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Stagner is assisted in the operation of the pro shop by his wife, who manages the shop while her husband is giving lessons.

Stagner, a Class A member of the PGA, has 11 years' experience as a club pro. Prior to coming to Gainesville he was pro at the Bob-O-Links course, Dallas. He has also served as pro at the Barksdale Air Force Base golf club, as pro and manager of the Marshall, Tex., CC, and helped in the construction and served as pro at the Palmetto CC course, Benton, La.

Club Managers Protest High Taxes on Memberships

Protests of the inequities in club dues taxes have been made to the House Ways and Means Committee by the Club Managers Assn. of America in recent months.

The chief objection of the CMAA is to the continuance of the 20 per cent tax on membership dues. Richard E. Daley, vp of the organization, pointed out that in 1954 the House of Representatives voted to reduce the tax to 10 per cent, but when the Excise Tax Reduction Act, passed that year, was sent to the joint Senate — House committee for final drafting, the cut was not allowed. The CMAA, Daley added, had no quarrel with the lawmakers when the membership excise was increased to 20 per cent during World War II and continued through the Korean emergency, but it should have been reduced two years ago along with other taxes when the Excise Act was passed. Daley also stressed that the growing importance of clubs in community and civic life has done away with the notion that the club dues tax is a tax on a "luxury", and should not be construed as such when future tax revisions are made.

Dues taxes on life memberships also have been protested by CMAA. In many cases, the Assn. pointed out, taxes on such memberships must be paid by clubs themselves because of commitments made years ago when the clubs were soliciting investment capital to begin operations. The current tax may bear little or no relationship to the amount paid for the life membership when it was originally offered. In addition, if the life member is a non-resident, CMAA contends that he should pay only a dues tax required of a regular non-resident member. The Treasury Dept. has agreed that changes should be made in life membership tax laws.

CMAA also has filed protest against an arbitrary ruling of the Internal Revenue Dept. which classifies an honorary member as well as a 40-year member in the life membership category for tax purposes. The Managers Assn. contends that to tax such memberships as full, active resident annual memberships is unfair and inequitable.

Two nuisance taxes which have plagued clubs in recent years have come under attack. One is a "tax on locker fees" which brings charges for use of lockers for a period of more than six days within the definition of dues. Collection and administrative expenses of club managers in handling these taxes are said to be all out of proportion to the negligible amount realized from them. The same condition, said the CMAA, also applies to the 20 per cent assessment on golf club cleaning operations.

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Any golfer may be a challenger and play, at handicap, against as many champions as he or she desires. Challengers will pay a fee of $1 for each champion with whom they wish to match scores. Among the country's better known golfers who have agreed to be "champions" are Bing Crosby, Bob Hope, Harve Ward, Chick Evans, Fred Waring, Patty Berg and Phil Rodgers, Jr. Chamber of Commerce champ. The champions will play their rounds July 8.

Several Organizations Cooperate

Among organizations which are cooperating with UVSSC in staging the Service Week tournament are GCSA, PGA, Depts. of the Armed Forces and the Veterans Administration, says Mrs. Helen Lengfeld, who directs the Swing Club.

Challengers who defeat the champions will be given certificates attesting their victories.

Alter Tough Course

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tree roots were near the green surfaces. The new fairway contours, larger greens, added bunkers and mounds frightened Colonial's regular players at first. It was feared that the bunkers alone would add several strokes to the 90 shooter's score.

"What they will realize," Wilson said, during the project, "is that the traps now will catch many erring shots which, in the past, have bounded into ravines, bushes and the river. In that respect it will be easier for the high handicap player. Also, it will be easier for him to putt the flat greens. At the same time, however, the championship player will find that his approach shot requires much more thought and accuracy."

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Swinging Around Golf
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Judd Edwards, who's been at Manchester (Conn.) CC and Lichfield (Conn.) CC, now supt. at Leicester (Mass.) CC . . . Edwards is a graduate of Dickinson's two-year course in maintenance at U of Mass. and Ross Russell who owns the Leicester club also is a Dickinson graduate . . . Russell and Edwards are looking for a local lad they can get interested in course maintenance and help him take the school work at U of Mass.

That huge and beautiful photograph of a scene at Oak Hill CC that Eastman Kodak Co. has on display at Grand Central Terminal in New York City may mislead the customers into believing they can take photographs at will during the National Open at Oak Hill . . . Usual restrictions against photography will apply . . . Too bad amateur photography has to be forbidden at major tournaments but the camera fans use too much finger and too little head. (The picture appears on page 76.)

Western Open to be at Presidio GC, San Francisco with date probably being Oct. 11-14 . . . San Francisco Junior Chamber of Commerce to sponsor this 53rd Western Open . . . Booklet on new Nemaha G&CC, Oklahoma City, very attractive selling job . . . Makes you want to join club now having course built to plans of Lloyd Fary and clubhouse designed by Noftsger and Lawrence.

