

Here Is Schedule of Coast Winter Tourney Dates

CALIFORNIA'S "Golden Golf Trail" tourney dates have been announced for 1939. One new \$3,000 tournament, at Fresno, has been added to the annual winter slate by the California Association of Open Tournament Sponsors, whose chairman, Clifford L. Rawson, released the 1938-39 schedule formulated at the Association's recent meeting at Del Monte.

With \$27,000 guaranteed in seven California tournaments, the greats of golfdom can anticipate a six weeks' "take" of possibly more than \$30,000 by the time California's plans for next winter's tee and green season are completed, Rawson says.

The 1939 slate:

Pasadena Open, Dec. 28-31.....	\$3,000
Los Angeles Open, Jan. 6-9.....	5,000
Oakland Open, Jan. 13-15.....	5,000
San Francisco Match Play,	
Jan. 18-22	5,000
Sacramento Open, Jan. 27-29.....	3,000
Fresno Open, Feb. 3-5.....	3,000
Bring Crosby Open Invitational,	
Feb. 11-12.....	3,000

A uniform exemption list to be observed by each of these tournaments names the first 30 players in the 1938 Open, the National PGA, National Amateur, and Public Links champions; and overseas entries. They will not be required to qualify for any tournament but San Francisco's.

By agreement of the 14 representatives of the Del Monte meeting, equal recognition for all players in pairings, starting times, and similar matters was established as a continued policy. During next winter's tournaments, course officials will be asked to allow two practice rounds only, with use of not more than one ball between markers. This is to cover preliminary practice rounds so that pros or amateurs cannot abuse the privilege of free practice rounds or damage the course by excessive play.

The Los Angeles Times will again spon-



New York City's 10 municipal courses are chalking up new high records in rounds played, although weather conditions have not been any too favorable. Last year 505,000 rounds were played on the courses. The number of individual players was 175,000. The average of less than 3 rounds per player over these excellent courses, is something to think about. Many of the courses had about as much play as they could handle.

sor the Los Angeles Open, which last year under the same sponsorship enjoyed its most successful year both in weather and in low scores. The big early gate last winter induced sponsors to raise the guarantee to \$7,500, an action which repetition of good weather may cause to be repeated in 1939.

For the first time, Pasadena, not Los Angeles, gets the opening date, as a prelude to the Tournament of Roses on New Years Day.

Golf League Bringing Extra Thursday Play to Club

A GREAT stunt to boost mid-week play is in operation this season at Buttes des Morts GC, Appleton, Wis. Everett Leonard, pro, describes the feature:

"The club has started a Business Men's golf league, to be held on the next twelve Thursdays. Purpose of the league is to get the members acquainted. As each member comes into the shop, he signs the play-registration book. As soon as four men have signed, they go out in a foursome, play nine holes for which there are prizes. Afterwards the players gather for a buffet dinner. Books of tickets, reasonably priced, cover the cost of the prizes and the dinners.

"I believe this is the best stunt yet for getting people out and acquainted once a week."

Caddies at Buttes des Morts are uniformed this year, according to Leonard, in white sweaters with numbers from 1 to 200 and the name of the club on the sweater front. Lee Burke, assistant pro under Leonard, arranged for the uniforming of the bag-toters and will have charge of the boys' training this season.

Round Table for Men—Every club should supply its men's grill with a "round" table, seating 10 to 20, in addition to smaller tables. Then the lone member can always be sure of congenial companions during his meals. Bonnie Briar CC, Larchmont, N. Y., has such a table in its grill, and of it reports in the club's "News":

Notice to New Members—The big table in the men's grill is an open table. If there is a vacant chair there, take it and introduce yourself. The food is no better but the conversation is more insulting and home-like.