

PGA Membership at New High Makes Tournament Plans

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PGA MEMBERSHIP now is at the highest figure in the history of the organization, judging from the allotment of places for the pro championship which will be played at the Keller course, St. Paul, starting August 30. There are 104 places plus the champion, Tom Creavy, scheduled for the opening round when the boys will battle for the medalist distinction which carries with it the Alex Smith memorial medal, won last year by Gene Sarazen. The allotment was made on the basis of one championship player for each 10 members of a section. By sections the allotment of places:

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| Central N. Y. 3 | New Jersey 5 |
| Eastern Mo. 1 | No'eastern N. Y. 4 |
| Illinois 8 | No. California .. 2 |
| Indiana 3 | Ohio 6 |
| Kentucky..... 1 | Oklahoma 2 |
| Metropolitan ...14 | Pacific N. W..... 2 |
| Michigan 6 | Philadelphia 7 |
| Mid Atlantic ... 4 | Southeastern ... 4 |
| Midwest 3 | So. California ... 3 |
| Minnesota 3 | Texas 3 |
| Nebraska 1 | Tri-State 3 |
| New England ...12 | Western N. Y. ... 2 |
| Wisconsin..... 2 | |

Places were awarded on the basis of paid-up dues as of July 15. All of the boys who qualify for the championship get mileage money. In addition, those who make the first round get \$150 each; second, \$200; third, \$250; semi-final \$300. To the winner goes \$1,000 and a gold medal. The runner-up gets \$600 and a silver medal. All semi-finalists get bronze medals.

Albert R. Gates, Business Administrator of the PGA, recently winged a journey to St. Paul to see that the \$10,000 St. Paul put up for the tournament was snugly stowed in a bank and to look over the bank. Finding the dough ready for the boys Gates spent the rest of the visit in session with local tournament officials and newspaper men. St. Paul is confident of beating the attendance figure set at Providence last year. If it does — and Gates says the St. Paul people have well laid plans to this end—the PGA event will have

a depression-period gate record that will hike the ante on future bids for the tournament.

Francis Powers, manager of the tournament bureau of the PGA, paused on his way to cover the Olympic games long enough to iron out the conflict in dates between the San Francisco and Pasadena opens. The laddies will play at Lakeside for the S. F. \$7,500 December 7-12, and at Pasadena for the 4 grand December 16-17-18.

Homebred-Foreign Matches Stymied.

Up to this date nothing definite has been decided about the long-awaited homebred-foreign born PGA team match, tentatively slated for the Oak Park C. C. (Chicago district) Thursday and Friday prior to the PGA championship at St. Paul. The original idea was to stage this debate for 100 per cent benefit of the Ryder Cup fund for the 1933 matches in England. Willie Macfarlane was unable to accept the captaincy of the adopted sons so Tom Armour was drafted. Sarazen has playing engagements for the dates tentatively selected and the adopted sons are showing no vast enthusiasm for volunteering their free services and expenses to send the home-breds across to see the home folks of the laddies who are ruled out of U. S. Ryder Cup representation because of regulations calling for 100 per cent native teams. Which, after all, is simply human nature and can not be altered by sermons on what the gentlemen owe the holy cause of pro golf in this fair land. If the matches go on, it probably will be with some split for the immigrated talent sufficient to at least cover their expenses.

Three, and maybe four, of the adopted son team rate as gallery magnets and the rest of the team, while stellar golfing talent and liable to give the Yank opposition a bitter battle, could only do a bit better than draw their own breath through the turnstile. Nice boys, good golfers, and all that, but they haven't had the publicity build-up. However, you never can tell

about the boys and just when this civil warfare looks like it's cancelled, the hold-outs on both sides are liable to say; "Aw to hell with this rag-chewing. Certainly I'll play and give those fellows a sweet and masterly beating free and for nothing just to put an end to the chatter."

Horton Smith has the job of getting the home guard lined up for the affair.

In the meanwhile Papa Gates snags for the talent a \$2,500 Open which will be played at Meadow Brook C. C., St. Louis, Mo., September 24 and 25. On Saturday the boys will play 18 holes and on Sunday 36, according to present plans. One interesting detail of the event is a \$1.50 per day rate at one of St. Louis' best hotels for the tournament entrants. St. Louis people hope to usher a bigger money tournament back into the calendar with this \$2,500 Meadow Brook affair. If it goes over St. Louis will sweeten the purse for 1933. The last open tournament at St. Louis, in which local pros took an active promoting and financing part, was an artistic success. The only reason it didn't run into black figures was an excess of costly hospitality. Only a couple of the habitual and pitiful weak-wits among the performers did their customary conspicuous jobs of drinking up the hospitality and making nuisances of themselves. The pros who really put on the show were content to pass up the beverage in hope of scoring well enough to collect in cash. Which is invariably the case. If a good substantial business man gets in a locker-room during a tournament and acquires one of those loud and frolicsome moods like good substantial business men get ordinarily at their trade conventions, folks are bound to blame the pros unjustly for the offense, if they don't know the offender.

The pros, whose tournament income depends on being temperate, accept this situation philosophically. They were cheered recently by the complimentary words of John Foley, president of the Ottawa Hunt and Golf club, at the Canadian Open. The veteran Canadian paid high tribute to the conduct and consideration of the representative pros. Having due regard for what the public desires of them and to what the public is entitled as the factor making championships commercial enterprises, is a heavy responsibility of all the tournament players. Sometimes, of course, this regard of the public calls for personal sacrifices on the part of the pro stars, but it's a penalty of fame and fortune that every public figure has to pay.

An attitude of all the pros that encourages attendance at the tournaments and exhibitions and leaves the sponsoring club officials feeling kindly toward the pros will weigh heavily in determining the success or failure of next winter's playing schedule.

KIDS IN TOURNEY

Fogertey, Osage Pro, Has Proteges in Championship Event

JIMMY FOGERTEY, pro at Osage C. C. (St. Louis distr.), spends a lot of time developing the games of members' children and although Jim gets no direct return for this time he figures that the indirect return represented in steady business from the children's parents and increased club interest, makes the stunt a profitable one for him and his employers.

This year Jim started his second annual children's tournament on July 19. Youngsters under 16 whose parents belong to the club were eligible. Local newspapers gave the tournament good picture and news coverage.

Kids are members of the class Fogertey teaches free each Saturday morning. Several of the youngsters Jim is tagging for bright spots as amateur performers. He had 19 entrants varying in age from 7 to 15 years old. Classes were divided according to age. The first class, 8-10 years had six entrants playing a 9-hole event at match play. The second class, 11-13 years inclusive also had 6 players in match play for 9 holes. The third class, 14-15 year old youngsters played 54 holes at medal play. The 7 competitors played 18 holes each on 3 consecutive days. There were 3 girls among the 19 entrants—one in each class. Not having enough to make up a separate event, Jimmy had the young ladies play right along with the boys. The little girls were outclassed but stuck right to it bravely. Now Jim has 12 maidens who want to have him run a tournament all of their own.

In addition to the newspaper publicity the tournament brought the Osage club, Jim benefited from strong plugs by two of the St. Louis broadcasting stations.

Fogertey says that any of the fellows who are not giving a lot of attention to this kid play are overlooking the best bet on the pro horizon right now. Some of the kids probably would wear out the patience