traded under the ticker symbol SKP, according to Stephen W. Trehwella, Shakespeare president. The company listed 2,479,680 shares of common stock.

Shakespeare, headquartered in Columbia, S.C., manufactures and markets a wide range of sporting goods including fishing, golf, archery and ski equipment. In addition, the company also manufactures automotive controls and industrial fiberglass and monofilament products.

VICTOR SALES UP, EARNINGS DOWN

CHICAGO—Victor Comptometer Corp., parent company of Victor Golf Company, PGA Div., reported a new high in sales for 1971, but a decline in net earnings.

Sales for the year amounted to $165,941,991, as compared to $163,282,465 in 1970. Profits from