

score of 156, became the first Senior Amateur champion of California.

Most California clubs have special concessions for the play of men in uniform. It is their pleasure to extend courtesies, either free or at low cost, to players vouched for by service organizations.

We look forward to increased activity for 1945. We shall need greater facilities to handle it.

Connecticut Clubs Solid Despite Wartime Drop

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★ LAST YEAR THE Connecticut State Golf Assn. held but one State Victory tournament. The players qualified at their home clubs on a Saturday or Sunday for two low gross, four low net, and four in a Senior Division. These qualifiers played off together on a Sunday afternoon at a centrally located club to determine the winner. The events, all Medal Play, were most successful.

For 1945 we will possibly run two of these State tournaments, along similar lines. We do not think it best to run any championship events, nor do anything to encourage men to take time away from their work or to use gas traveling.

The membership of our clubs is at present reduced on account of war work. The help on golf courses and clubs is very much restricted. But "it's an ill wind that blows nobody good." The clubs, because of reduced expenses, show fine financial statements for 1944. The clubs have been well patronized and have done a good volume of business, also the members are very active in playing golf.

We have now 46 clubs in the State association. Four have closed for the duration. The gas situation was the deciding factor in closing, as these clubs were at a distance from bus lines.

The play at Shenecossett CC, near the New London submarine base, has been very active—both by the workers and the trainees.

I feel quite sure that we will have a reaction as in the last War, and for 10 years afterwards we will have a real live interest amongst the golfers. Steady positions, shorter hours, and good pay are all factors that will encourage men to play and get the exercise, as well as the sociability, of golf.

Our colleges and schools are concentrating to a great extent on training young men for military service and the activities in sports are of necessity curtailed.

It is to us a noble purpose to keep our courses functioning, even on a restricted basis, so that our boys now in the war will find the conditions they expect to find when they again return home.

Buffalo Play Large But Tournaments Curtailed

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★ I CAN SAY that 1944 was a better season generally in our District than 1943. Most all of our District clubs are in much better financial condition, and have invested some of their increased earnings to the point where the courses are in beautiful condition. Clubhouse patronage was good in most clubs. Tournament activities were very limited, our association holding only one of our usual five or six District affairs, the Junior and Boys Championship. Play on all clubs was better than 1943, in fact in some places better than pre-war. Until the European situation clarifies itself, I do not see much chance of any great tournament activity in 1945, but there will still be a large amount of recreational play.

War Pressure Boosts Arkansas Golf

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★ SINCE THE DEPRESSION of the early thirties clubs in Arkansas have consistently accommodated a good number of golfers. It is my opinion that there has been very little, if any, decrease in play in this section since the beginning of the war, especially on the weekends. True, many have gone into the service, particularly the younger ones, who played a lot, but it's hard to notice any numerical difference in the past few years. This is explained, I suppose, by the stimulated war prosperity and the increasing need of persons who have been working hard during the week for relaxation on the weekends and sometimes in the late afternoons. It seems that the hour gained on war time has increased, to some extent, play during the week.

The golf ball shortage is, of course, very acute, but everyone seems to be getting along just about as well with the reprocessed balls and playing a lot longer with each ball, and hunting a lot harder if a shot inadvertently strays into the tall and uncut. Incidentally, speaking of the roughs, they are generally thinned out and cut down pretty well in this section because of the golf ball shortage and probably due to the fact that one not only runs a much greater risk of losing a ball in high grass but having found it therein is much more likely to chop it up beyond recognition before again attaining the fairway. Perhaps the caddie situation also has something to do with the widening of the fairways and the cutting down of the roughs. There are not nearly as many caddies as there used to be, and