

known in Colorado golf circles. Larger entries were in all the men's tournaments and the class of play was fully up to standards of the past. There was more enthusiastic response in the way of accepting bonds and stamps as prizes instead of the traditional trophies. The women, too, enjoyed a better year at most clubs. The outlook for 1945 looks still better at this moment. All of our clubs are making plans for a big season and there is no thought of letting down. Players are playing, too, under a bigger handicap in that there is a shortage of caddies but we hear mighty few complaints about packing their own clubs. It has had the effect of cutting the number of clubs per bag and yet there seems to be no ill results on the play.

Our golfers have done well for the war efforts. Most of the prizes have been given in bonds and stamps.

The first of our major events in Denver was the interclub team matches. These netted \$550 in stamps and bonds; the next event was the Denver Metropolitan championship with double the entry of any previous year and \$600 in stamps and bonds given. The Colorado Public Links championship netted \$125 in stamps and bonds. The Park Hill Invitation with its large entry brought \$1000 in stamps and bonds. The Colorado women's championship netted close to \$200. The Broadmoor Invitation netted \$1500.00. The Colorado State championship \$700; the Pike's Peak Open \$2000; the Rocky Mountain Open at Grand Junction \$2000.

There were numerous club tournaments and sweepstakes held throughout the summer. I do not as yet have complete reports on these but they will run to more than \$5000 in war bonds and stamps.

I mentioned that the class of our tournaments had not gone down. This may seem odd in the face of war conditions but we have been rather fortunate around here in not losing our best golfers with but few exceptions. For those that we have lost the army has furnished us with ample replacements. For example we have Staff Sgt. Pat Abbott, duration holder of the Western, who has been at Lowry field here since the spring of 1942. We have Arthur Doering who is very well known. There was Lt. Tommy Sheehan formerly of Notre Dame; Cpl. Gordon, who was runner-up in the national public links championship at Baltimore in 1939. About the only high class performer that we lost was Charles "Babe" Lind who is now in the army.

Our clubs have generally shown an increase in play despite gas rationing handicaps altho none of our clubs are very far, none being more than a couple of miles beyond our city limits and some in the city.

I do not believe clubhouse patronage

has been increased a great deal, if any, except at the Denver Country Club. This club is in the heart of Denver, as you know, and has reflected shortage of domestic help. Cherry Hills had no manager early in the season but has done well through most of the year and has a full membership. Lakewood has kept open all the time and clubhouse patronage fell off part of the time but has now recovered under the very able management of Fred L. Wood, formerly of the Denver Athletic Club. Management was the reason for the falling off earlier in the year. Of course food scarcity has played its part too.

All of our clubs are very hospitable to service men. They have, of course, access to all the municipal clubs, and the private clubs give them a low rate of fifty cents to one dollar but with an invitation so that some control may be exercised. The invitations incidentally, are not hard to get.

The outlook in this region is very rosy right now. I find most club officers enthusiastic and laying plans for better years ahead. I believe we have a bright future for the game.

Balancing War Strain Makes Hoosier Golf Busy

By CLIFFORD E. WAGONER
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★ GOLF IN INDIANA has been very successful during the war years. Our only answer for this is that undoubtedly men are seeking one form or another of relaxation from the worries and pressure under the present emergency. Our tournaments have hit a new high in entries, even with increased entry fees, the larger part of which went to the Red Cross. We have not given anything for prizes except war bonds.

The play of service men has been quite heavy in some sections, but many clubs control days and hours of this type of play because of their own traffic of members. Most of our private clubs have a membership waiting list, which as you will agree, is quite unusual.

We believe that golf and country clubs will play a more important part than ever in this section.

Iowa Slumps in Pay—Play Golf

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★ MOST GOLF CLUBS in Iowa showed quite a decrease in play in 1944. The public and fee courses suffered the most. However, the private clubs "with service" showed an increase in clubhouse patronage and many have had the best season in years.

Tournament activities were reduced to one day events put on by individual clubs in different parts of the state. The State Golf Association for men and women do not anticipate any extensive tournament revival until the end of the war with Germany.

With the return of servicemen and women and the release of war restrictions I look forward to a great and glorious postwar golf era.

Western GA Extends Its Caddie Welfare Plans

By WILLIAM T. WOODSON

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★ THE WESTERN GOLF Assn. did not hold any tournament during 1944. The principal activity of the Association was launching a campaign to raise funds for sponsoring Caddie Scholarships on a national scale.

For the past ten years the Association has been sponsoring caddie scholarships at Northwestern university. The caddies awarded these scholarships were boys who would not have been able to obtain college education without financial help.

The idea of caddie scholarships was suggested by Chick Evans and taken up by the Western GA. In order to give Chick the honor he so justly deserves, these scholarships are known as the Charles Evans, Jr., Scholarships of the Western Golf Association and the caddies who receive them will be known as "Evans Scholars."

It is the purpose of the Western GA to establish these scholarships in a number of universities throughout the country. The Association hopes to raise \$100,000 in the Chicago area as working capital for the purpose of maintaining these scholarships.

The membership of the Western association is now made up of individuals instead of golf clubs, and it is hoped that as soon as the story of Evans caddie scholarships comes to the attention of golfers throughout the country, they will be eager to join the association and pay their annual dues of \$5.00. It is hoped that proceeds from membership dues, from tournaments and from all other activities of the association will be sufficient to underwrite this large program.

At a recent meeting of its directors the Western GA went on record as being receptive to bids for the Western Open for 1945. It is now negotiating with several clubs for the tournament. It is undecided as to whether the Western Amateur and Junior Tournaments will be held this year. If the war is not over before the golf season is, it is not likely that these tournaments will be held.

I predict that golf will have a great revival after the war. Many golfers have

been so hard pressed for time on account of their war activities, not only in active service but in the production of war material and serving in various wartime organizations, that they will take to golf with eagerness when they feel free to relax again.

It is the aim of the Western association to help in every way possible to improve caddie conditions at the golf clubs. We feel that the incentive of caddie scholarships will not only make better caddies out of our boys, but will help make them better citizens.

Detroit District Shows Cost Rise Up to 57 Per Cent

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★ INCREASED EXPENSES of clubs in the Detroit area as reported in a questionnaire circulated by the DDGA were as high as 57 per cent in 1944 over 1943. For the third consecutive year the association recommended an increase in caddie rates. The 1944 figures were at \$1.35 for 18 holes, \$2.20 for double 18 holes and 75 cents for 9 holes during usual daytime hours. Twilight rates starting after 6 PM or finishing after 8:30 PM were 80 cents for 9 holes and \$1.50 for 18 holes. Considerable attention was given recruiting caddies over the Michigan minimum age of 14 years and to making golf club employment a factor in the recreation and citizenship development of the boys.

Play increased somewhat in 1944 as contrasted with an estimated 33 per cent slump in 1943 under 1942. Play on five Detroit district muni courses increased 5.056 per cent over 1943, with a \$35,462.35 increase in public course receipts.

After a wet spring a dry summer and fall accounted for about a 40 per cent increase in 1944 watering costs over those of the preceding year.

It was impossible to compile a record of war bonds and stamps and Red Cross and other war organization funds raised by Detroit district golfers last year, but it is definitely known that more than \$10,000,000 was subscribed to the Fifth war loan by Detroit district clubs, which is a fairly clear indication that the club members were not backward about realizing their obligations.

Due to war industrial operations having become set on a high plane of efficiency and production in the Detroit district the workers and executives had more time in 1944 than in previous years to take the recreation that they had begun to need badly after the high pressure of 1942 and 1943.

The district association plans to slightly increase its tournament schedule this year, resuming district team league play

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