

Jock and Otto Fight It Out at PGA Seniors Tournament

VETERAN golfers who long have been taking full ladles of enjoyment from the grand game that has been their life, had the cup running over, often, as they took in the joys and delights that the third annual tournament of the PGA Seniors had in over-abundance. Tradition is something this relatively new tournament has never had to seek. These pro kids, whose golf games, and antics belie their 50 odd years and more, bring the tradition right there with them, and what they've got to give and what they've given to golf and their associates, makes these yearly gatherings a living shrine to what golf has contributed to the enjoyment of living.

More than 60 of those qualified for PGA Seniors membership attended the organization's annual tournament held in Sarasota, Fla., and the brand of golf that was shot over the Bobby Jones and the North Shore courses by these pro veterans on January 13-14, and by Jock Hutchison and Otto Hackbarth in their two 18-hole play-offs on the two days following, was generally of the kind you would only expect from the 'hot boys' on the winter tour. Hutchison and Hackbarth tied at 36 holes with 146, and had rounds of 74 on the first playoff, before Hackbarth, Cincinnati CC pro, won the title in the second playoff with a 74 to Jock's 75. Hackbarth lost the Seniors title last year to Freddie McLeod in a playoff at Augusta, Ga.

Dave Ogilvie, of Augusta (Ga.) CC, was elected president of the Seniors, succeeding George Sargent of Atlanta. W. C. Sherwood, Memphis G&CC, was elected vice-pres., succeeding Ogilvie, and Capt. Charles Clarke, Willoughby, Ohio, was re-elected secretary.

At the Seniors annual banquet, jovial word and action, and *singing*, surpassed even those great times the two preceding banquets have produced. In the words of Tom Walsh, PGA president, who attended the banquet, "the Scotch have the Irish backed off the board when it comes to singing." The great singing this group of honor golfers put out was strictly grade A, according to competent observers.

President Walsh paid high tribute to the Seniors and what they have done for the game, and told that what the PGA

stands for today and what it is doing for the pros, is largely due to what the early pro leaders did in establishing the game on such a high plane. The PGA dedication, which Walsh read to the Seniors, best tells the thought: "Believing that the growth of the game of golf and its high standing in this country is largely due to the efforts of its early professional exponents, and because of their ideals of sportsmanship and ethical practices, the Professional Golfers' Association of America is dedicated to the perpetuation of those ideals."

Walsh told of plans for the better education of pro golfers and asked that the Seniors give the matter all possible co-operation. The new pro plan for education desires, if not demands, that pros in the future be well grounded in business and general education, and proposes a series of golf clinics, affiliated with colleges, in which extra-curricular courses would be offered in public speaking, accounting, and other business.

One of those on hand for the annual Seniors meeting was Willie Hoare, ill for more than 5 years, and who made the trip from Chicago to Sarasota to be with the 'boys' and to play over past triumphs with them. Hoare spoke briefly at a dinner held Friday evening at the North Shore club, on the eve of first round play.

The Sarasota chamber of commerce did their part to make the Seniors stay in Sarasota a pleasant one, and presented each Senior with a crate of oranges.

Leading scores for the 36-hole tournament, in addition to those of Hutchison and Hackbarth, were: Fred Miley and Charles Mayo, tie for third with 148; Jim Barnes and Jack Campbell, 149; Mike Brady, Milton Theobald and George Morris, 151; Fred McLeod and Willie Maguire, 152; E. W. Harbert and Dave McKay, 153. W. H. Way nosed out Val Flood for first honors in the "A" division for players more than 60 years old. Way shot 179, and Flood, at 75, the oldest player in the tournament, took 185 for the 36 holes.

In a practice round held the day prior to the start of the tournament, Willie Maguire, Houston, Texas, PGA treasurer, shot a hole-in-one on the short 4th hole at the Bobby Jones layout.