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GOLF BOOM ON IN PORTLAND, ORE.

By Norman Tauscher

Golf enthusiasm in Portland, Ore. is already very high, and plans for 1947 are well along. Last year's record of 360 members in the Oregon Public Links Assn. probably will be topped. Funds were raised at the Hole-in-One contest, held at Lloyds Golf Course to send 6 men to the National Public Links championship at Denver. Lou Stafford justified Oregon hopes by reaching the finals only to lose to Smiley Quick. Sid Berner won consolation honors.

Ways and means to enable more entries to participate in the sectional qualifying, so as to send more than 6 men to Minneapolis, are being studied. In the past the OPLGA has been strictly a Portland and vicinity project, but this year all Public Links courses will be invited to join and participate in events.

Officers for 1947 elected at a recent meeting: Pres., Al White; VP, Norm Parsons, Oregon's USGA Representative and 1946 team Captain; Sec.-Treas., Howard Borst; Tournament Chmn., Don MacPike. His assistants will be Bill Lees and

Wendall Miller; Hdcp. Chmn., Bob Parry, who was a member of the 1946 team; Membership, Lloyd Mead and Len Beerman; Publicity, Norm Tauscher, retiring Pres.

Interest in reviving the Golfing Feud with Seattle is at high pitch and will be a must on the Portland program. In the past a 20 man home-and-home series was held, and the Curtis Harold Trophy is still on display at Lloyds having been won last by Portland.

The Hole in One contest held at Lloyds each year with the cooperation of Joe Mozel and his Automatic Tee is the organization's biggest fund raiser, and runs a full week. Prizes are donated by merchants and leading stores, and its popularity never wanes. The distance from tee to green is 100 yards and two boys are in attendance to measure each shot. Three shots cost 75 cents. First prize in 1946 was a complete set of irons, woods, bag, balls, and bag cart. Other prizes included a bag-boy cart, leather bags, putters, balls, and useful home merchandise as well as other golf merchandise. Cy Perkins of Hood River, Oregon, held his shot on the fourth day and received a set of Fore-Master woods from Wilsons.