

bright and busy campaign of competitive events that would supply plenty of news, and when that news started appearing in Galion newspapers, others came out eager to join and share in the excitement.

### New Jersey Golf League Most Popular With B-Class Golfers

**W**E'VE heard a lot about how players get hot and turn in low rounds when they're not in competition and the pressure isn't on, but here is a case where high handicap golfers have been scoring much better in competitive play than when little or nothing depends upon the outcome of the round. All this is taking place in the Orange Mountain Golf League in the Newark, N. J. district where both A and B divisions take part in team competition.

The A league has been a success from the start, doing much to promote good fellowship and golf interest in the community, but it wasn't until this year that the B league really came into its own—and now it's the place where most of the fun is to be had. Open only to players with handicaps of not less than 12, the team idea has gone over big this year with the high handicap players at the six clubs in the district taking part in the league; and observers point out that the brand of golf being played this season by those in the 'bush' league is uniformly better than their games in any previous year.

Ben Leonard, who directs the Montclair squad, winner of last year's class B race, says the following of the league: "Our B matches are the real thing. Men who never played in competition before get a big kick out of it. It increases their interest and improves their play. We have one man who never had been below 90 and playing in the team matches he shot an 81 at Essex County.

"At first we had trouble getting eight players for the team, but it is different today. We always have a complete team ready and on occasions we have had a waiting list."

Essex County, Essex Fells, Rock Spring, Glen Ridge, Montclair and Upper Montclair make up the league and each has two eight-men teams in the competition. When the A team plays at home the B team plays away, and vice versa. Play is run off in foursomes, with two singles matches and a fourball match.

## TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

### JULY

- 6-8—British Open Championship, Sandwich
- 10-16—National PGA Championship, Shawnee CC, Shawnee-on-Delaware, Pa.
- 12-17—Western Amateur, South Bend (Ind.) CC
- 22-24—Chicago \$5,000 Open, Olympia Fields CC
- 28-31—St. Paul (Minn.) \$7,500 Open

### AUGUST

- 1-5—Left-Handed Golfers Tournament, Westchester-Biltmore CC, Rye, N. Y.
- 11-14—Cleveland \$10,000 Open, Oakwood CC
- 12—Entries Close, National Amateur
- 18-20—Canadian Open, Toronto
- 22-27—Women's Western Closed Championship, Olympia Fields (Ill.) CC
- 22-27—National Public Links, Highland Park, Cleveland
- 26-28—Lake Placid (N. Y.) \$3,000 Open

### SEPTEMBER

- 1-4—Hershey Invitation, Hershey (Pa.) CC
- 7-8—Curtis Cup Matches, Essex County CC, Manchester, Mass.
- 9-11—Glens Falls Open, Glens Falls (N. Y.) CC
- 12-17—National Amateur, Oakmont CC, Pittsburgh
- 19-24—Women's National, Westmoreland CC, Chicago, Ill.
- Late September—Belmont International Open, Belmont (Mass.) CC

**Adjust Losses With Cash**—Pros at clubs where USGA and Western GA Opens are held get a break that's denied pros at most other clubs where tournaments are conducted. Both the USGA and the WGA give the club pro a check to help the pro offset the loss of shop and lesson income he suffers during tournament time, which usually is at the height of the season. Pros never have beefed about this slump in their earnings, taking the rap as part of the glory of being hosts to tournaments, but the grocery-man won't fill that basket for glory.

When the two associations learned how the home pro was getting a trimming, but were uncomplaining, they promptly acted to adjust with cash.

The practice has not been followed by the PGA to date, because of an oversight, but probably will be put into effect with this year's PGA championship.