

## Committee Studies CMA By-Laws Changes

UPON taking office at the Buffalo Club Managers' Assn. convention, President Fawcett became cognizant of the fact that the by-laws and constitution, under which the Association has operated for many years, are in conflict as to the number of directors, and that there are several other sections which could be changed to the benefit of the membership, particularly with reference to the handling of the finances of the Association. He accordingly appointed a committee to study changes which will be beneficial and which will help in the administration of the Association in the future; Fred L. Wood, of the Denver Athletic Club, Denver, Colorado, a former president of the Association, has consented to head that committee.

Any members of the Association who have found items in the by-laws which do not meet with their approval, or who feel that the by-laws could be changed to advantage, are urged to write Chairman Wood at once so that his committee may have the result of the thought of the individual member, as well as those of the officers and directors, to guide them in their work.

### '42 Convention to Ratify

Naturally, the conclusions reached by the Denver committee will be placed before the Chicago convention in 1942 for ratification. It is hoped, however, that long in advance of the Chicago convention the by-laws committee will have made a report to the president, so that it can be released to the members in time to give ample consideration to it, before going to the convention.

President Fawcett's experience has been that committees having membership in widely separated cities rarely have had the opportunity to get together for any real work, and it has been his policy thus far during his administration to keep the locale of the membership of the committees as close to the chairmen as possible. Members of the by-laws committee are Howard Mehlmann, Lakewood CC, Denver; Lawrence W. Marrin, Cherry Hills Club, Englewood, Colo., and A. K. Bott, University Club, Denver.

## Pueblo Club Convicted, Fined on Gambling Charge

PUEBLO (Colo.) G&CC was convicted and fined \$1,000 and \$315.15 costs July 17 for allowing poker games in the clubhouse by District Judge J. Arthur Phelps, in a case of great interest to golf club officials.

Defense attorneys were granted 60 days in which to make an appeal to the State Supreme Court.

The club as a corporation was convicted on counts of keeping gambling equipment

## Local 'Color'

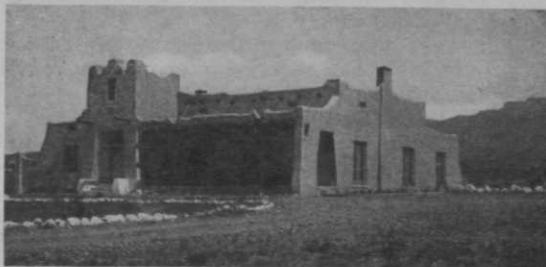
Three examples of clubhouses that fit into the local tradition and scenery:



The Ojai Valley CC near Santa Barbara, in the land of the old missions and the haciendas of the early dons;



The clubhouse at Jasper National Park among the steepled woodlands of the Canadian Rockies, and



The Trinidad (Colo.) CC, with rugged Fisher's Peak, rising 10,000 ft. above sea level, in the background.

and keeping a building or room for gambling.

As club officials and members in other cities generally view the Pueblo case the Pueblo G&CC was made "the fall guy" in a situation that according to the laymen's view involves a constitutional liberty. However, legal advisers of golf clubs are investigating the specific points of fact and law in this case in order to protect other clubs against similar embarrassment.

The Pueblo case was stirred up by a discharged employee who kept records of credits due poker players at the conclusion of each session. Just what part of the former employee's business poker auditing was nobody seems to be able to explain, although bewildered Pueblo members are willing to admit the whistleblower had an eye for his own future.

The employee took his data to a District Attorney who cast his eyes heavenward, cleared his throat and in ringing accents proclaimed "crime must go!"

It all would be strictly comic opera except for the nuisance and expense it's caused the club, and the concern it's given managers, officials and members of clubs in other states where the gambling laws are substantially the same as in Colorado. The Pueblo case is the only one of its kind in Colorado where it is popularly supposed that a man's home is his castle, and his club is even better because he can do more complaining at his club without Ma telling him to pipe down.

## Organization of Divot Diggers Solves Tough Problem

A SIGN printed on a round metal background about a foot in diameter and stuck on the first tee of Kansas City's Swope Park municipal course No. 2, intrigues the player at that excellent muni establishment.

The sign reads "Are you a Divot Digger?" It has a large interrogation mark in red behind the black lettering.

About 50 yards from the tee at the left of the fairway, is another sign identical with the one on the first tee.

Then, at intervals of about 25 yards along the left of the fairway are three other signs. They have the continuity interest of those Burma-Shave roadside poems.

The second fairway border sign reads:

"You can be a member, you know."

The third one reads:

"How and Why? Easy and Free, too!"

And the final sign bears this message:

"Just replace the turf, brother."

The ingenious and effective procedure to remind players to replace divots is the idea of Harry Railsback, managing superintendent of Swope Park. Harry is naturally a diplomatic operator, and was started right in golf diplomacy as one of the proteges of Joe Matthews, widely known veteran of golf in the midcontinent.

So Harry tackled the tough problem of getting public course players to replace divots and otherwise cooperate in the players' responsibility of course maintenance by using this "teaser" series of signs rather than relying on the usual policy of censuring the players by printed and spoken word.

The Divot Diggers is an actual organization of Swope Park players to whom is issued an attractive and amusing little membership card designed by a prominent local artist whose golf interest also has produced a great series of newspaper cartoons giving a close-up on golf.

Railsback, Greenkeeper Ed Brugger of the Swope Park courses, and Leland Gibson, pro at Swope Park, all testify that organization of the Divot Diggers has not only been responsible for players having more consideration for the maintenance problems of the course, but has developed a lively interest of private club character which is a valuable factor in operating municipal golf to the satisfaction of its patrons.

Swope Park under the Railsback management of its golf activities is an excellent example of how a municipal course may be developed as a recreation public utility of intimate appeal to its patrons, rather than merely a hit-and-run low-priced golf layout.

Hausen-Nufer Nuptials — Elizabeth, daughter of Pete and Stella Hausen of Chicago's Edgewater GC, was married July 25 to Eugene Nufer, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Nufer of Chicago, at St. Henry's Rectory.

As Bim, and the daughter of the popular and merry Hausens, the new Mrs. Nufer is widely known to club managers and their wives. She's a fashion expert. The groom is scion of a family long famous in Chicago's restaurant business. The kids are honeymooning in Wisconsin.