

Jaycees Sponsor Biggest Event, Seven Pro's Sons Entered

The sixth annual National Junior Amateur Championship sponsored by the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce and played at the Hope Valley CC, Durham, N. C., Aug. 13 to 18 had 210 entries from 43 states and the District of Columbia, the largest field to enter the national tournament in the short history of the event. The 210 boys, 18 years and under, were the cream of the crop of more than 18,000 who started in local and state tournaments sponsored by the Jaycees.

Of the 210 boys who toured the course during the first two days of qualifying, seven were sons of professionals. They



Jerry Port, teen-ager from Wilmington, Del., is awarded Jimmy Thomson Driving Award for his winning drive of 281 yds. at annual banquet held on eve of U. S. Jaycee Nat'l Jr. Amateur Championship. Joe Robb, Jr., local Jaycee chmn., makes award. Seated at head table are: (L to R) Harold Sargent, Harry Welsh, Floyd Fletcher and Bill Kaiser.

were Tom Watrous (16), son of Al, professional at Oakland Hills CC, Birmingham, Mich.; Herman Uebele, Jr. (17), whose father is pro at Beechwood GC, La Porte, Ind.; William F. Boggess (18), son of Charles, pro at Indian Hills CC, Kansas City, Mo.; Roger Rubendall (16), son of Harry, pro at Freeport (Ill.) CC; Phil Wiechman (17), son of Clem, pro-mgr., Logan CC, Chapmanville, W. Va.; Pat Schwab (18), son of Harry, pro at Community CC, Dayton, Ohio; and David Hugh Law (16), son of Hugh, pro at Bartlett CC, Olean, N. Y. Ralph Guldahl, Jr., who entered the California state tournament from San Diego failed to make the grade for one of the berths on the team representing Calif. at the national.

The final match pitted the North against the South with Douglas Sanders of Cedartown, Ga., winning 6 and 5 over Donald Welch of Whitefish, Montana. Medalist honors went to Teddy White, Roswell, New Mexico, high school lad

with a 73-67-140. Oklahoma won the state team championship with a low total of 588. First winner of the Jimmy Thomson Driving Award was Jerry Port, Wilmington, Delaware, with a drive of 281 yds.

Chairman Joseph A. Robb, Jr. and the Durham Jaycees with the assistance of Hugh Egan, Jr., Director of the U. S. Jaycee Sports and Recreation program handled the tournament in fine shape. The boys were housed at one of the Duke University dormitories. A banquet for all contestants and sponsors was held on the Duke campus also. Harold Sargent, PGA vp from Eastlake CC, Atlanta, Ga., featured speaker at the banquet, gave the boys some valuable tips and pointed up some of the important things to weigh in considering golf as a profession. Trick shot artist Jack Redmond led off with a fine show for the boys in the series of clinics scheduled. Bill Kaiser of Hillerich and Bradsby was kept on the tee until near darkness the next day by enthusiastic and interested youngsters following a fine clinic. Loddie Kempa, the left-hander who recently joined the Wilson advisory staff also put on a fine performance for the lads.

The 1952 tournament will be played on the Eugene (Ore.) CC course August 11-16. Participants will be housed at the University of Oregon. Hosts for the 7th annual event will be the Eugene Jaycees under the chairmanship of Jim Bandy, who was on hand for the whole of the tournament at Durham taking notes and tape recordings for a full report to the local Jaycees and as a guide in planning for a big tournament next year.

COMING TURF EVENTS

- Sept. 5-7 — Turf Field Days. The Pennsylvania State College and USGA Turf Advisory Committee, State College, Pa.
- Sept. 10-11 — Turf Field Days. Purdue University and Midwest Regional Turf Foundation. West Lafayette, Ind.
- Oct. 7-9 — National Turf Field Days. Beltsville Turf Gardens, Plant Industry Station, Beltsville, Md.
- Oct. 24-26 — Turf Conference. Central Plains Turf Foundation and Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas.
- Nov. 14 — Fall Turf Meeting of the Southern Calif. Turf. Assn., Univ. of Calif. at Los Angeles.