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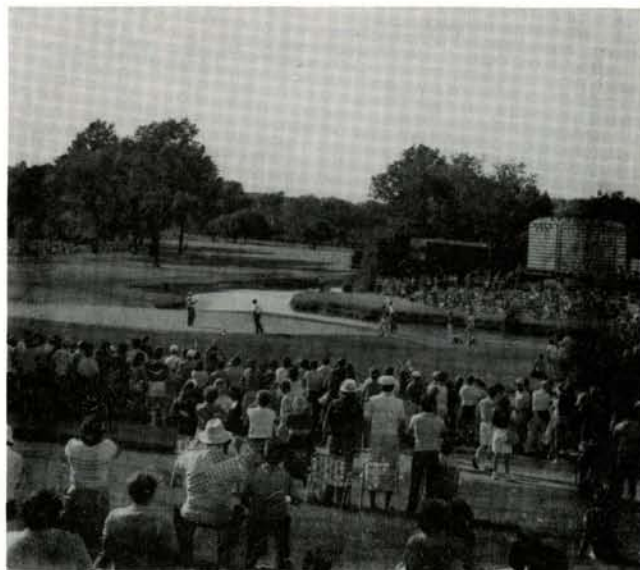
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### **WESTERN OPEN**

The 1983 Western Open is the 80th conducted by the Western Golf Association, and the tenth in succession held at Butler National Golf Club. Butler National has been the home of the Western Open since 1974.

The Western Golf Association (WGA) was founded as an organization of private golf and country clubs in 1899. Originally, there were 10 member clubs, all from the Chicago area. Today, the membership is national, though still concentrated in the Midwest.

The WGA is a non-profit organization of those 450 member clubs, with headquarters located in the Village of Golf, north of Chicago. It was there, at the Glen View Club, that Willie Smith won the inaugural Western Open Championship in 1899. The Western is the second oldest golf championship in America, started only four years after the U. S. Open.

The Western Golf Association, with a long history of service to golf, has three major areas of activity:

\*Conducting its three championships - the Western Open and Western Amateur (both since 1899) and the Western Junior (since 1914).

\*Administration of the Evans Scholars Foundation, which currently supports some 860 caddies in college and has more than 4,000 alumni.

\*Development of programs pertaining to caddie operations.

Support for the WGA's activities comes from the revenue produced through its championships and the contributions of thousands of golfers. The WGA Par Club has a membership of more than 14,000, each of whom make an annual contribution of at least \$100. There are more than 100,000 golfers who support the Evans Scholars program through the purchase of an Evans contributor bag tag.

### **BUTLER NATIONAL GOLF CLUB**

Butler National is a George Fazio-designed course, now ten years old, measuring 7,097 yards and carrying a par of 72, with par on both nines being 36. Paul Butler, the millionaire sportsman who was president and founder of Butler National, gave Fazio free rein and some prized land with which to work. Fazio, whose golf course designs are internationally renowned, spent two years in developing the shape of Butler National and another year in construction.

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Part of the former York Country Club was used, but all of the former holes were eliminated and the terrain was reshaped. The rest was raw land and woods crisscrossed by Salt Creek, plus several polo fields that were part of the Butler property.

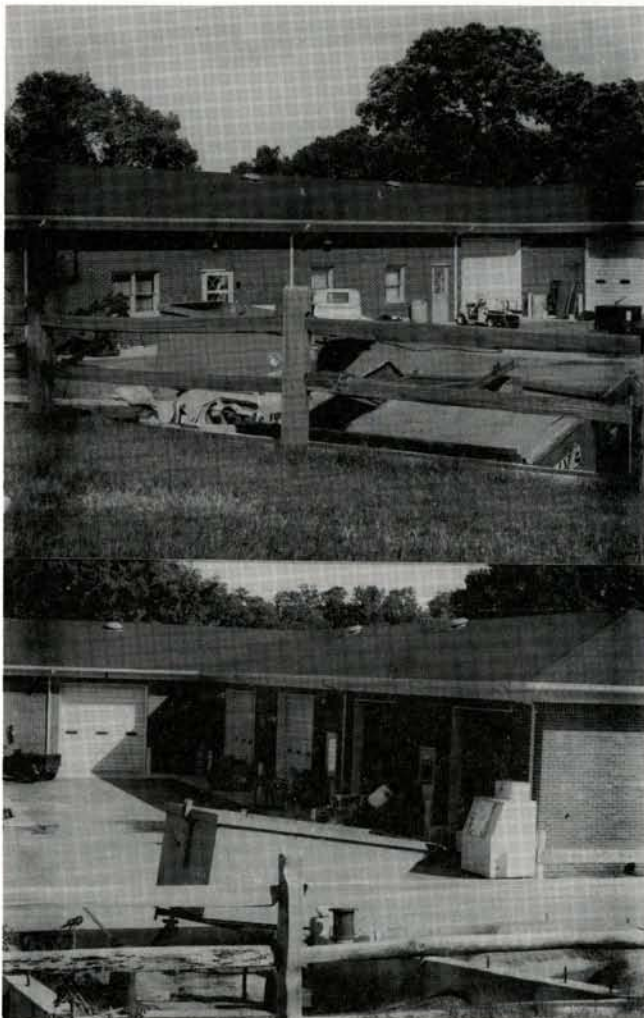
Shortly after the 1980 championship, all the greens at Butler National were reseeded, and the 8th green and putting clock were entirely rebuilt. This was done as a result of a mysterious disease which hit the golf course just a few weeks before the Western that year and killed the particular strain of bent grass which made up the greens. At the same time, a reseeding program was also established for the fairways, converting them from blue grass to bent. That changeover is now complete.

The nine Western Open Championships played at Butler National attest to Fazio's ability to design a demanding test for today's professionals. Several times in the past decade the champion's score in the Western has been the highest winning total of the PGA tour season.

The 12-under par 276 total registered by Tom Weiskopf in last year's championship was a new Butler National record, beating 1981 Champion Ed Fiori's previous record by one stroke.

The Butler National course record for the Western Open is 64, set by Bob Gilder in the first round of last year's championship. Bob posted 10 birdies and an eagle in his spectacular round.

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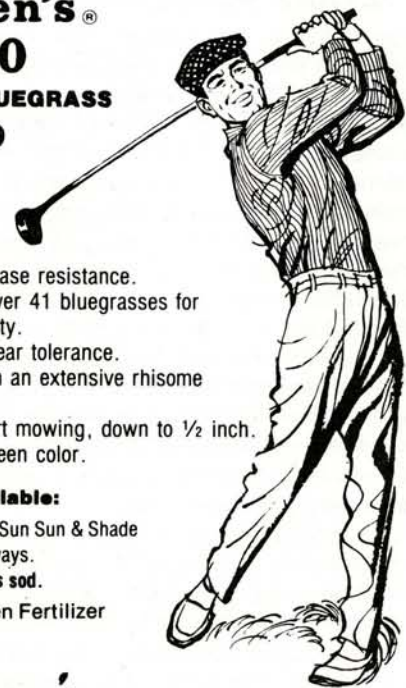
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