Interesting piece in Left-handed Golfer by Joe Cheeves, pro at Mimosa CC, Morgantown, N. C., tells that club now has 27 left-handers as active golfing members, one of them being Nollie M. Patton, Sr., father of Billy Joe . . . Several years ago Mimosa had 47 left-handers on its membership list . . . Patton, Sr. was the club's first champion in 1932 . . . Eight times the club championship has been won by a left-hander . . . Frank L. Bowers, a left-hander, won the Mimosa championship four consecutive years.

At the USGA Green Section annual meeting regional directors named as the two major turf problems in their respective regions: Robinson, Southeast—Weed control; water management. Bengeyfield, Western—Water management and heavy play. Hallowell, Mid-Atlantic, and Ferguson, Southwestern—Weed control and water management. Radko, Northeastern — Poa

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Al Houghton and Roger Peacock, Washington district pros who put on golf demonstrations at U. S. Air Force installations in Greenland and Scotland last year invited to repeat this year and to add Spain to the itinerary. “Senator” Houghton brought back entertaining stories of comparing notes on golf form and results with some of the veterans Scots he met at Prestwick.

“The Swing Is the Thing” show put on by Harry Obritz and his assistants now in 11th year. This group demonstration of rhythmic swings has been presented before more than 250,000 in person—and no telling how many in the times it’s been picked up by television.


Douglas Smith, asst. to Bill Wotherspoon, pro at Southern Hills CC, Tulsa, Okla., writes an excellent piece in Golf Illustrated of London on the pro department’s work in the U. S. . . . Smith was asst. to Jim Davidson, Henry Cotton and Jimmy Adams before coming over here. . . . He served with the RAF in Britain, then after a short time working for Wotherspoon got drafted for service in the U. S. army. . . Women’s Metropolitan (N. Y.) Golf Assn. now has 122 member clubs. . . Bob Baldock, Fresno, Calif., golf architect, has designed a 9-hole course for Mountain Home Air Force base, 55 miles east of Boise, Idaho.

Joe Norwood, now in his 51st year in golf, busy teaching in Los Angeles and getting some younger pros as pupils at the Baldwin Hills Fairways range where he and Eddie Gayer are pros. . . Joe says assistants should get basic training in instruction conducted on an organized plan. . . Mid Island GC at Bethpage, New York City public courses, to hold its second annual pro-amateur public links tournament June 19.

Southern Seniors’ Golf Assn. now in its 26th year. . . SSGA closed 1955 with 682 members. . . Membership limited to 700. . . Last year the SSGA aided organization of the first championship of the Women’s Southern Seniors’ Golf Assn. . . Architect Dick Wilson has made some alterations in Inverness at Toledo for 1957 National Open. . . Inverness vet Jim Sebring is chmn. of the 1957 Open. . . Bad weather weekends in much midwestern and eastern territory has kept start of busy season delayed. . . Ball sales in the area naturally have been slow but club sales have been unexpectedly good. . . Cut-price stores have been fighting each other while stronger merchandising by pros has extended pro domination of the market in first-class golf goods.

Ray Lambert, pro at Mt. Manor GC, Marshall Creek, Pa., says the par-3 course built by Russell Scott, jr. and Jim Sebring in 1949 developed enough golfers to call for building the 2900 yd. 9-hole course at Mt. Manor. . . Bob Renner, tournament director of the Ladies PGA says the LPGA is hopeful it will get Jamaica, Mexico City, Venezuela and Panama on next winter’s circuit.

Wm. Hueter is new mgr., Forest Hill Field Club, Bloomfield, N. J. . . Big party at Wilmington, Del., for Porky Oliver, giving the home town boy good wishes in his new job at Blue Hill GC in the Boston district. . . Leo Fraser, pres., Atlantic City (N. J.) CC planning to celebrate club’s 60th anniversary next year with an open tournament for pros who are 60 or older, and men and women invitation tournaments for amateurs who are 60 or older.

W. T. Hamilton, for several years sec. mgr. of the Royal Canadian Golf Assn., and a most competent, energetic and cheerful man on the job, has gone on the pro job at Oakdale GC, Toronto. . . Bill has been succeeded by C. E. Robinson, formerly director of the RCGA Green Section and widely known in the U. S. as in Canada for valuable work in course maintenance.

Tom Utterback, a member of the PGA National Advisory Board, recently named “Sportsman of the Month” by Sarasota, (Fla.) Sportsmen’s Club. . . Golf course maintenance influence reflected brightly in “Lawns in Kansas,” highly practical booklet issued by Agricultural Experiment Station of Kansas State College. . . Wint Christianson, pro at Highland GC, St. Paul, says the youngsters are getting so much bigger that it’s a problem to get the right sizes to sell the younger customers in the pro shops. . . Stocking the correct size range of golf headwear is one of the bad headaches in pro shop merchandising, Wint adds.
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