

## PGA In Tranquil Meeting Re-elects Dudley

Ed Dudley, Colorado Springs, Colo., was re-elected pres., PGA of America for the seventh time at the association's 1947 national convention held at Morrison Hotel, Chicago, Nov. 17-19. Anonymous campaign against Dudley was a factor in his re-election. Although Dudley declared himself fed up with the job others of the administration insisted that he run rather than retire under fire. The convention developed into a love fest with Dudley re-elected unanimously.

After the meeting concluded there was talk among delegates that again the annual convention had neglected to take action restricting number of terms national officers could serve, and by such legislation protect its officers against charges of maintaining themselves in office. Demands of PGA national service are such that it's hard to believe that except in rare cases involving prestige for club jobs anybody would eagerly desire the sacrifices involved in handling PGA official business. The majority of PGA officials have been handling with exceptional competence and satisfaction good club jobs long prior to their election to PGA office.

Joe Novak, Bel-Air CC (LA dist.), was elected sec. for the third time, without the

slightest whisper of opposition, for his outstanding services to the organization and consistent demonstrations of sound judgment. Bill Wotherspoon, Southern Hills CC, Tulsa, Okla., was elected treas. to succeed the ailing Willie Maguire. Bill becomes the first Scotch-born pro to guard the finances of the organization since Jack Mackie had the PGA treasury looking like figures for the Marshall plan.

New vps elected were Bill Gordon of Illinois, John Watson of Indiana, Marty Lyons of Pennsylvania and Joe Donato of Connecticut. George Schneider was named chm., Tournament committee and mgr., Tournament Bureau.

Action was deferred on the plea of the Women's PGA to be taken into the PGA of America organization. Considerable of the Women's PGA membership consists of women physical education teachers at colleges and high schools who do not have qualifications deemed sufficient for recognition as golf instructors and pro department operators up to Class A eligibility requirements of the men's PGA. The men acknowledged, however, their appreciation of the work these women are doing in developing golf.

### Hogan Headlines Clinic

The Wednesday clinic was featured by an address by Marshall Farnham, pres., Greenkeeping Supts. Assn., and educational demonstrations by Ben Hogan, Frank



### RYDER CUPPERS GET SPECIAL BAGS

PGA 1947 Ryder Cup team members were presented custom-made oval-type special bags made of caribou leather and trimmed with natural steerhide, by Henry P. Cowen, pres., MacGregor Golf, Inc., prior to the matches at Portland. Walter Hagen and Craig Wood, honorary co-captains and Ed Oliver are not shown here with their new luggage. They're all big boys, taking a lot of width on a lens. The others from L. to R., with those toothpaste smiles are: The Slammer, The Canary, The Baron, The Chin, Buzz-saw, Soldjah Boy, Lord Byron, Der Dutchman, Shipmate.

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Walsh, Sam Byrd, Al Watrous, Bob Barnett and Patty Berg which brought out lively question and answer moments. Motion pictures of the 1947 PGA championship taken under the direction of the Michigan section, a movie of the 1947 Goodall tournament with comment by Jug McSpaden and the 1946 baseball World's Series and instruction movie were shown.

The annual president's dinner was the usual pleasant get-together with mild and entertaining comment being stirred by the after-dinner remarks of Ben Hogan and John D. Ames, member of the Executive committee of the USGA. Hogan, being called on unexpectedly to speak, hastily ad libbed about the PGA now being the No. 2 organization of American golf but destined to become the No. 1 outfit. The amateur club and association officials present had whatever alarm they may have felt somewhat reduced by Ames' genial concession that the pros were the better players but that it might be rather nice if the pro organization would consider keeping a few amateurs around just to have the courses in use and the pro shops and tournaments patronized. Ben cordially endorsed the Ames suggestion.

Bob Goldwater, Phoenix amateur, was toastmaster at the dinner.

**SMART, CARNOUSTIAN, DIES**—James Murray Smart, 52, supt. for 16 years of Dutchess G&CC, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and prior to that associated with Westchester County, N.Y. clubs, died Nov. 6, at Vassar hospital, Poughkeepsie, following a 5 months illness. Smart was born in Carnoustie and served with the Gordon Highlanders in World War 1. He was an active Mason in Scotland and the U. S. He was a member of the GSA. He came to the U. S. in 1927 and became an American citizen. He is survived by his widow, a son and a daughter. Jim was a grand personality who stood high in his profession and was beloved by all in golf who knew him.

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