

# Golf's Veteran Businessmen Honored by Their Clubs

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**L**ATTER part of the 1933 season saw some cheering and significant recognition of department head loyalty and ability by several of the nation's leading clubs.

Fellows signally honored by their clubs were men who took the thin with the thick along with the clubs they serve, uncompromising and unwavering in their fidelity to the clubs' interest. Their conduct has been an example to some of the less experienced fellows who might be inclined to bellyache and soften down in times like the past few years when a club needs all the energy, brains and manifestly constructive optimism a pro, greenkeeper or manager can bring into the picture. The recognition of these men by their clubs came at the right time to stiffen the spines and renew the hopes of other men who might have begun to wonder if pay cuts weren't an indication their loyalty and efforts were minimized instead of being an enforced expedient for which there undoubtedly will be compensatory action taken when times get better.

## John's Silver Wedding to Fairview

Johnny Inglis, fine little veteran who is president of the Metropolitan PGA, was honored by the members of Fairview GC on his 25th anniversary with the club. The club gave Johnny a dinner, a gold cigarette case and a check. Johnny has honored Fairview, too, by the way he has served it and by the way he has ballyhooed in earnest and enthusiastic fashion the establishment and members that employ him. Inglis is a New York product. His first pro job was at Larchmont when the crack of clubheads against the old gutty ball sounded like two-by-fours busting all over the place.

Jimmy Fogertey, the able and active young fellow who serves the Osage CC (St. Louis district) as pro, was given a stag dinner by members of his club late in November, on the eve of Jim's departure for the western tournament circuit. Jim is the boy who is responsible

for the school-kid tournaments in the St. Louis district, and was among the fellows who pioneered with group class lessons for club members' children.

The affair that bade Fogertey farewell until the spring was a lively expression of the high esteem in which the Osage members hold the pro who has conscientiously done everything he could think of to advance the interests of his club and its interest and value to members.

Al Watrous was partied at Oakland Hills (Detroit district). Al has handled his job in grand shape. Although one of the ranking tournament players Al's policy has been to be on the job serving the members as his No. 1 interest. If it's a case of being out on the lesson tee at 9 a. m. to sweat with some muscle-bound gent or stall off the pupil and go away to play with some other hot-hammering boys, Al is on that tee at home.

Now here is what John P. O'Hara, president of Al's club, tells about the Watrous tribute:

## His Boss Lauds Watrous

"Saturday, October 23rd, was one of 1933's big days at Oakland Hills CC. On that day the Detroit outfit proceeded to give its famous pro, Al Watrous, a big, generous hand. It was Al's day. The wind blew cold and hard among the hills, but club members and guests crowded the course as if it were midsummer. No finer tribute could have been tendered to one of golf's noblemen, one of the game's respected exponents, a gentleman first and always. Horton Smith and Frank Walsh of Chicago took a tight match from Al and Joe Belfore of Detroit CC on the 18th green, to be one up. A large gallery got an eye-full of high class golf 'as she should be played.' At an evening speech-making fest following dinner, John P. O'Hara, president of Oakland Hills, acted as toastmaster. Al himself, Horton Smith, Frank Walsh, Joe Belfore, Jimmy Anderson, Lee Higgins, Ellis Berry, and Charley Lively



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Charles R. Fowler, veteran official of Minikahda, presents gold wrist watches to Emil Anderson, Charles Erickson and Bob Taylor, whose collective service to Minikahda is 100 years.

of the Highland Club of Grand Rapids, Fred Frahm, Chief of Detroit detectives, Henry Koch of Lansing and Marty Cromb of Toledo all responded in their finest forensic fettle.

"Among a flock of telegrams received from well wishers, regretting their inability to be present, were those from Craig Wood, Tommy Armour and Al Espinosa. Jimmy Anderson described a pleasing feature of the affair, when he said, 'I haven't seen so many pros at any PGA meet held in Michigan this year, as are here tonight.' Incidentally Al was handed a bag of coins. L. A. Colman, chairman of the committee in charge, handled the affair in commendable style."

### Minikahda Honors Its 3 Musketeers

When a party that honors veteran employees of a golf club makes the society pages of metropolitan newspapers with 6-column halftones it is practically the dawn of the millenium and must have an inspiring effect throughout the golf field. That's what happened when the Minikahda Club at Minneapolis at the dinner dance 35th anniversary of the club honored Emil Anderson, engineer; Charles Erickson, greenkeeper, and Bob Taylor, professional.

Members of Minikahda and their families to the number of 250 were present in response to the announcement which included this paragraph:

"This year also marks the completion of 100 years of aggregate service on the part of the three oldest employees of the

club and recognition will be given this unusual circumstance on the evening."

Charles R. Fowler, pioneer president of this distinguished club, was toastmaster and presented the three veteran employees with gold wrist watches. A scroll commemorative of the affair was displayed. It reads:

1898 *THE MINIKAHDA CLUB* 1933  
*is privileged to do honor to its oldest employees. Their association with this club aggregates one hundred years and constitutes a record of unbroken faithfulness and loyalty, unique in its existence, extraordinary in its character.*

*To those who read this scroll, the Officers, Governors, and Members of the Minikahda Club on this the 35th anniversary of its founding, do thus evidence their appreciation of and affection for these three:*

*Emil Anderson  
 Charles Erickson  
 Robert Taylor*

The Minikahda affair was one of the main features of a season of parties pronounced the most successful in Minikahda's history. Harry E. Krueger, manager of the club, established himself as a candidate for long-service honors at Minikahda by his arrangements and operation of the details of these Minikahda events. Harry will be eligible for his 25th anniversary recognition at Minikahda in 1958, this year having been his first in association with the three lively patriarchs, Bob, Charlie and Emil.