

Frisco Open at Presidio, January 24-27

PRESIDIO GOLF course will be the scene of the San Francisco Junior Chamber of Commerce's fifth national match play open, January 24th-27th. A field of 225 ranking professional and amateur stars have entered.

This year the committee made some major changes in the administration of the tournament. First, it shifted the scene from Lake Merced to the Presidio Course. This year, too, the committee decided to limit the field of qualifiers to 32. It has been 64 in the past. And, most important to the backers, the method of financing the tournament was drastically changed. Here is the plan. It's a good one, and maybe a welcome tip to other tournament managements:

Instead of a campaign to sell season tickets, all gallery tickets will be on sale at the course. The \$4,000 purse for professionals is underwritten by 200 San Franciscans. Each guaranteed \$20. If, after the expenses of the tournament are paid and the purse distributed, there is a surplus on hand, it will be divided among the guarantors on a pro-rate basis. In addition, of course, each is given a season ticket.

For the medal play qualifying round, the winning pro will get \$125. Second man wins \$100, third, \$65, fourth, \$40. Numbers 5 to 32 have to be content with qualifying for the match play, but the first 17 eliminated players will be consoled with \$20 each. To the winning professional will go \$750; to the runner-up, \$400. Semi-finalists will take \$300 each, and the next 28 will divide \$1,560. As usual, the lot of the amateur is a cup.

British Fight Drought Too, Report Shows

LAATEST issue of the *Bulletin* of the Board of Greenkeeping Research, British Golf Union, has just reached this country. The number contains the usual wealth of practical articles on greenkeeping. From the American viewpoint, perhaps the most interesting fact the report brings out is that British courses have been fighting a drought just as severe as the one that harrassed American courses last summer.

Interesting articles in the issue deal with water problems of golf courses, greenkeeping on clay soils, and forking as an aid to turf recovery from drought.

There appears also an exhaustive article on *Agrostis tenuis*, commonly called brown-top in England and known in the U. S. as Rhode Island bent, Prince Edward Island bent or Colonial bent.

Copies of the *Bulletin* may be obtained for 2 shillings, sixpence from the Director, St. Ives Research Station, Bingley, Yorkshire, England.

Wisc.-Minn. Greensmen Close Year in Joint Meeting

WISCONSIN and Minnesota greenkeepers concluded last season with a well attended joint meeting at Eau Claire which tipped off the fellows that these sessions in other parts of the country could be depended on to draw fellows within the radius of a fairly good drive.

More than 30 greenkeepers attended. Wm. Baumgartner, green-chairman of the Hillmoor GC, welcomed the greenkeepers and told them that many of the complaints they receive really are insignificant but call for diplomacy in handling. Prof. Larsen of the University of Minnesota, O. J. Noer and Earl Barrows spoke on technical subjects. Larsen and Barrows discussed the density of good putting green turf and Noer giving the fellows highlight observations of greenkeeping practice throughout the country.

Pros Plugging for Winter Course of Their Own in South

THERE'S talk again about the pros having a winter course of their own some place in the Southland. Fellows whose jobs are of seven months' duration in the North want to go South with the families, visit, play golf and live on what income they have been able to make at their Northern clubs—without doing away with all of their savings.

At several Florida courses, especially in Miami attractive propositions are made to pros for winter memberships but the pros at these courses have about the world's toughest jobs keeping a mutually satisfactory balance between local residents whose year around business is the foundation of the course business, and the visiting pros.

It has been proposed unofficially that the pros make some deal for a pro course through the PGA with a small town chamber of commerce. There would have to be some nucleus of a first class course handy, good living facilities at moderate costs and schools.