

where. Generally the high-priced market is nicely on the increase and lesson business with its great "in" for the pros, is in fine shape.

Up around Tacoma, club and ball sales show better than 20% gain over last season, but for some reason, Jack Martin, Fircrest GC pro reports, lesson business is off almost 20%, and there does not seem to be a marked increase in the number of new players. Martin further comments that women's business is holding up and that since "very few women here have good equipment, they offer the best future sales outlet for the pro, just as soon as they get in the buying mood."

Jacobus Hails '34 PGA as Best Yet

By GEORGE JACOBUS

THE PGA CAN BE truly proud of our 1934 championship, one of the finest Championship events ever staged. At no tournament have I found more satisfaction and enthusiasm on the part of the players, the sponsors, the host club and the gallery, and not many tournaments have furnished more interesting and thrilling matches.

Every detail tending to contribute to the success of the tournament was carefully planned and arranged. The Buffalo Junior Chamber of Commerce and its fine leader "Hank" Comstock are entitled to sincere congratulations and thanks for their wonderful work and co-operation, and we deeply appreciate the extreme consideration and many courtesies extended to our professionals by the officers of the Park club.

I believe that a place and dates should be arranged for every PGA championship from eight months to one year in advance so that the underwriters and sponsors, as well as the PGA, may have ample time to make preparations and work up enthusiasm to the point that will assure the complete success as attained at the Buffalo championship. The importance of our championship and the publicity it receives increases every year and this year's event was the most widely acclaimed and publicized.

The gentlemanly and true sportsmanlike conduct of our boys at Buffalo made a deep and lasting impression on all who witnessed the tournament and resulted in a tremendous amount of favorable comment and publicity. I was happy and proud to be acknowledged president of a group of such fine, clean, high-type men.

"Old Timers' Day" Honors Long-Time Members

WESTWARD-HO Golf Club, Melrose Park, Ill. (Chicago district) is planning to give its members some day this month the opportunity of paying tribute to the long-time members of the club. Fifty-three old-timers, in which classification all members of at least ten years' standing fit, will be the guests of honor on that day.

Speaking of the event, the club's monthly bulletin, the *Breeze* says: "On that day we will pay our respects to those stalwart men of Westward-Ho who stuck with the ship and carried on when the going was rough. A program of golf has been arranged for their participation and will be followed by a sumptuous barbecue dinner served on the lawn in real barbecue style. After dinner there will be dancing and cards. This will be a great party, different from any we have had and every member should make a real effort to be there."

Pros Condemn Stymies at PGA Championship

THE STYMIE, wormy relic of the feather-ball era, was so thoroughly condemned by the playing pros at the PGA tournament at Buffalo you can expect some feelers will be sent out by the PGA in the direction of the USGA with the object of securing official elimination of the stymie in the United States.

Pros state that very rarely are stymies played in match-play championships at their clubs and that outside of the major amateur championships and PGA championship, there certainly is not enough use of the stymie to warrant its retention as croquet's contribution to the science of golf.

Unjust and unwarranted comment like that following the Marston-Munger match at the National Amateur last year and the lack of practice of both amateurs and pros in playing stymies are two of the tip-offs showing that the stymie may be dispensed with on this side of the water without any flood of tears.

Unquestionably nothing in the way of official statements will be forthcoming until after George Jacobus, president of the PGA, has had an opportunity to lay the pros' views on the matter before Herbert Jaques and other officials of the USGA.