

French Prize Money Is "Tres Louzay" Says Henry Cotton

HENRY COTTON, former British Open champion, who lost a play-off for the 1936 French Open title to Marcel Dallemagne, got approximately \$297.45 for his extra-distance performance. Marcel got about \$429.65 as first money for winning this national title.

In accepting second prize money from Duc de Mouchy, Cotton spoke in French. He apologized for his accent but added, "I think I have made my feelings clear." Cotton's criticism was applauded by the golfers. He said:

"I hope that I shall not be misunderstood, but I must point out the astonishingly small sums of money which France puts up for championships. Compared with countries like the United States, they are absurdly small. I don't mean to cause any bad feeling. I am simply putting the players' case.

"The prizes offered in French golf championships are fantastic. It is almost terrible to give such small sums of money to some of the world's best golfers. If you want to have good players in France, offer better money."

Cotton, who was rapped in Briton until he won the Open and made them like his job of doing and talking according to his convictions, was greeted with adverse comment in France because he was not anxious to work the play-off. The fellow was "desperately tired". He went 108 holes of championship competition in the first three days after his arrival from the British Open where he and Dallemagne tied for third.

Dallemagne agreed with Cotton's views on the French prize money. Cotton blames himself for not learning what the prize money was before he travelled to France to compete.

Thinks Bright Days Lie Ahead for Southern California Golf

A WELL informed correspondent in southern California calls attention to developments possible with good times returning to the sunkist land. He advises:

"While no new private courses are being constructed, at least no courses of any kind are closing up, and more money is being spent on badly needed improvements. I am wondering what is going to happen to bank-owned or bank-controlled golf courses.

"Financial houses took over some courses while the country was off the fairway. Not knowing what else to do with them, the banks continued operating the plants as golf courses but at absolute minimum of expense.

"Now that real estate values are rising there is a chance for the banks to get out nicely ahead by sub-dividing the courses. In which case the remaining golf courses will be able to make more money and get in such shape that the bankers will be eager to lend them money again."

S. Calif. PGA Issuing Model Newsy Bulletin to Members

SOUTHERN California Section PGA issues a monthly bulletin to its members. A recent issue contained a list of officers and directors; directory of committee chairmen; announcement of events; Los Angeles License Tax ordinance details affecting the golf business; a list of new members and their addresses, and information that Stanley Kertes beat out Les Madison for the association's six-month gold medal by one point. Both Stan and Les qualified at Los Angeles for the National Open.

Members' comments and suggestions are solicited for the bulletin, which is a model of terse, timely information.

L ELAND CREWS, pro-manager of Glen Arven CC, where the annual Thomasville (Ga.) Open is played, knocked in a flying ace at the 140 yd. sixteenth recently. It was Crews' second hole-in-one. Pros who are planning on making the 1937 Thomasville Open because of the great time the Gawgyuns gave the boys last winter had better borrow Crews' seven-iron when they come to the Glen Arven sixteenth.

HELENA (Mont.) TOWN & CC will be host to a \$1,000 Open tournament Sept. 5, 6 and 7. First money will be \$400. Entry, \$10. Further details may be secured from E. J. Murphy, pres., or John Kall, pro.

Pro Is Detective—Eddie Murray, pro at Endicott-Johnson course, Binghamton, N.Y. now rates as a G man (Mex.). Ed spotted one strange iron in a set that came into his shop as a club from a set stolen from a member a year and a half ago. Present owner didn't know the club was hot. He bought the stolen set at a "bargain."