

CHICAGO HAS USO PLAY PLAN

OWNERS of 12 Chicago district daily fee golf courses met Feb. 24 to plan extending free guest privileges through the USO to service men. Others not represented at the meeting sent word they could be counted on to abide by the decision made at the meeting which was a cinch to be that of extending playing privileges liberally to the uniformed men.

The meeting was historic in one respect. It was the first time Chicago fee-course owners enthusiastically agreed on anything, according to veterans of a highly competitive situation.

As is the case with the private courses, the fee-course ambition to extend hospitality and relaxation to the boys, brought up the transportation problem. Stuart McCutcheon of the Chicago area USO expressed the personal opinion that the share-the-car plan with service men being given a lift certainly would favorably influence public opinion toward car use for wartime refreshment of golf, although what official influence the practice might have, McCutcheon, of course, was unable to say.

Plans for providing clubs and balls for the boys at the fee-courses to supplement club stocks already contributed to the USO were discussed.

Fundamentally, the plan to be employed by the Chicago district fee-courses will follow the plan worked out by the Chicago DGA late last summer, and according to McCutcheon and Thomas McMahon, CDGA

president, received with marked enthusiasm by boys who visited the USO clubs looking for entertainment. The CDGA plan received but little local publicity last year but demonstrated its appeal and will be given prominence in servicemen's recreation publicity this year. Not all of the Chicago district private clubs were parties to the plan, and some restricted their extension of privileges to officers.

Tom Walsh, who called the meeting, pointed out that the extension of playing privileges to service men provided one of the rare opportunities clubs have for directly assisting the men in uniform. McCutcheon remarked that the service men especially appreciate chances for regaining temporary contacts with civilian life, hence highly rate club extension of privileges.

McMahon commented that in no case was a club participating in the CDGA private club USO plan asked to care for more than three foursomes a day.

Applicants for playing privileges are given a pass at the USO clubs, after the availability of playing privileges have been checked by telephone to the Central USO club. The passes are issued in duplicate, with the carbon being retained at the issuing USO club in case there are any complaints from the club. Then proper officials can be informed of the circumstances of violations of club rules. Last year there were no blots on the situation. The boys to whom passes were issued were told that

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AVAILABLE QUOTAS AND RECORD OF PASSES ISSUED

CLUB _____ ADDR _____ PHONE _____ REPORT TO _____ SPECIAL REGULATIONS _____ Serial number of each pass issued must be entered in proper square for: O--Officers OR--Other Rankings	DATE→	SATURDAY		SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
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This record sheet serves as a control over the number of service-men accommodated at each club for each day of the week.

Kauffman's, at 139 E. 24th St., New York City, is all set for a market created by the rubber conservation program. About a year ago, the company began buying up all types of horsedrawn vehicles—carriages, buckboards, pony carts, broughams and station wagons, mostly from famous New York area estates. Such famous makes as Brewster, Studebaker, Healey and McMurray were acquired.

Now, Kaufman's is finding a ready market for these vehicles among people who need a horsedrawn vehicle for transportation. Among these buyers, country clubs have been well represented, and if there is no easing of regulations as the season advances relative to motor-driven vehicles, nearly all clubs without public transportation facilities at their very doors are expected to adopt the horsedrawn vehicle plan to get members to the course.

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the USO is acting solely as agent for the club hosts and that the rules of the clubs regarding guests must be strictly observed.

Each man getting a pass at the USO office receives a sheet on which the CDGA-CHICAGO USO golf plan is explained and on which instructions are given to the players.

The sheet reads.

Explanation

Extending golf privileges on private courses must be handled with discretion. Those who are serious golfers and know the etiquette of the game should have the privilege of playing. In civilian life, the beginner, if he has not been able to take private lessons, usually learns on public fee courses or uses driving ranges. Private clubs should not be expected to take the place of this procedure for service men. Those who issue passes, therefore, should follow the policy implied by the above statements.

Instructions

- 1—Participating golf clubs will be listed on weekly assignment sheets at the Central USO Club at 131 S. Wabash, Franklin 2976. These sheets will carry spaces for the number of passes to be issued on each golf club on each day.
- 2—These passes will be issued in duplicate and will be serially numbered.
- 3—Players will be given the originals for admission to the golf clubs. The duplicates are to be retained and mailed each Monday to the Golf Chairman, USO Club, 131 S. Wabash, Chicago. The originals will be collected by the golf club managers and mailed also each Monday to the USO Golf Chair-

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man, as above. This will permit a check to be made on the mis-use of privileges or non-use of the passes after securing them.

- 4—A supply of these numbered passes will be distributed (subject to agreement to cooperate) to other USO Clubs, Service Men's Centers, and to special service officers in Camps, etc., and other officers as arranged.
- 5—Each person in charge of issuing passes must telephone the Travelers' Aid Desk, USO Club, Franklin 2976, before issuing each pass, because each golf club has specified the number of players to be accommodated each day. These quotas must not be exceeded. A list of the places and names of those who are authorized to issue passes will be provided each golf club manager.
- 6—Privileges will be extended to both Commissioned officers and other ranks, unless otherwise stated.
- 7—Passes may be issued one week in advance, except for those officers and men stationed in the Chicago Loop district, who will be allowed to make a 24-hour advance reservation.
- 8—Playing equipment is available at the Chicago USO Club, 131 S. Wabash Avenue. If use warrants it, some of this equipment will be placed at other places where passes are to be issued.
- 9—The above plan may be revised according to the number of passes which are issued from certain places for specific golf clubs. Thus, if justified, some of the assignment sheets for North Shore golf clubs might be kept at North Shore USO Clubs in order to eliminate long-distance telephoning. Such a revision would be made only with the approval of the CDGA Committee.

The record sheet at Central USO office, on which pass data is kept consists of a sheet for each participating club.

Jack Burke Dies—Jack Burke, nationally known professional whose golfing achievements include the 1941 PGA Seniors' title, second place in the 1920 National Open (tied with Vardon, Diegel and Hutchison) and several wins of the Minnesota state open during the six years (1919-24) he was professional at Town & Country Club, St. Paul, died suddenly Feb. 2 in Houston, Tex.

At the time of his death, Burke was professional at the River Oaks CC of Houston, a post he held since 1924. He is survived by his wife, three daughters and four sons.