

of the most consistent games in Southern California. He has won more than his share of the monthly pro-amateur sweepstakes of the Southland PGA and other minor outings over a period of 16 years. He is a member of the American Legion. He also served for many years as an official of the Southern California PGA.

"Perhaps the most valuable experience I received from play in the open tournaments," Larry says, "were tips and good advice I obtained from the more experienced professionals in the teaching phase of the game. From their kind words, their little hints and the like, I've been able to store up a fund of information that has stood me well on the lesson tee.

"To MacDonald Smith, Eddie Loos and many others who have given freely of their advice, I have felt most grateful."

Larry doesn't have a set system for teaching golf. He believes that the swing should be adapted to the man or woman, that each would-be golfer should be taught to hit the ball the way he or she is built to hit it, and that enjoyment of the game comes first, good scores second.

He inaugurated mass or group instruction at the Long Beach Country Club in 1926, first California pro, and one of the first in the United States, to begin this now popular phase of teaching.

New Society Gives Duffer Chance at Prizes

By JOE KRAYNICK

THE guy who pays the freight in minor amateur tournament golf—the middle-aged duffer who shoots in the low 80's and up, only to be dropped into the third or fourth flight while younger golfers battle for the club, district or invitation champion—is getting his share of prizes in at least one state these days.

The Junior-Senior Golfing Society of Connecticut is responsible for this major change in the division of the spoils and the fun of being hailed as a winner, much to the satisfaction of everyone, including the parent Connecticut Golf Association. To say this society, composed of men between the ages of 40 and 55, has helped Connecticut golf is putting it mildly. It practically assures the success of every tournament by large turnouts and generally its members are the "life of the party" at the 19th hole.

As a matter of record, the society was



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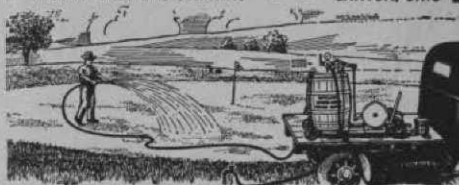
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born at the 19th hole three years ago where a group of present officers realized and admitted that they couldn't compete any longer with the youngsters and were too young for senior competition. What to do? Why not organize a middle-ground group and continue tournament play.

That is just what they did and the result is one of the most unique organizations in the history of golf. Where before they had to be satisfied to take tournament golf as it came, now they have an "inner" tournament in practically every event on the schedule of the Connecticut Golf Assn., plus their own.

Some 15 to 20 tournaments are staged in Connecticut during the season, most of them invitation events and in each of these there is a special section for the Junior-Senior golfer. Of course there are a number of Junior-Senior players, among them Samuel N. Pierson, president of the N. E. G. A., who play well enough to qualify for the championship flight, but invariably they choose their own division. The division is awarded prizes for the medalist and the winners and runners-up in each of the two or three Junior-Senior brackets.

Activities are by no means confined to state events and the society continues its unique set-up in its own events. For instance it stages four tournaments a year for members only. These are underwritten before the first fussy foursome tees off. Upon arrival at the scene of hostilities, the member registers and pays \$10 to the secretary. The fee takes care of his lunch, green fees, dinner and drinks throughout the day. He can sign for as many or as few drinks as he pleases. Dinner follows the tournament and not one competitor goes away without a prize. There are from 14 to 18 major prizes, the

best costing up to \$15 and the last \$5. All others cost from \$1 to \$2. These consolation prizes, all suitably inscribed with the emblem of the society, have run from automatic pencils and desk calendar to golf shirts.

All tournaments have a curfew hour of 11 o'clock and members leave the club at that hour. The officers see to it that even this unique order is followed to the letter. The final tournament of the year runs two days, the first for a general get-together and annual meeting and the second for the championship play.

Membership has been limited to 150 and right now the waiting list is probably as high as that of the ritziest country club in the United States. It is incorporated and a member of the USGA. Its fame has spread to all sections of the country and President Earl Hayes of the Brooklawn club in Bridgeport, has received requests from 15 different groups for an outline of the society's activities and set-up.

This factor, according to Hayes, is an indication that in the not too distant future a junior-senior society will in all probability become an "inner" organization of practically every state golf association.

Pros Held to Be Club Employees— Federal Judge L. Sullivan at Chicago recently ruled that golf pros are employees of clubs at which they work and not independent contractors. The ruling held clubs liable for payment of social security taxes on pros' income whether it be from salary, golf lessons or shop sales. The decision was handed down in a suit brought by the Ridge CC against the Internal Revenue Dept. for recovery of \$1,000 paid by the club in social security taxes in 1941.