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July 29 Is Entry Deadline For USGA Women’s Amateur

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Luxford Honored at Dinner

A testimonial dinner honoring Maurie Luxford for his noteworthy contributions to golf was held at the Sheraton West Hotel in Los Angeles in June. Don R. Schwab was the dinner chairman and Johnny Grant, the mc. “The Maurie Luxford Story” was presented by Bob Reynolds, an official of the Los Angeles Angels baseball club. Letters and telegrams came from Bob Hope, Bing Crosby, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Joan Crawford, Dennis O’Keefe and many others, and entertainment was provided by Jim Bakus, Gordon MacRae, George Gobel and Ed Crowley. Maurie received plaques from the PGA, Western Golf Assn., Southern Calif. GA and was presented luggage plus a round trip to the New York World’s Fair for himself and his wife.

Florida Turf Conference

The 12th annual Turf Management conference of the University of Florida, Gainesville, is scheduled for Aug. 25-27. “Weed Control” will be the subject of the general session at which more than 30 turf experts will address the group. Attendance is expected to exceed 500, according to the conference coordinators, Dr. G. C. Horn and John F. Cabler.

A schedule of events is available from Walter D. Anderson, executive secretary, 4065 University Blvd. North, Jacksonville, Fla., 32211.
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Swinging Around Golf

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yourself.” They usually take only one... Tom, who was a circuit regular for four or five years, is becoming one of the top teachers... One of his recommendations to a pupil who is having trouble with a particular club is to take that club and a putter and play nine holes... He says the suggestion works well at a club where traffic is not heavy.

When all returns are in on the 1964 National Open, Congressional CC may take bows for breaking records... Ticket sales exceeded attendance due to heat reducing galleries... The program compiled and edited by Frank J. Murphy, Jr. and Nancy Jupp, ran to 276 pages and was packed with advertising.

Murphy, general chairman, had been working on the Open for two years and there never was a better organized tournament operation... From President Charles E. Phillips down to the newest caddie, the team was well trained and performed perfectly... The smart red and blue outfits of Congressional's men and women tournament officials gave the show a gala appearance... Some of the women said that the red coats were a little too warm for the weather but the girls looked fresh and smart.

It's a sure thing that Wiffy Cox in his new shop did a bigger volume of business than ever before was done at a National Open... The veteran Wiffy and his staff of Charlie Easton, Warner Gray, Al Price and Larry Wise, with Mrs. Cox helping to ease the heavy load, showed what an attraction and service to tournament visitors a well stocked pro shop can be... Jocko Miller, the club's caddie-master, did a fine job in getting his youngsters prepared for the big one.

The press room, built especially for the Open, was convenient and comfortable for getting the work out fast... Jimmy Johnson, chairman of the press committee, has been at about as many tournaments as most of the writers covering the Open and has been a companion of many writers for years, so everything went smoothly in that department...
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The USGA publicity staff again made wise and valuable use of the PGA's tournament publicity staff.

A. E. (Lon) Martin, Congressional manager and his associate, Paul Burley, conducted an impressive demonstration of how to handle a tremendous overload of house business with remarkably fast service in most cases... Crowds in some sections of the clubhouse were too great for the air-cooling capacity but not much discomfort was experienced.

Supt. John W. Henley and the Congressional course committee of Messrs. Gallagher, Reed, Danischefsky, Jacobsen and others, and every man on Henley's staff won a sort of a championship for teamwork and competence... The course was in excellent condition and kept that way throughout the tourney... Greens were sprayed lightly during the fiery days... Henley kept bottles of fresh water (not iced) on the tees for players and caddies and that was a life-saving idea... Officials and department heads of Bellerive CC in suburban St. Louis were at Congressional getting ideas on how to run things at the 1965 National Open.

Prestwick CC, Frankfort, Ill., which opened about a year ago, recently fell heir to a putter and gutta percha ball which were used by Andrew Strath in winning the 1865 British Open, which was played at Prestwick in Scotland... The memorabilia was obtained through Clyde Clark, a member of the Frankfort Prestwick... He has a number of relatives living near the original Prestwick, which is 113 years old... Strath, incidentally, knocked the gutta percha around the 1865 Open site in 62 for 36 holes.

Fellows who think they have trouble when they three-putt from three feet should be writing this column and making embarrassing mistakes when they know better... For instance, in June Golfdom we had Bill Moran going to Wildwood CC, Allison Park, Pa., when we knew that George Underwood holds that post and has a top aide in Ronnie Daughenbach... The Wildwood where Bill Moran is located is Wildwood G&CC,
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Cape May Court House, N. J. . . . We sorta got lost in the wildwood.

Malcom Taylor, supt. at the Moose Run Golf Course in Fort Richardson, Anchorage, Alaska, has joined the GCSA, giving the organization representation in 49 of the 50 states . . . Idaho is the lone holdout . . . The final two rounds of the Western Open at Tam O’Shanter in Chicago, Ill., will be televised via Sports Network, Inc., on August 8-9.

PGA members got a four page letter from John MacArthur, with enclosure of sheet, newspaper page size and printed on both sides, with press items re the PGA-Palm Beach Gardens . . . MacArthur’s letter, “To All Members of the PGA,” is dated May 28 and begins: “Yesterday I was given Mr. Cantrell’s letter to you, dated May 6. I was shocked by some of the inaccuracies.” Then it goes on in the “you’re another” vein until the conclusion “Please don’t talk about the content of my letter to anyone not a member of the association. Remember, everything the PGA does is news. Publicity would further damage the PGA’s image as well as mine.”

MacArthur doesn’t indicate how any “image” would be damaged further by
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Buck Turnbull, Des Moines Register and Tribune golf writer, is spending his weekends digging out or maybe digging out from Iowa’s toughest 18 holes. The first three he ran into — at Wakonda, Davenport CC and Fort Dodge CC — proved to be quite disastrous. He was nine over par on them. At the rate he’s going, he figures that he is going to end up with something around 125.

the facts of the PGA-Palm Beach Gardens agreement or its status . . . That is, if anybody could learn the facts . . . The present confusion is the result of lack of information and publicity when the PGA-Palm Beach Gardens deal was made . . . Reference is made in the MacArthur letter to PGA “Executive Committee” approval of actions of the Cantrell and Strong administrations . . . There has been a question whether the executive committee turned over the list of PGA members to MacArthur for his letter . . . Or how was the membership list secured?

MacArthur brought out a primary point in his letter . . . He has PGA members wondering why and how their association should be in the real estate business . . . At Palm Beach Gardens or Dunedin! . . . At this point cool heads are thinking that Warren Cantrell is the best luck that has happened lately to the PGA . . . And John MacArthur, in calling attention to how far the PGA members can be taken without knowing what the score is, may prove to be second only to Cantrell in