



## WGA OFFICIALS OK INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR FOUR-BALL FOR 1954

A tournament was born when officials of Western Golf Association and the Highland G&CC of Indianapolis got together for final arrangements on the International Amateur Four-Ball Championship of WGA, to be inaugurated at Highland from June 25 to July 1, 1954. Discussing the championship are, clockwise from foreground: Norb Schaefer, president of Meridian Country Club, Indianapolis; Robert R. Walker of South Bend, WGA vice president; Milton Woodard of Chicago, WGA executive vice president; J. I. Cummings, Indianapolis; W. F. Souder, Indianapolis; Harold A. Moore of Chicago, WGA treasurer; E. S. Pulliam, Indianapolis; Stanley J. McGiveran of Toledo, WGA president, and Charles Johnson, Indianapolis.

my work better and easier, is my friend.

"Let him mention it to me and we'll discuss it and see who's right or wrong. He won't hurt my feelings. This work of course maintenance is growing so fast that any superintendent who doesn't show a real welcome to another fellow's idea that costs nothing, but may or may not be worth a lot, is standing in his own light."

The fellows got talking about how much ideas have been worth to their clubs and to superintendents. One veteran superintendent who has an eager, alert, studious temperament said:

"This work is getting harder every year. Even with more and better fairway, green and rough mowers, improved irrigation, better disease control, better drainage, aerification and more scientific and on-the-job know-how, most superintendents are working harder now than they ever did before. We would have been absolutely lost and wrecked in health and spirit if it hadn't been that we have benefited so much from exchanging ideas.

"Now many superintendents have to do

a lot of construction and modernization work along with maintenance work. That adds greatly to the job, especially when the construction work isn't all done in the out-of-play season as it should be, weather permitting. Then, too, we're short of competent help.

"Look around at this picnic. On their days off most of the fellows did more than a normal day's work at their courses before they could get loose. This is a 10-day-a-week job. On watering, for instance; that can't be delayed when it's needed. The fellow who takes Sunday, Monday or the Fourth of July off, where water is needed on his greens or fairways, won't have his course the way his members want it.

"And now play is heavier than ever before. Women take their husbands to suburban stations in the morning, then come right over to play golf. You're trying to water to save poa annua, trying to trim traps, do some mowing, and the women raise hell at being interfered with by course work. Being a married man

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