WAR TOURNEYS START

Chicago and Detroit Hold Spotlight As Big-Time Players Sign for Charity Events

CHICAGO will have two more big-time tournaments this summer to complete a wartime major tournament calendar. The \$10,000 All-American Open and Amateur tournaments will be played at Tam O'Shanter CC, July 19-25 and the Victory Open under the auspices of the Chicago District GA will be played at Beverly CC Aug. 20-22. The latter tourney will have an invited field of 32 pros and amateurs in a 72-hole medal play event.

George S. May, business engineering notable, who promotes the Tam tournaments, this year is having the admission free with the purchase of \$1.00 or more of war stamps or bonds. With George's genius for publicity it is to be expected that somebody will buy enough bonds at the gate to win distinction as having paid the all-time record price of admission to a golf event.

Several women professional contestants will be in the Tam \$10,000 field to provide an interesting demonstration of their competitive talents in a mixed field.

Both tournaments had planned to have uniformed star golfers in their fields, playing on furlough time, but with the Sicilian invasion and accelerated action in the South Pacific being tip-offs that American fighting personnel is going to be utilized to the limit in combat, chances are that few service golfers will get furloughs for the Chicago events or the allstar wartime version of the Ryder Cup matches at Detroit.

The Detroit matches will be played at Plum Hollow, Aug. 8-9. Last year the matches raised more than \$25,000 for the Red Cross, a figure that Russel Nau, the originator of the affair, the PGA and the club, hope to exceed.

At the CDGA's Victory Open the prize list will be \$2,000 in war bonds. The Cook County Council of the American Legion is co-sponsoring the tournament with the CDGA. Proceeds will be turned over to wounded veterans of this war. Single day admissions will be \$1.50; tickets for four days, which include a preliminary pro-amateur, will be \$3.

The CDGA is successfully conducting a dime-a-round campaign for the USO in the Chicago area. Players drop dimes into milk bottles at the various clubs. The practice of contributing is getting to be a general habit.

Chicago was somewhat surprised by the excellence of the field in the National Collegiate and the Women's Western Open, and by the galleries at these events which seldom, in other years, have drawn more than a few score spectators any one day. Approximately 500 saw Patty Berg put on her final round rush to the Women's Western Open title. The Collegiate was the finale of competitive golf for the duration for many of the contestants. The two finalists had signed up for service before they played at Olympia Feilds.

"Plan Something Simple" Is Good Club Theme Today

ONE of the obvious things we must all do in consequence of today's shortages is to stress simplification. That is one way to make the lack helpful and I think it is possible to find many ways in which simplification is possible without reducing standards. The reason we have cafeterias, which originated in the West, is because there was a lack of personnel to run restaurants. They have become very efficient and are in some of our best clubs. The members like that kind of food service, even much better than they did a seated formal service.

Simplification is worth talking about, thinking about, and practicing. We have a rare opportunity, (it does not apply to clubs as to restaurants) to develop and depend upon American cooking. Pay more attention to what we have here, which we prefer anyway. We have the possibility of substitution of women for men in various types of work, and it has been proven time and time again in many things that are often done by men, that they are not only capable but have been a good bit better than available men.—Lucius M. Boomer, Pres., Waldorf-Astoria Corp.

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