

CDGA Victory Championship Again Geared to War Services

THIS year's golfing classic, the Third Annual Chicago Victory National Golf Championship, will be played at the Calumet Country Club, Homewood, Illinois, June 27 through July 1. It promises to be the most successful of the Chicago District Golf Association's efforts.

In 1942 the CDGA took the bull by the horns to conduct golf geared to the war effort instead of silently folding its tent and lying dormant during the war years. It was in this year at the Hale America National Golf Tournament, forerunner to the Victory National, held under the auspices of the CDGA, USGA and PGA at the Ridgemoor C. C., Chicago, that \$22,500 was raised and split between the Navy Relief Society and USO.

In 1943 the live Chicago golf body decided on a streamlined tournament presenting 40 of the outstanding professionals and amateurs in the sport. In that year the first Victory National Championship was held at the Beverly Country Club and was successful to the extent of \$65,000 which was used to construct putting clocks at Hines and Downey Veterans hospitals.

Last year's affair at Edgewater Golf Club, through the energetic efforts of the members, came out on top to the tune of \$17,399. This money is presently being

used to build a nine hole pitch and putt course at Hines Hospital for use by both Hines Hospital and the U. S. Army's Vaughan General Hospital.

Credit for the success of these golf tournaments must be given to Tommy McMahon, former president of the CDGA, Larry Rutherford, present prexy, and M. G. "Scotty" Fessenden.

At the present writing the 1945 Victory National Golf Championship has more than \$20,000 in its kick through the sale of advertising space in the program. Enthusiastic leadership by Gil Roll, president of the Calumet C. C., is largely responsible for this fine early showing. In addition to the 72 hole Chicago Victory National Championship, the opening day, June 27, will see a pro teamed with an outstanding lady golfer, a good amateur and the best the senior field can offer playing as a foursome for 18 holes, with a final 18 holes on June 28 to determine the pro-lady, pro-amateur and pro-senior champions.

The classic is under the sponsorship of the Chicago District Golf Charities, Inc.; co-sponsored by the Chicago District Golf Association, Illinois Professional Golfers' Association, Professional Golfers' Association of America and Cook County Council American Legion.

Junk Builds this Course in India

1337 BU, Assam, India—Memories of bygone days back home were added to this air base recently by an enterprising GI, T/Sgt. Hyman F. Kaplan, Trenton, N. J., of the Special Services Section, who raided the junk piles for scraps to build this miniature golf course.

His efforts were worth while as shown by the fact that approximately 50 men per hour played the course during the first two months it was opened. The golf ball shortage has hit with a bang, however, and play has slackened quite a bit until a new supply arrives—if and when.

The conglomeration of construction material consisted of bamboo, aluminum pieces, sand bags from an old ack ack nest, discarded heating system of an airplane, and a fire barrel that officials wouldn't let him move so he made it into a hazard. Average time for four men to finish a round is 25 minutes, and par is "about" 21.

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