

Front cover: Sam Snead looks on as gallery watches E. J. "Dutch" Harrison putting on the 12th green at Tam O'Shanter CC, Chicago, during play-off of final match between Harrison, Snead and Lloyd Mangrum who had finished the previous day's play in George S. May's All American in a three-way tie.

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17th Annual Field Day at Rhode Is. Exp. Station

The 17th Annual Greenkeepers' Field Day for inspection of turf experiments conducted by the Rhode Island Agri. Exp. Station and sponsored by the USGA and the New England Golf and Greenkeeping Superintendents' Assns. is being held at Kingston, Sept. 8 and 9. The meetings are sponsored by the Assns. as a phase of their service to members, greenkeepers and others interested in the development of fine turf and the attendant problems. Held near the close of a busy season, the Field Day affords greenkeepers an opportunity to talk over their 1948 turf problems, discuss how they were solved, and learn of new materials and methods being developed.

Manufacturers and distributors of equipment and supplies support the meeting with demonstrations making it possible for everyone to see the latest labor-saving machinery and materials available.

Representatives of the USGA, GSA and the New England Assns. will be present to discuss important problems of the past season in addition to the discussions and presentations by the Experiment Station Staff.

Los Angeles Golf Courses Get Needed Tax Reduction

The Los Angeles Board of Supervisors has granted substantial tax assessment cuts to 16 of the 30 golf courses in Los Angeles county. The cuts, amounting to near 50 per cent on club buildings and 25 per cent on land used for the courses may mean the difference between solvency and insolvency as far as a number of courses are concerned.

The Board of Supervisors granted the tax reductions on the basis that the golf courses performed a public recreation service and therefore were entitled to tax relief. Action was taken after H. J. Wilson, pres., Wilshire CC, spokesman for the group, pointed out that the county's golf facilities were "shrinking away." Only 30 courses exist today compared to 43 in 1940.

The courses affected by the tax cut other than Wilshire include: Oakmont CC, Los Angeles CC, San Gabriel CC, Virginia CC, San Fernando VCC, Hacienda CC, California CC, Annandale CC, Riviera CC, Fox Hills CC, Hillcrest CC, Lakewood GC, Westward Ho GC, Bel-Air and Lakeside CC. Other courses are expected to be granted reductions later.