

Thompson, St. Clair, Shafer and Purvis Return to Spalding



LYLE THOMPSON

Lyle Thompson, who from 1928 to 1943 represented A. G. Spalding & Bros. as golf pro representative throughout Long Island, Conn., Mass., and Miami, has returned to the company after three years of service in the Marine Corps. Enlisting in October, 1942, Thompson served in the Marshall Islands, on Okinawa and in Japan. He

received the rank of Major and won three citations before his discharge. Thompson's territory will again be Long Island, N. Y.

After many years service in the golf club department in the Willimansett,

Mass. plant of A. G. Spalding & Bros., John St. Clair recently was appointed to company's golf pro sales staff. St. Clair began his golf training in 1926 as assistant pro at the Longmeadow (Mass.) C.C. From there he went to Spalding as golf club inspector and technical assistant. He was chief inspector of the golf club department when in 1942 he resigned from the company to take a wartime job with the Springfield (Mass.) Ordnance District office of the Army. In his new position St. Clair will represent the company in Westchester area in New York state.



JOHN ST. CLAIR

Bert Purvis, golf pro salesman who left A. G. Spalding & Bros. to take a wartime position as an experimental aircraft mechanic, has returned to Spalding. Starting with Spalding in 1925, Purvis served as manager of the golf department of the firm's Fifth Ave., New York City store until 1937. In that year he joined the Spalding pro golf department and subsequently represented the company in New York State and eastern Pennsylvania.

Bill Shafer rejoined the golf pro sales staff of A. G. Spalding & Bros. which he left in 1943 to enter the army. As a pro salesman for Spalding he represented the firm in the States of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Shafer received

training at Keesler Field, Miss., and Fort Logan, Colo. Assigned to a B-17 Flying Fortress Group he sailed for England in January 1944. As administrative inspector he served in the European Theatre of Operations until June 1945.

BALANCED BAG BIG SUCCESS.—

Since the first Balanced golf bag was made in 1943 after OK by War Production Board, more than 75,000 of the bags have been sold. It's believed that this lightweight patented bag has been the largest selling bag during the war years. It was welcomed by golfers who had to carry their own and by caddies, carrying single or double. With the war's end a new standard model Balanced Bag has been introduced. The new Standard Balanced is made of finest quality duck, in suntan or white. The top is reinforced with magnesium and the bottom is weather-proof masonite covered with treated duck and webbing. The wooden rod which balances the bag is of Appalachian straight-grain hickory. Of the past 35,000 Balanced bags shipped only one, and that shipped singly, had its stick broken in transit. The shoulder strap is padded with synthetic rubber. The new Standard Balanced bag has room for 15 clubs. An extensive national advertising campaign on the bag is being run in the spring by the Balanced Golf Bag, North and Noble Sts., Chicago 22, Ill. The Balanced bag has been a big seller at \$5 retail in pro shops.

Vinylite, a new flexible plastic sheeting made by the Bakelite Corp., is being used for golf bags. The material is weatherproof and mar-resistant, and it's said not to crack or creak.

DRIVING RANGE For Sale

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No. Calif. PGA Installs Driving Range for Vets



Oak Knoll Naval Hospital driving range (Oakland, California) a Northern California PGA Section project, was dedicated recently with the following participating: (L to R—standing) Dewey Longworth, Claremont CC; Dick Fry, Oakland Muny course; Earl Fry, Alameda Muny course; Capt. Arthur Dearing, Oak Knoll Hospital commanding officer; Colin Wilson (patient with club) and Cletus Buckley (patient stooping). Eddie Duino, of San Jose, Section president, is kneeling instructing Wilson.

WOOD, RYDER CUP CAPTAIN.—Craig Wood, duration National Open champion, was named to captain the 1946 Ryder Cup team at the recent annual PGA meeting. Wood will lead the same team chosen in 1942. Although there have been no International team matches scheduled for the coming year it is planned to have competition with teams made up of the foreign-born PGA members.

Reissue Metz Book.—The Macmillan Co., New York, is publishing a new edition of Dick Metz' *The Secret to Par Golf*, first edition of which was published in 1940 and quickly sold out at \$2 a copy. The Metz book is profusely illustrated with many pictures from angles that clearly show points often difficult to explain.

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★ **W. F. GORDON BUILDING**—Wm. F. Gordon Co., Bala-Cynwyd, Pa. is building a 9-hole course for Birch Hill CC, Lewistown, Pa., and rebuilding East Potomac Park course at Washington, D. C. The Gordon organization now is handling course construction work only. Gordon was a partner of Toomey & Flynn of Philadelphia from 1923 to 1942. In that time he constructed Philadelphia CC, CC of Brookline, Mass., Shinnecock Hills GC and other excellent courses. In 1942 he formed his own company for turfing airports and other large acres.

