

Sponsors Put Up \$25,000 For Western Open

Forty-fifth Western Open Golf championship will be played at Brookfield CC, Buffalo, New York the 26th of July, 1948 under sponsorship of the J. N. Adam & Co. Foundation. The event will have the largest purse ever offered in the Western Open, \$15,000. The J. N. Adam & Co. will donate an additional \$10,000 to the Western GA. Albin O. Holder, Pres. of the J. N. Adam & Co., and a nationally known veteran amateur, and Maynard G. Fessenden, Western GA pres., announced the record money Western event at a press luncheon at Buffalo.

The additional \$10,000 J. N. Adam & Co. Foundation fund is to be used to expand the WGA's Evans' caddie scholarships. The J. N. Adam & Co. is western New York's largest department store.

Harry Schall, pres., and George L. Scofield, vp., speaking for Brookfield CC, said that plans for putting Brookfield's beautiful club house and grounds into championship shape are under way and that the course will total 6800 yards with a par 72.

WALSH BROTHERS' MOTHER DIES

Mrs. Mary Ann Walsh, 77, died Feb. 15, at her home, 9551 S. Seeley Ave., Chicago. She is survived by her husband, Patrick J.; four daughters, and four sons in professional golf; Tom, pro at Westgate Valley and hon. pres., PGA; Marty who operates Hickory Hills GC; Frank, pro at Red Run GC, Detroit; and Patrick (Packey), golf director of the Chicago Park district. She was a lovely and beloved woman whose daughters and sons have been an honor to her and endowed her richly in happiness.

AUTOMATIC TEE SPEEDS UP RANGE PLAY FOR MOZEL

An automatic golf ball teeing device, which tees balls electrically by the weight of the ball, is now being marketed by Joe Mozel Golf Enterprises, Portland, Ore.

The teeing device is part of a complete booth unit, all parts of which have been developed and tested in actual commercial

use over the past 12 years at Lloyd Golf Range and Course in Portland.

Approximately 16½ million balls have been hit from various types of automatic tees at Lloyd's during the 12 years. About nine million balls have been hit from the Mozel tee units of various designs since their installation in 1941, according to inventor and manufacturer Joe Mozel who is operator and pro at Lloyd's.

Based on records of operation at Lloyd's, it is stated that the tee unit will (1) double capacity at peak hours through faster play, (2) double average receipts from players, (3) increase amount obtainable per bucket and (4) lessen probability of theft of balls at tee.

The new tee unit is available with or without an automatic, electric, meter-recording system and can be purchased in booth units of one or more. The meter system provides an airtight audit on the sale of balls and makes possible the rental of the unit on a per ball basis, Mozel says.

Among reported major details of the unit are: The machine starts and stops with the weight of the ball and will tee as many as 15 balls a minute. A red light on the face of the ball magazine and on the remote control register in the office, where meter-recording system is installed, lights when refilling is necessary. The Mozel device will tee all cut, wet or off-round balls. The magazine is made of aluminum with a spiral brass track holding 100 or more balls. The works are all housed in an easily-removable, green-colored, waterproof plywood case.

The flexible rubber tees holding the balls above the rubber driving mats have had an average life of about 8,000 balls in actual use at Lloyd's, Mozel reports, and can be replaced in a few seconds when finally broken. A turf-like, grass-green brush, developed by Mozel for iron and fairway wood shots, has a life of about 35,000 balls.

Lower left: Magazine of automatic tee is refilled after red signal lights up on remote control register. Below: Mozel demonstrates automatic tee which starts and stops with the weight of the ball, making it possible to tee 15 balls a minute.

