

USGA Title Events Off Until War Pressure Eases

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★ IN VIEW of the present situation in Germany, the USGA does not at present contemplate the resumption of any of its tournaments during 1945. With the hopeful situation on the Western front in September and October, it was thought that some time in the spring of 1945 we might consider the possibility of holding the National Open before the close of the year, but I believe we should definitely postpone the consideration of this subject at this time.

Furthermore, with transportation difficulties such as they are and with the shortage of gasoline, we believe that the interest of our country and golf will be best served by confining our activities to recreational golf and competitions in local districts, where transportation facilities

and gasoline supply will not be seriously encroached upon. We recommend that all clubs continue to hold tournaments for the benefit of the Red Cross and war relief whenever possible.

The outlook for golf balls and clubs this year is decidedly black. The Armed Forces are taking all of the available supply and the civilian golfers will have to rely on re-covered balls and these will be available only if the golfers turn in the old ones. Only about 80 per cent of the balls which are turned in are fit for proper re-covering.

The number of member clubs of the Association has been maintained during the past year and several clubs have been reinstated. We have increased the activities of the Green Section, looking forward to a post-war program which will enable the Green Section to give efficient service in connection with the rehabilitation of golf courses when manpower and required materials are available. The matter of golf course maintenance has suffered seriously from the shortage of necessary materials, equipment and labor, but the

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clubs and golfers generally have accepted the situation with patriotic spirit.

We have received letters from some of our amateur golfers who are now in the Armed Forces, indicating they continue to hold keen interest in the sport. These letters have confirmed our judgment that an amateur championship in these days, with so many men in the service, would not be a real championship.

The USGA will continue to function on a wartime basis. Our Executive Secretary, Joseph C. Dey, Jr., a Lieut. in the Navy, is now attached at the Naval Airport in Dallas, but our present staff, with Mrs. Josephine W. Korber acting as Executive Secretary, is doing a good job.

Of the Executive Committee, Lieut. C. Pardee Erdman is serving in the Navy as Chaplain, and Lieut. Totton P. Heffelfinger is also serving in the Navy.

We are glad to note that the PGA has assisted in the promotion of Bond sales, although the professional ranks have been depleted by the requirements of the war.

We are looking forward to peace times when we can hold our usual championships, and we believe a new enthusiasm will be created, all of which should increase the interest now sidelined by this terrible war.

S/Sgt. Tom Suedhoff Dies Of Battle Wounds

★ S/SGT. THOMAS L. SUEDHOFF, 23, son of Carl J. Suedhoff, sec.-mgr., Fort Wayne (Ind.) CC, is dead of wounds received in France. He had received the Silver Star for gallantry in action, the Bronze Star, and had received the Purple Heart for previous wounds in battle. He was a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and the Wharton School of Finance. He also had attended Culver Military academy. After receiving basic training at Camp Wolters, Tex., he went overseas without a furlough, as an infantry private. He was in all major battles in Italy and took part in the invasion of France.

Another son of Mr. and Mrs. Suedhoff is Pvt. Carl J. Suedhoff, jr., a machine gunner in an armored infantry division in France.

★ MUNDAY WOUNDED IN ACTION.—Rod Munday, formerly a star of the pro golf tournament circuit, was wounded in action in Germany and now is recovering in an Army hospital overseas. Despite the battering he got in combat, Rod writes in a vein of satisfaction, "I did some good before I was hit."