

PGA SITE IS GOLF MECCA

SHAWNEE CC, at Shawnee-on-Delaware, Pa., where the PGA championship will be held July 10-16, is one of the great resort courses of the country and scene of many historic pro and amateurs events including the famous Buckwood Open. It was laid out in 1909 by A. W. Tillinghast, Charles C. Worthington and Henry Rossiter. In 1923 three holes were revised with Tillinghast making the models for the greens and Reg Worthington laying out the holes.

The course long has been closely connected with the Worthington Mower Co. interests and on it early gang power-hauled fairway mowers were developed. Since 1935 the Worthington Mower Co. has maintained the course under contract, with Willis Glover, formerly at Oak Hill, Rochester, N. Y., as superintendent. The course serves as a field testing laboratory for Worthington maintenance equipment. Despite the wide range of weather conditions the course is kept in great shape, and together with the far-famed Buckwood Inn, of which the Shawnee course is an adjunct, has figured prominently in making the Delaware Water Gap region one of the very popular Eastern resort areas. It is not at all unusual to have deer wander down from the mountains and across the course to the Delaware river at dusk.

Art Brown, widely known to pro and amateur golfers for his successful management of hotels, is the operator of Buckwood Inn. He took over the house from the Worthingtons and has done a grand job of maintaining the lustrous tradition of the establishment while modernizing some of its features.

In the 20th annual Shawnee tournament Cooper rimmed the cup on the 18th but finished with a 29 which tied the world record for 9 holes in major competition on a tough course.

Buckwood Inn and Shawnee have been the scenes of some of the most pleasant and most stirring incidents in American golf. It was in the Buckwood Inn at a dinner following the 1913 Shawnee Open which he won, that Johnny McDermott made his electrifying statement that the supremacy of British pro golfers had fallen before the Americans. There were several noted British pros at the dinner, and the incident provoked wide controversy. It was at the Shawnee Open in

1927, right after he'd won the National Open at Oakmont that Tommy Armour says he lied for the first and only time about his golf score.

Armour was breezing around in a happy let-down until he came to the 17th where he began hooking his drives out-of-bounds. Tommy was determined to play his tee shot exactly in the way he had it in mind. He slugged and slugged. His scorecard read 17 for the hole, but in the grill room later, Armour in review counted up 19.

He publically made his confession to the select group around the table, all of whom promptly helped wash away the sin in native applejack, of which Shawnee had a copious quantity of the best, in those by-gone days.

A record of the winners of the Shawnee Open attest to the historic character of the place:

1912—Fred McLeod	313
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1937—Lawson Little	284

Greenkeepers' Problems Told — Royal York GC, Toronto, which suffered from adverse climatic conditions last year, published an excellent report on northeastern turf conditions last summer, written by O. J. Noer, and details of its own course's problems in an interesting pamphlet, "Some of the Problems of a Greenkeeper." The pamphlet was mailed to all members.