

slightly less toil than lugging an Army weapon might be at their advanced years.

Club restaurants had more patronage than in previous years but whether this was an advantage in view of clubhouse labor and food shortages it's difficult to tell. Notwithstanding the handicaps course and clubhouse operation was maintained at surprisingly high standards.

Our tournament activity in 1945 tentatively is scheduled to be about the same as that of 1944. With the ban on horse racing and increased demands for manpower as reminders, the Metropolitan GA again is making very realistic re-examination of golf's position. As previously, Metropolitan association officials and officials and members of the association's member clubs are firmly and clearly determined to push golf in wartime only as it positively helps in advancing the war effort. Any diverting of time and expense that golf might require which would not result in a definite and direct contribution of efficiency and economy to winning the war, we are against.

## Chicago Golf Stronger With War Tie-up

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★ **AGAIN, IN 1944**, golf in the Chicago District showed surprisingly strong wartime condition. As every action of the clubs was geared primarily to wartime effort the conclusion is inevitable that the game's merits are demonstrated most clearly by its capacity to condition men and women for the heavy strains of war work on the home front.

The vast majority of members of Chicago District clubs are men of an age when they'd normally be easing up in their work and worries. However in wartime they've taken on (and willingly so) far more work and business strain than they've ever had before. The required balance of toil and recreation seems to have been satisfactorily supplied by golf. In the case of women golfers wartime volunteer work, also has been reflected at golf clubs in reduced volume of women's play but increased clubhouse business.

Limited amount of labor obtainable and limitations on materials and supplies that normally would be used in maintenance and building have kept operating costs disproportionately low to income in most cases and put clubs in condition to do spending in helping the conversion from war to peace employment.

Naturally, because of record national income and shortage of consumer goods, together with the instinctive demand for wartime recreational balance, golf clubs in an industrial area such as Chicago were bound to see great activity. However, it is the sharply defined policy of Chicago dis-

trict clubs to insist that such a showing in wartime be accompanied by direct war effort of golfers greater, we hope, than that of any other civilian sports group in wartime.

In addition to the constant bond and stamp selling campaigns at Chicago district private and public courses other results of 1944's activities in the area have been:

Chicago Victory championship net proceeds of \$17,172.59 for construction of putting greens, pitch and putt courses, and other recreational facilities and supply of golf playing equipment to army and navy hospitals in Illinois. Midwest Greenkeepers Assn. has provided invaluable work in the design and construction of these courses. Illinois PGA members have made their services available for exhibitions for fund raising and at hospital demonstrations and instruction sessions.

Chicago Servicemen's centers received \$15,319.26 from the CDGA dime-a-round program. Although this is a fairly substantial sum from an unique phase of golf's wartime tie-up, we are by no means satisfied with the showing which is considerably short of the ultimate dime-a-round figure.

More than 9,000 complimentary golf passes were issued through 45 substations to military personnel for play at CDGA private clubs and on the district's daily fee courses.

The CDGA is considering a plan for a regional greens experimental station at Purdue university. Membership in the CDGA increased two clubs during year.

There was vigorous competitive relationship between clubs in the Chicago district to see what new and more effective plans could be made in contributing to war effort and the association's work in extending this activity constituted a valuable part of the year's work.

Competitive events were maintained on a schedule compatible with wartime conditions. Adjustments were made to meet caddie and transportation difficulties but no complaints were registered. As a matter of fact, golfers in the Chicago district were grateful that they have been able to play in keeping themselves keen for the wartime jobs they are determined to handle in topmost efficiency.

Because we do not figure on an early ending of war we set our plans on increasing Chicago district golf's participation in war effort during 1945.

## Colorado Golf Spurred by Wartime Pressure

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★ **THE PAST YEAR**, despite wartime handicaps, was just as good as, if not better, than any previous year I have