SWIM-FIN FILM.—A technicolor movie available for club showings has been made on Swim-Fin, showing interesting use of this new sports item in navy training, life-saving and sport. Famous swimmers appear in the film which can be booked through Wilson Sporting Goods Co. offices. Prints of the film are in great demand for club showings so booking should be requested well in advance.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Pro manager and wife, ages 45, with twenty-five years' experience, would like to contact club seeking services of good pro and excellent cateress. Congenial people who make friends quickly and have a fine record for stimulating club activity. Will consider club offering salary and concession or straight salary only, for dining room plus golf concessions. Address: Ad 130, % *Golfdom*.

Professional wants position for 1946 season. Age 36; married. PGA member, fine instructor and player, 16 years of active experience. Am of good character and pleasing personality. Can furnish the very best of references. Address: Ad. 107, % *Golfdom*.

Wanted: New reprocessed golf balls. State names, grades, price and quantity available. Address: Ad. 108, % *Golfdom*.

Pro-Greenkeeper or Greenkeeper—Veteran desires golf course for coming season. Brought up in game. A-1 instructor and player; highest references; experienced and understands all phases of greenkeeping. Schooling in greenkeeping at Mass. State, primary and advanced courses. Box 245, Pequabuck, Conn.

Position wanted as Manager, Pro-greenkeeper, or Pro-Manager. At present employed; desires change. Competent, very dependable, excellent record of management and golf course maintenance. GSA member; married; A-1 references as to character, ability and credit rating. Wife can assist with management of dining room. Address: Ad. 109, % *Golfdom*.

Golf Professional, 39 years of age, PGA member, excellent teacher and player, A-1 credit, desires job in South or Southwest. Address: Ad. 110, % *Golfdom*.

Wanted: Position as Pro or Pro-Greenkeeper for either nine or eighteen hole course. Prefer club in North or South Carolina. Member of PGA; married with three young children. 13 years' experience. Club must offer security and good living conditions for Pro and family in exchange for knowledge and hard work. Address: Ad. 111, % *Golfdom*.

Attention Pros and Assistant Pros: \$100 reward for a set of Bobby Jones four woods, nine irons, yellow steel shaft, two sand blasters, one Walter Hagan and one Bobby Jones, one gold-plated Kroydon putter in a Tufhorse bag with individual pockets. Address: Ad. 112, % *Golfdom*.

Golf Pro: 15 years' experience playing, teaching, writing and club repairing. 5 years in last assignment as lessee, pro-manager-greenkeeper of 18-hole golf course. Will consider contact anywhere. Neat appearance. Promoter of club member good will. Age 36; married; 1 child. Address: Ad. 100, % *Golfdom*.

PROFESSIONAL recently discharged from Armed Forces, would like to get re-established in golf. 15 years' experience, 33 years of age, married. Practical knowledge of club making, greenkeeping and club management. Teaching a specialty. Excellent references. Address: Ad. 101, % *Golfdom*.

Position wanted as Pro or assistant pro. Five years Pro and Manager experience. 26 years old; married. War Vet, College man, non drinker. Good credit rating. Address: Ad. 102, % *Golfdom*.

Middle-aged Pro with 27 years' experience in pro shop merchandising seeks contact with pro needing assistant of these qualifications or tournament pro needing seasoned assistant to carry pro shop responsibility during his absence. Good instructor; fine personality; excellent references. State salary and conditions. Address: Ad. 103, % *Golfdom*.

GREENKEEPER WANTED—For 9-hole course. Private management. State experience and salary expected. Leon H. Suba, Treas., George St., Rome, N. Y.

WANTED by Country Club of 300 members in Northwestern Ohio—Club House Manager. A very attractive year-round proposition to man who can qualify for position. If married, possibility of also employing wife. State references, experience and salary expected in first letter. Address: Ad. 104, % *Golfdom*.

Pro desires change for 1946. Would like to hear from club interested in hiring reliable and well qualified golf professional or Pro-greenkeeper with 25 years experience in all phases of the game. An excellent background and A-1 credit rating. 40 years of age; married. Address: Ad. 105, % *Golfdom*.

Pro-Manager for private club with nine-hole course, splendid opportunity. Address: Ad. 106, % *Golfdom*.

For Sale in Western Pennsylvania, 25 miles from Pittsburgh, an 18-hole daily fee golf course, two houses, clubhouse and machinery barn. Doing a fine business and will show fine net profit. Approximately 150 acres of land in all. \$75,000 including all equipment. Address: Ad. 113, % *Golfdom*.

