

ELECTIONS

USGA—PGA—and local groups name new officers

GEORGE W. BLOSSOM, JR. of Onwentsia Club, Lake Forest, Ill., was named by the nominating committee of the USGA again to head the nation's major golf organization. The nominating committee's action is tantamount to election at the association's annual meeting in New York, Jan. 9. Only change in the Blossom administration is election of Daniel A. Freeman, Jr. of the National Golf Links of America to succeed John F. Riddell, Jr. as treasurer. Freeman is a vice-president of the National City Bank of New York.

Other officers and executive committee members of the 1943 USGA administration:

Vice-Presidents: Morton G. Bogue and Charles T. Littlefield; Secretary, Frank M. Hardt; General Counsel, James H. Douglas, Jr. In addition to the officers, the USGA Executive Committee includes John H. Ballinger, Edward L. Cheyney, Leslie L. Cooke, C. Pardee Erdman, Totton P. Heffelfinger, Francis D. Ouimet, Charles V. Rainwater and Fielding Wallace.

Heffelfinger now is a lieutenant (sg) in the Navy flying forces and Douglas is a Colonel in the Air Transport Command of the Army Air Corps. Erdman is awaiting call as a Navy chaplain. Numerous members of the association's other committees are in the armed services.

Wynant D. Vanderpool, former president of the USGA, heads the 1944 Nominating committee.

ED DUDLEY, pro at Broadmoor GC, Colorado Springs, Colo., was re-elected to the presidency of the PGA at its annual meeting held at Chicago, Nov. 9 and 10. Frank T. Sprogell of Kent CC, Grand Rapids, Mich., as secretary and Willie Maguire of the Houston (Tex.) CC, as treasurer, also were re-elected. Tom Walsh, Westgate Valley CC, Worth, Ill., was continued as honorary president.

PGA regional vice-presidents elected: James Beirne, Lexington Country Club, Lexington, Ky.; Alex Cunningham, North Shore Country Club, Glenview, Ill.; Jimmy D'Angelo, Baederwood Golf Club, Jenkintown, Pa.; Eddie Duino, San Jose Golf Club, San Jose, Calif.; Ben Lord, Glens

Falls Country Club, Glens Falls, N. Y.; John Manion, Meadow Brook Country Club, Overland, St. Louis County, Mo.; Walter H. Mund, Midland Hills Country Club, St. Paul, Minn.; Dave McKey, Pittsburgh Field Club, Aspinwall, Pa.; John C. Watson, Erskine Park Golf Club, South Bend, Ind.

TAYLOR HAY, Union League club of Chicago, was elected president of the Chicago District Club Managers' Assn. at its annual meeting, Dec. 7. Frank Murray, Glenview Club, was elected vice-president and George F. Ehrhardt, Skokie CC, was elected secretary-treasurer. Directors elected: William B. Bangs, Jr., Exmoor CC; Charles B. Bangs, Oak Park CC; F. Dioguardi, River Forest CC; Earl Dean, Bob o'Link; Fred Rosen, Idlewild; Martin Whalen, Racquet club; J. B. Wilder, South Shore CC.

RAY H. GERBER, Glen Oak CC., was elected president of the Midwest Greenkeepers' Assn. at the organization's annual meeting, Dec. 7. Ray Didier of Tam O'Shanter was elected first vice-president and Gerald Dearie, Edgewater GC, second vice-president. William H. Stuppel, Exmoor CC, was elected secretary-treasurer. Directors elected: John Darrah, Beverly CC; Stanley Arendt, Inverness CC; and Donald Strand, Westmoreland CC.

MATT KIERNAN, veteran Eastern official of Spaldings, passes along an idea worthy of serious study by numerous clubs.

Says Matt:

"A successful sales executive outside the golf field asked me why golf clubs didn't offer four- or five-day memberships. I couldn't answer. The idea off-hand seems to have a lot to recommend it. Many clubs have considerable play Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, but usually have ample room for additional members during the other days of the week.

"Four-day-a-week memberships entitling the holders to play, say Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, might yield a very welcome volume of membership fees at reduced prices, a good total of reduced-rate annual dues, considerable house income, and, if arrangements were made, a good volume of green fees for play on days not covered by the four-day privileges.

"The four-day memberships would care for the man whose family is importuning

him to join a private club, but who hesitates at paying the usual initiation fee, plus dues, which he knows is just the beginning of his charges at a club.

"With the excellent facilities being offered at municipal and privately-owned daily fee courses, it is obvious that the private club that wants to make a wide appeal for members among the "nice" people must popularize its prices. A premium is warranted by the selectivity of the private club and its comparative freedom from crowding. But the price gap cannot be permitted to be too wide or a highly desirable class of potential members won't bridge that gap with their checkbooks.

"The place to begin any consideration of such membership is, of course, an analysis of play per day at a club. Club officials must think cautiously, too, about how such a type of restricted-play membership might be so fitting to many of the present full members, they'd want to change over. Possibly the only way to give the suggestion a trial is by offering a sharply limited number of such restricted memberships during a test season."

Colleges Divided on Holding Greenkeeping Short Courses

Rocky Mountain Greenkeepers Assn. will have a maintenance conference at a date yet undetermined.

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Minnesota Greenkeepers Assn. annual conference is to be held probably late in February.

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Purdue University short course in greenkeeping is planned for Feb. 15-16. For complete details write M. L. Clevert, Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind.

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Iowa State College will hold its 12th annual Iowa Greenkeepers short course at Ames, first week in March. For complete details write Prof. H. L. Lantz, Iowa Agricultural Experiment Station, Ames, Ia.

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Short courses have not been planned at Rutgers, Ohio State or Wisconsin, although Wisconsin may have one, according to Prof. James G. Moore, if greenkeepers express keen interest in holding another school of Wisconsin's usual high standard.

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Massachusetts State College planned its usual greenkeeping short course, but so few applications were received by the deadline that the course was cancelled.

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