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This is the 147 yd. 13th hole at Exmoor CC, Highland Park, Ill. where 50th annual Western Amateur championship will be played Sept. 8-14. Jerome P. Bowes, Jr., former WGA prexy, is tournament chairman and Ed and Bill Stupple are Exmoor's pro and course supt.

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SWINGING AROUND GOLF

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supt. at Plum Hollow GC (Detroit dist.) yielded \$5000 for a grand guy who's seriously ill . . . Locke wanted \$6000 from George S. May for appearance at Tam O'Shanter All-American and World Championships . . . George didn't give down . . . Jimmy Nicholls back on exhibition schedule for Spalding after lay-off and hospital check-up . . . Check-up showed the one-armed star in sound shape but worn down temporarily from steady routine of playing, clinics and auto travel.

Clyde Usina, Sr., 57, for 20 years pro-mgr., West Palm Beach (Fla.) CC, died July 20 at Palm Beach . . . Two years ago he suffered a stroke . . . His son, Clyde, Jr., who had been his asst., succeeded him at West Palm Beach CC . . . Clyde, Sr., meant southern hospitality to many winter visitors to Florida and was treasured as a friend and a splendid exponent of the finest spirit of golf.

National Left-handed Golfers' Assn. 13th annual championship at Fred Waring's Shawnee CC, Aug. 4-7, breaks last year's entry record of 151 . . . Waring was limping around at Edgewater GC (Chicago dist.) during Western Seniors . . . He'd been in automobile crash on his way to airport for Chicago trip and narrowly missed getting the full Hogan treatment . . . Fred will be host to Western Seniors' tournament in 1953 at his place at Shawnee-on-Delaware, Pa. . . That's the historic spot the Worthingtons formerly owned and where the great and merry Shawnee Opens were held.

Frank Justin, 59-year-old winner of Western Seniors' title with 78-72—150, got started in golf competition around Chicago against such educational opposition as Chick Evans and the Dawson boys . . . Justin, a stalwart stylish stout edged out by 2 strokes Tom "Meat-Cutter" Robbins, US Seniors' champion of 1951 and 1952; Allen R. Rankin, 3-time winner of Kenilworth Lodge national seniors' match play championship; and Allan M. Loeb, who was one of Chicago golf's junior stars about the time Old Tom Morris started growing whiskers (or a few years later).

Edgewater course in excellent condition for Western Seniors, due to Supt. Gerald Dearie's genius and good luck in sizzling, sticky weather . . . Rough was tight . . . It must be as Edgewater is compactly laid out on 90 acres with parallel fairways that need rough as separation.

Play of the old guys was faster than play in the National Open and National Amateur . . . About 20 minutes per round faster . . . Including pauses to wipe sweat and steam off their eye-glasses . . . Which reminds us that the most fluent, eloquent and vigorous profanity we ever heard was the late Gil Nicholls' comment on having to wear glasses while playing golf on a sweltering day . . . Grand tribute by Whitey Martin of Associated Press in his "Sports Trail" column to Al Ciuci, as representative of the home club pros to whom much of the credit for American golf's growth is due . . . Al has been pro at Fresh Meadow CC (NY Met dist.) for 27 years, having succeeded Gene Sarazen.