Assistant Pro just out of Navy wants a job with good man from whom he could learn the business. Hard worker, thoroughly dependable, pleasant personality and well-grounded in general principles of business. For full details of qualifications write Ad. 114, % *Golfdom*.

Couple, both 56, at present managing large club, desire pro-management position in smaller club. PGA member with highest credit rating. Must be all-year position. Address: Ad. 115, % *Golfdom*.

Experienced Professional who prefers to stay at his club and see that his members get the best service and who can really help them improve their games is available. Best references and ready to take hold. Address: Ad. 116, % *Golfdom*.

Golf professional wanted for the 1946 season. Club of approximately 225 members. Can offer a very attractive proposition to the right man. Write manager, Fostoria Country Club, Fostoria, Ohio.

Wanted—Maxwellton Golf Course, Inc. of Syracuse, Indiana wants a manager. The course hasn't been operated for two years and the man who takes this position has the job of putting the course into condition and running it. Monthly salary plus chance to participate in profits. Good man will find this a real opportunity. Address H. B. Gray, Treasurer, Nappanee, Indiana.

Golf Professional with fine record and recommendations. Age 34; married. Member of PGA with A-1 rating. Address: Ad. 117, % *Golfdom*.

Pro-greenkeeper—15 years' experience; highest references; good player and teacher; excellent credit rating. Very successful as greenkeeper; some experience as club manager. 37; married; one child. Prefer middle west or southwest. Will go anywhere. Address: Ad. 119, % *Golfdom*.

Wanted—Greenkeeper for Ohio private club; 9-hole course in excellent condition and equipment the same. State experience and salary expected. Post Office Box 108, Fremont, Ohio.

Experienced Caddy Master, Assistant Pro or Pro-Manager of a small club desires southern location. Address: Ad. 120, % *Golfdom*.

Wanted: 5 Gang Fairway Mower in A-1 condition. To be delivered by May 1, 1946. F. D. Hunt, Box 213, Calhoun, Ga.

2000 used rubber golf balls; not those synthetics, \$4 doz. gross lots, or all, nothing smaller. In 46 the mfgs. will make only 85c synthetic. Right chance for fee course or driving range for sensibly priced balls. Paul Bertholy, Mills Creek Golf Course, Sandusky, Ohio. Phone 2186.

Greenkeeper desires position. College trained. Understands all phases of greenkeeping. 20 years experience; married; sober; age 40. Address: Box 187, Phillipsburg, Pa.

Club Manager—with splendid background, experienced in all phases of country club, 10 years with present club, desires change. Best of references. Address: Ad. 121, % *Golfdom*.

Club Manager with excellent record, experienced in all departments, desires food and beverage concession in well established club. Highest references. Address: Ad. 122, % *Golfdom*.

Position wanted by Pro and wife who understand the word service. Would like club with 200 members or more. Pro good player and excellent teacher, wife fine dining room operator who can also take charge of club books. Excellent references can be furnished. Address: Ad. 131, % *Golfdom*.

Pro-Greenkeeper—23 years' experience in all departments golf club operation available for immediate connection at club needing lively promotion, business-like management and thrifty maintenance. Class A, PGA member. Address: Ad. 124, % *Golfdom*.

Greenkeeper—desires position. Twenty-six years' experience in maintenance and construction. 46 years old; married. Highest recommendations. Address: Ad. 125, % *Golfdom*.

Pro-Mgr.—For the past 10 years, 16 years as Pro, desires position. 36 years of age. Available immediately. Address: Ad. 126, % *Golfdom*.

Greenkeeper—9 years experience in course construction. 16 years as greenkeeper at last course. Highly skilled in turf machinery maintenance. 40 yrs. old, married, 2 children. Sober, resourceful. Address: Ad. 128, % *Golfdom*.

Pro, Greenkeeper, Golf Course Architect, with excellent record and recommendations, desires change. Expert on bent greens. Member PGA-GSA. Good teacher. Credit A1. Address: Ad. 127, % *Golfdom*.

For Sale—One Cabinet Model Ball Machine; One Stand Model Ball Machine; One practically new Golf Net, size 10'x12'x20'. Reply to P.O. Box 8790, Wilkinsburg 21, Pa.

To the Highest Bidder—2 doz. Pro. Acush. Tite-lists. 2 Doz. U. S. Royal. Spec. 1 Doz. N. British 85's. 1 Doz. Acush. Pinnacle. Will sell single dozen or lot. Speak up! Address: Ad. 123, % *Golfdom*.

Pro just released from service. Eight years experience. Former club no longer exists. Prefer private club anywhere in U. S. Experience also includes greenkeeping and club management. Address: Ad. 118, % *Golfdom*.