

cares about itself and not about manufacturer-pro mutual troubles.

PGA political wrangles seemingly few, minor, and far between, with the organization devoting itself to increasing pro income possibilities, jobs, and job security.

USGA beginning a membership selling campaign and telling its sales story. The USGA working on ball distance control problems at Armour Institute, Chicago. The problem's a delicate and dangerous one. Last time the USGA legislated on the ball and brought in the balloon ball, public protest and disregard weakened USGA status as golf's governing body.

National Amateur championship picking up slightly in public interest. National Intercollegiate golf championship at Ekwanok gave signs that the event is growing swiftly as one of the year's major competitions.

Section Goes Afield

Green Section's work with green grasses and chemical weed control expands through field jobs. Weed control begins to find the answers with more uniformity. Temperature appears to be highly important as a factor determining effectiveness of chemical weed control without killing the grass.

Mechanization of course maintenance increases, with much of the last 12 months' remodeling work being done to facilitate mechanical maintenance.

Greenkeeping short courses, and national and regional meetings of greenkeepers have probably highest total attendance in history. Tremendous effect of these educational enterprises in improving course condition in many instances at decided reductions in budgets, finally begins to register with club officials.

Pennsylvania State College extension work on course problems, in association with greenkeeper organizations, again is one of the year's standout regional jobs.

Pros and universities pick up the short course idea from greenkeepers and conduct several interesting business clinics that were reflected brightly, and to benefit of clubs as well as of pros, in pro department operations for the season.

Managers expanded clubhouse entertainment programs, in many instances offsetting bad weather's effect on house revenue.

Liquor volume increased. Numerous managers hiked volume and profits by sale in case lots to members at attractive prices. Rum drinks in big gain. Managers continued effort to establish favor for

choice American wines, but found the going tough. They got practically no co-operation or recognition from American wine growers despite the fact that club managers are prime educators in eating and drinking tastes of almost every community's leaders in good living and hospitality.

Golf having put Scotch liquor in high favor in America, managers now are beginning to worry about supply of first class Scotch at reasonable prices.

Increased food prices gave managers a headache, especially since they have had decided success during past three years in reestablishing the better golf clubs as their communities' best eating places.

Swimming pool operating, service and maintenance problems grew into major dimensions as another worry for the managers.

Kid patronage at the clubhouse had a spurt. Many managers made special provisions and bids for it.

Club officials generally awakened to learn it's now too late to do much about tax problems. The problems mostly are those to be handled by collective effort, but most clubs preferred to tackle tax matters individually, hence made no special showing of strength before taxing bodies.

GSA's 1940 Tourney and Demonstration at Speedway

THIRD annual GSA tournament will be held October 27 at the Speedway GC, Indianapolis, Ind. Tournament will be 36-holes of medal play; defending champion is Don Boyd, Portage CC, Akron, Ohio. Competition this year is expected to be more keen because many more district associations are planning on being represented at the Speedway event.

In conjunction with the annual tournament, GSA officials are conducting an educational-demonstrational meeting October 28-29, also to be held on the Speedway course. A large section of the grounds of Indianapolis' famous speedway has been set aside for the demonstration.

The fall GSA executive committee meeting will be held Sunday evening at the Claypool hotel, meeting headquarters, and a banquet is scheduled the evening of the 28th. General chairman of the event is Carl A. Bretzlaff, Meridian Hills CC (Indianapolis) superintendent.