



PGA DUNEDIN TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

Pros who planned the tournament schedule that is making this the liveliest season in the history of the PGA's National course at Dunedin, Fla., assembled for a planning session at the side of the clubhouse. (L. to R.) Joe Curtin, John Watson, Al Huske, Ray McAuliffe, Marty Cromb and Harry Schwab. Events have included many pro-pro, pro-am and mixed events in addition to the crowded schedule of the PGA and Senior Open period. From Dec. 1, 1951 to Jan. 16, 1952 there have been 318 PGA members play the course. There are about 150 PGA members spending two months or more in the Dunedin neighborhood during the winter. Every Thursday is ladies' day on the course and there's a lot of golf played by pros' wives and their girl friends.

Ernest Newnham, Al Watrous Win Seniors' Events

Ernest Newnham, veteran pro at Portland (Me.) CC finished with a one-under 71 which, added to his opening 75, won him the 1952 PGA Seniors title at the Dunedin, Fla., PGA National course. Ernie nosed out the 1951 champion, Al Watrous, by a stroke.

The Newnham victory was particularly impressive as the 55-year-old Maine pro has damaged hands and had to build his grips to suit his physical handicap. The left-hand part of the grip is small and the right hand section is built up. He isn't long; a 225 yd. drive is a gigantic swat for him, but he is straight and the way he uses long woods and irons is poetic. He gets long and short approaches close enough to the pin to ease putting strain.

Following Watrous, there was a four way tie of Charley McKenna, Lou Chia-petta, Harry Schwab and Phil Turnesa at 148. Some fine, but spotty golf, was shot by the rest of the field of 80 seniors, many of whom are so busy on the lesson tee and with other club duties their summer play is mainly during playing lessons and on Mondays when they can play in sectional PGA events.

Watrous, the young Oakland Hills grandfather, was not to be denied in the first Senior Open which drew a field of 160. His three sub-par rounds of 67-71-70—208 had him leading the three who tied for second by 10 strokes. In second place were Johnny Watson, Bill Goldbeck and

the amateur Tom (Meat-cutter) Robbins, winner of the 1951 U. S. Seniors' title.

Watson got 75-71-72; Goldbeck got 73-72-73 and Robbins 71-73-74.

The first Seniors' Open showed that the event has much promise of becoming a very pleasant, interesting annual fixture. It has some work to go through before it gets as completely and smoothly organized as the various amateur senior tournaments which usually are models of close, expert attention to details of management, but the rough spots will be ironed out from the lessons of the initial event.

Watrous and Harold Ryder, Nantucket, Mass., won the pro-am which was a warm-up for the Senior Open, with a best ball of 62. Al had a 68 and Ryder, 71. Pro Al Fehr of Eau Claire, Wis., and amateur F. K. Vaughan, Hamilton, O., finished second among the 44 teams with 65.

Every Turf Conference Pays My Club

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Every time I possibly can attend a national or regional turf conference I go. From experience I have learned that I rarely come home without several new ideas, any one of which more than pays for the expense of my attendance.

The national conferences thus far haven't been of the greatest specific and practical benefit to southern greenkeepers and superintendents because of the neces-