

# WAR AGENCIES SPONSOR CHICAGO

Chicago once again will become the hub of the golfing world from June 28 through July 2—the time of the 1944 Chicago Victory National Golf Championships at the Edgewater Golf Club. This classic will have a field of approximately 40 entries from the nation's outstanding golf talent. The affair is sponsored by the Chicago District G. A., the PGA., the Cook County Council American Legion, Bundles for America and the American Women's Volunteer Services.

A notable increase in tournament play during the past winter season can be laid directly to the staff of the aggressive Chicago District association. The stoppage of much tournament play at the beginning of the war acted as a challenge to the CDGA leaders. Instead of folding their tents they turned all their efforts into golf's aid to the war effort. It was through the initiative of men such as Lowell D. Rutherford, present President of the CDGA, and Tom McMahan and M. G. "Scotty" Fessenden, past presidents, that the Hale America National open golf tournament of 1942 was staged and became a financial, as well as classical, success, having realized \$22,500 for Navy Relief and the USO.

The 1943 Chicago Victory National golf championships held at the Beverly Country Club succeeded in raising \$6,500 for the wounded veterans of World War II recreational fund.

## VICTORY EVENT

Edgewater Golf Club was selected for the 1944 event because of its accessibility to the street car, bus and elevated lines. It is expected that large crowds can be accommodated at the club through the proper handling of the starting times inasmuch as a limited field will participate. Mr. Rutherford, CDGA President, stated that he believes the inauguration of a pro-lady-senior-amateur event, which will take place June 28 and 29, 18 holes medal play each day, will become an annual feature of the CDGA tournaments. The Victory championship itself will be a 72 hole medal play affair—18 holes Friday, June 30, 18 holes Saturday, July 1 and 36 holes Sunday, July 2.

"It is our hope," said Rutherford, "that the 1944 Victory championships will be the most successful of all Chicago tournaments inasmuch as the wounded veterans of World War II will again be beneficiaries of the tournament. Through the fine cooperation of the Mid West Greenkeepers Association we have already started construction of putting greens at Hines and Downey Hospitals. These greens will be available to wounded servicemen of this war who are still under army care at the Vaughn General Hospital adjacent to Hines."

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