

USGA Suggests Similar Tournaments for All Clubs

A UNIFIED program of golf tournaments for war relief is being recommended to the country's 5,400 private and public courses and associations by the USGA in agreement with the American Red Cross and the National War Fund. The program encompasses Red Cross Tournaments on Memorial Day and Independence Day week-ends, and National War Fund tournaments on Labor Day week-end.

Any other benefit events from now until July 31 should be for the Red Cross and thereafter for the War Fund.

The American Red Cross and the National War Fund are now the only two major agencies raising war relief funds nationally. Thus, the plan recommended is intended to simplify matters for not only them but also golf committees which have had difficulty choosing beneficiaries from among numerous worthy appeals made in late years. Club committees will not be asked to hold any national war relief events other than as outlined above.

The USGA suggests that clubs and associations charge entry fees of \$1, or perhaps 50c at public courses, with 100% of all fees to go to the beneficiaries. All other tournament details are up to the local clubs and associations.

Red Cross Certificates

The Red Cross will award prize certificates for each separate Red Cross event, as follows: two for a women's tournament, two for a men's tournament, and four for a mixed foursome.

Last year the USGA sponsored Red Cross events on the three holiday week-ends named above and at miscellaneous times, and \$101,301 was raised by the 851 organizations which reported. As was the case then, the 1943 tournaments may be called "Hale America" events if clubs desire.

The National War Fund represents all major war charities except the Red Cross. The President's War Relief Control Board requested them to band together, to reduce appeals to the public.

"The causes of the Red Cross and the National War Fund speak for themselves," says George W. Blossom, Jr., president of the USGA. "We know the golf organizations of the country will do their bit. "The tournaments we are now recommending

will not only aid war charities but will encourage fitness among civilians. Health and high morale are necessary. Golf can help sustain them. I was much interested in a recent Associated Press report from London that 'British authorities encourage the average worker to play the game as a beneficial form of recreation. It also is one of the requisite exercises usually prescribed for convalescing soldiers.'

"Our Government has a physical fitness program, and several officials, especially Mr. Paul V. McNutt, have endorsed golf. As long as the game helps and does not hinder the war effort, there can be no question as to the good taste of golf for recreation at one's home course. We present this program of war relief tournaments, then, as one which, like all charity, will do good to both the receiver and the giver."

NEARLY 100 dozen golf balls that have been in the laboratory at Illinois Institute of Technology at Chicago for the USGA tests have been given to the Red Cross. The balls are being shipped to England, Scotland, North Ireland and Australia to make golf possible for American soldiers, sailors and marines in those countries.

Clubs in the various Allied countries have generously extended to Americans in uniform full privileges of play and let the Yanks have loan sets of clubs, but the ball supply problem is a tough one that will be greatly eased by the USGA action. Many of the balls are of the top grades of the leading manufacturers. The makers, instead of asking for return of the balls after the tests, willingly agreed to the USGA suggestion that the balls be shipped for use of American armed service men in foreign lands who are eager to get a few rounds in when they are lucky enough to get leaves near a golf course.

7,000 Watch L. A. Tourney—A gallery of 7,000 attended the finale of the Southern California War Workers golf tournament sponsored by the Los Angeles Times. Oscar Hoberg, a 3-handicap player from Douglas Aircraft won the event by getting hot with a 68 on the Ingleside course. Movie, radio and stage stars played and scored with the contestants. Scotty Chisholm, trading his war-worker overalls for his kilts and other hieland regalia, returned to his public as referee.