

showing an increase from 10% to 30% while the play at private clubs is off about the same amount. Some of this shift in play is due to gas rationing because most private clubs are farther in the country than municipal courses.

"The largest increases in play was found in the defense plant and army camp areas. Many of the night shift workers are taking their day relaxation on golf courses while the soldiers are crowding the fee courses. One municipal professional said:

'Over 50% of my rent clubs go to the boys who have never played before. Some of these beginners take to golf like a duck to water and are back again at every opportunity. In fact, some have purchased sets of their own. I believe every camp will produce many new golfers.'

"Yes, I believe that pro was right. Many of these beginners will continue their golf after returning to civilian life again. Even in a country at war, Golf Marches On, making new players daily."

It may be tough on the outlying private courses now but when the war has ended and those new players want memberships the private club worries will be at an end.

Meet Course Emergency for Army Golfers

IAN MACDONALD, pro-mgr. of the Modesta (Calif.) munny course, is having operating problems because of unusually heavy play. A large army hospital is near the course and the play of patients, medical staff and nurses is keeping the course and Ian's driving range crowded. The practice ground is selling the game to the soldiers.

Bennie DeArmond, a Modesta course employee, got mention in a local newspaper—and a purse gratefully contributed by golfers—when Bennie worked overtime to mow fairways for week-end play. Breakdown of equipment had prevented mowing on regular schedule. DeArmond, physically handicapped, worked after hours to provide pleasant golf for the hospital golfers, and war workers whose golf had to be confined to the weekend.

Ed Vines, formerly pro at Catalina, and brother of Ellsworth, former national and international tennis champion and first-class amateur golfer, recently graduated from the Quartermaster school at Camp Lee, Va., as a 2nd Lt.

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