

# Chicago Open for Vet Hospitals

CDGA continues top notch event which has raised more than \$135,000 since Pearl Harbor for veterans' rehabilitation.

Robt S. Hulbert, pres., Chicago District GA, in announcing the Chicago Victory Open which will be played at Westward Ho CC, June 26-29, said: "To our knowledge this is the only major golf championship still being conducted for aid to hospitalized veterans."

Since Pearl Harbor the Chicago District Golf Association has raised \$135,108.77 for veterans' rehabilitation. In 1942 the Hale America National Open at Ridgemoor contributed \$22,522.38 to the Navy Relief Society and U.S.O. In 1943 the first Victory National at Beverly raised \$5,889.73 for the rehabilitation fund; the 1944 Victory National at Edgewater contributed \$17,172.89; the Victory at Calumet in 1945 realized \$14,584.42 and the Victory at Medinah in 1946 netted \$11,786.56. In addition the Hope-Crosby match raised \$18,179.23, the Illinois Section PGA contributed \$2,415.62, the Illinois Seniors \$100, and the Golfer's Dime-A-Round Fund donated \$42,457.94 to the Chicago Servicemen's Centers.

This is the finest war record of any sectional association in the country, Hulbert

points out. The money has been used to construct a 9-hole golf course and clubhouse at Great Lakes (Ill.) Naval hospital, a 9-hole course and clubhouse at Hines Veterans Administration hospital (Maywood, Ill.), two 18-hole putting clocks at Hines, one 18-hole putting clock at Downey Veterans hospital (Downey, Ill.), plus equipment to maintain and play these courses. Under construction now is a nine hole course at Danville (Ill.) Veterans hospital.

Prize money will be \$15,900. In addition to the regular 72 hole Open and Amateur tourneys, ladies of national championship calibre will compete for the 72 hole Chicago Victory Women's Championship. Professionals will be teamed with an amateur and lady partner, making the Victory the only 72 hole pro-lady and pro-amateur event national in scope. \$10,000 will go to the first 20 professionals in the Open, \$1,000 will be divided among the first three lady professionals and \$2,300 will be divided among the team winners. A professional, placing first in all events, can win \$4,300. Suitable medals and trophies will be given the winning lady and men amateurs.

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