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Despite the confusing and belligerent publicity on the PGA tournament circuit fines of 9 players who played in Mexico City and skipped the PGA co-sponsored Harlingen, Tex., Open reaction among sponsors of tournaments is that PGA accepted a responsibility encouraging to sponsors . . . There's been a serious increase of tournament sponsors’ complaints that the road show can count on the appearance of the chorus boys but can’t depend on enough stars to draw a good gate . . . Although there are more applications for PGA tournament dates than there are week-ends available the turn-over in tournament sponsors discloses that many sponsors get fed up with working for nothing to put on a tournament and risk a deficit . . . Harlingen sponsors suffered a multi-million dollar loss from citrus crop freeze but stood by their commitment to stage their annual fixture . . . They expected pros to show similar attitude in recognition of continuance of an event started when the boys were hungry.

The other side is “the going is tough enough, so get the cash where it’s easiest.” . . . When the competition is theory vs. the grocery man the grocery man usually comes out the winner . . . Howard Capps, PGA Tournament supervisor, according to the papers, handled himself with businesslike dignity and discretion in a delicate spot . . . He got $1100 check of oil millionair Glenn McCarthy paying fines for Demaret, Snow, Dudas and Morris Williams, Jr., . . . The boys won’t have to play any benefits for McCarthy in return for the courtesy . . . McCarthy has more dollars than there are grains of sand in a trap.

The tournament circuit offers another one of those problems like “which came first the hen or the egg?” . . . Did the tournament circuit make the reputations that made players wealthy or did the players make the tournament circuit? . . . Maybe you recall when Tommy Armour’s wife and Al Espinosa’s wife were writing letters ahead to golf enthusiasts to get road show bookings so the troupe could eat and wouldn’t have to go out of hotels by the back door en route home and easy credit? . . . Those were the not-so-good old days . . . As golf interest grew and more was learned about putting on a show for local publicity Hal Sharkey, Francis Powers, Bob Harlow and Fred Corecoran worked up the circuit to big business . . . But still there are very few guarantees . . . Without guaranteeing income the PGA doesn’t have anything like baseball’s disciplinary power over players who jump to the Mexican league . . . The PGA has to govern by consent of the governed and when government bites one of the governed a yowl is not unnatural.

It looks like the PGA — and eventually the USGA — will have to find some way of fitting rapidly growing Mexican golf into the tournament picture . . . Mexico, Canada, the USA and all other nations of this hemisphere need all that golf can do in contributing to development of strong mutual friendship and understanding.

Portland, Ore., increasing many course fees . . . Very few public courses aren’t . . . Baseball players’ annual tournament at Miami Springs (Fla.) CC, directed by George Jacobus, drew its largest field and galleries . . . More than $8000 in amateur prizes topped by huge cups given by Taylor Spink, publisher of Sporting News . . . Tommy Armour flirting with deal to go on television network with teaching and golf comment program.

If Florida play is a forecast, this should be another big year for golf . . . Lot of play . . . Ball sales surprisingly good considering how many players stock-piled (or hoarded) balls last summer . . . Florida club sales under last winter but about at normal season’s figure . . . That, too, is better than expected in view of last summer’s club buying . . . Some handicaps in the Florida tournaments seem to be unduly generous.

At 31st annual meeting of Old Guards’ Golf Society of Palm Beach some Old Guards who are prominent in golf club and association official circles urged that older pros play more golf . . . The old amateurs told of having heated debates in holding jobs for veteran pros who, younger club members complain, are too seldom seen playing the courses . . .
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One thing that's worked out very well on tournament circuit this winter is Howard Capps' idea of having tournament sponsors set pairings and starting times for first 36 holes then having leader at end for 36 holes paired with third and fifth place men, the second man paired with fourth and sixth place men, and all down the line on this basis. Pairing for the final round are made the same way. Troy (N.Y.) Recreation Dept. recommends enlarging muny course from 9 to 18 holes.

Fred Corcoran has kept July 9-24 open on women's tournament circuit hoping to fill them in with European competitions for the girls. The Weathervane transcontinental 144-hole tournament for which Alvin Handmacher puts up $14,000 and net, if any, going to charity, will qualify the six girls with lowest scores who'll

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Paul Erath, pres., Tri-State PGA, Lashe Meyers, Mgr., Coleman Golf Corp., Lou Fabian of Mt. Lebanon Driving Range, Angelo Jim Monzo, Irwin, Pa., range pro, and other Western Pa. pros doing a great job of conducting a golf school for people at Pittsburgh Blind Institute . . . Pros are teaching the blind students indoors and out . . . Pros and students went on television . . . Some blind fellows have quickly acquired very good swings.

Sacramento (Calif.) GC waives initiation fees and dues for student fliers at nearby air bases . . . Cadets pay for tournaments and social events . . . Belle Air GC, Kansas City, Mo., public course since 1928, has become private course . . . Leland Pyle, mgr.-pro. of Belle Air which is in extensive remodelling and expansion program . . . Nassau County (N.Y.) park

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