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Lincoln Werden, golf writer of New York Times and former president of the Golf Writers Assn. of America, was rushed to Methodist hospital, Indianapolis, during Speedway "500" tournament, with attack of pancreatitis. Jack Nicklaus' suggestion that PGA tournament schedule be cut to about 30 engagements to "guarantee" sponsors a good field, and so touring golfers can play exhibition matches and take part in unofficial money competitions in between scheduled tournaments has golf writers wondering if a head-on clash between PGA Tournament committee and Mark McCormack, manager of Nicklaus, Palmer, Player, et al, is imminent.

PGA officials and lesser lights of tournament circuit maintain the PGA has done the work of making tournament golf big business and shouldn't and won't take an inferior role as a caddie for the Big Wheels. Television interests of tournament promoters, golf associations and individual players are big, complicated and a source of potential brawls. The "unofficial money competitions" between tournaments, to which Nicklaus refers, are regarded by many as synthetic championships. Following the PGA championship, the big money winners aren't eager to play for the taxman so the circuit at times gets to be too much minor league to please or profit sponsors. The Caribbean minor league circuit in winter is accentuated heavily as a distiller's publicity gimmick.

There are 51 tournaments plus uncounted pro-ams on the journeyman pros' calendar. Bruce Crampton played in 38 tournaments last year — more than any other of the first 25 money-winners . . . Player played in 19, Palmer in 21 and Nicklaus in 26 . . . Championships that mean the most to the people who want to see the players (and hence build up the TV demand, too) are the National Open and the Masters . . . PGA Tournament committee has been wise in not messing in these events although it has been prod- ded to declare itself part-owner of the two top championships . . . The tournament situation right now calls for foresight and for consideration for the goose that lays those big golden eggs.

Through mid-June, Mickey Wright had won $11,132 on the Ladies PGA circuit and six of ten events in which she competed . . . At that rate, she was running well ahead of 1962 . . . Marilyn Smith, having her best season, was second with $8,133 and two victories . . . Deadline for the seventh Brunswick-MacGregor newspaper writing competitions is Oct.
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18, according to Charles Bartlett, sec-treas. of the Golf Writers Assn. . . . All entries should be sent to Carol McCue of the Chicago Dist. GA, Room 221, LaSalle Hotel, Chicago 2 . . . Assn. of British Golf Writers observed its 25th anniversary on June 2 with a party at St. Andrews in Scotland.

There are no parallel fairways on the new course at the Union Pacific resort at Sun Valley, Idaho . . . It's 6,225 yards long and was designed by the late George Von Elm . . . Maury Nee, Texaco company treasurer and member of Apawamis, recently was inducted into the Georgetown University Hall of Fame . . . He was one of the school's golfing greats and also played football . . . When the Pacific Northwest Junior Girls' Championship is played July 22-26 at Portland GC, members of the club will provide lodgings in their homes for the girls . . . The Association pays half the breakfast and lunch tabs for the girls . . . Paul Hahn has joined the staff of Cape Coral (Fla.) CC, according to Ed Caldwell, the head pro . . . The club was recently opened . . . The 6,800 yard course, designed by Dick Wilson, has five lakes.

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Rancho Bernardo (Calif.) GC has set aside each Tues., Wed and Thurs. as a free golf day for persons 50 or over . . . Senior citizens started moving into the Rancho Bernardo community in June . . . Hotel Sahara Invitation, to be played in Las Vegas, Oct. 17-20, is to be a $77,777 event with 13G's going to the winner . . . Sponsors say its the fifth richest tournament on the 1963 card . . . George D. Widener, better known as a horseman, is the honorary chairman of the Whitemarsh Open, to be played Oct. 3-6, at Whitemarsh Valley CC, Philadelphia . . . Robert Stuck is Gerald E. Hal's assistant at the Santa Ana (Calif.) CC pro shop . . . He succeeds Rich Merkel who is pro at Dominguez Hills Par 3, near Santa Ana.

Southern California GA's 64th Amateur will be played July 25-28 at Hillcrest CC in L.A. . . . Par 29 muni course is part of the City of San Leandro's shoreline recreation development area . . . California city has hired Ev Rooney, former assistant at Spokane (Wash.) CC, as its pro . . . Third Children's Memorial Hospital pro-am to be played at Onwentsia Club, Lake Forest, Ill., July 29, will pair 150 amateurs with 50 touring pros . . . It costs $500 for an amateur to enter the benefit competition . . . Hollywood Hackers, com-

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