

good players must take into account advice on concentration, suggestions of playing tactics, half and three-quarter shots, and controlled slices, hooks and other shots for special conditions and trouble shots. The finesse of controlling the club-head must be taught also, he said. He remarked that unless a good player learns a lot about how to use his hands he won't become great.

Houghton also advised that pros take groups Sunday afternoons and teach them trouble shots from traps, rough and near trees. He said these classes make a great hit with members and give them pro instruction about what to do at the places where they most often find the ball they're playing.

#### **Biggest Junior Plan Described**

Lake told of the junior program at his Long Beach, Calif., Recreation Park course which probably is the largest and most successful junior program in the world. He also told of handling adult instruction at a public course, saying that the problem is greatly simplified when the pro unsells the pupil on golf being "a rich man's game." He does big business in beginners' sets, new and used.

Graham Ross said that the most common mistake of pupils are breaking the wrists too soon on the downswing. This, he said, is one of the main reasons for lifting the head although it's seldom recognized as such. Ross expressed the conviction that unnatural positions of pupils in holding the club were primary mistakes that make it impossible to swing correctly. He maintained that the natural hang of the arms, especially the position of the forearms, determines the grip that fits the individual and he illustrated this point by calling attention to the natural forearm position of pros who were his collaborators in the instruction session.

Ross also gave an interesting demonstration of hitting a medicine ball instead of a golf ball as an instruction aid that taught pupils how to get in strongest hitting position.

#### **National Golf Fund Votes Additional Payments**

National Golf Fund, Inc., has voted to pay \$20,000 in addition to payment of \$40,000 to USO from the \$80,400 received as entry fees in the "Beat Ben Hogan" competition of National Golf Day. The May 31, 1952 event, sponsored by Life Magazine and the PGA, had all expenses paid by Life magazine.

Payments authorized recently are: PGA Benevolent Fund, \$1000; PGA Relief Fund, \$4000; PGA Educational Fund, \$2000; National Caddie Assn. championship (co-sponsored by PGA), \$1500; caddie scholarship funds of Western, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Michigan, Wisconsin and Pacific Northwest associations, each \$250; Turf fellowship for USGA Green Section, \$3000; US Junior Chamber of Commerce for promotion of Jaycee National Junior championship, \$3000; and to American Women's Volunteer Services for conducting Swing Clubs at veterans' hospitals, \$3000.

#### **Ladies' PGA Played for \$85,000 in 1952**

Fred Corcoran reports continued increase in interest and purses for women pros' events. His summary for 1952 tournaments of the Ladies PGA shows that as Tournament Director of the association he got 21 open tournaments and four more in which the Ladies PGA was co-sponsor, for a total of \$85,000 prize money.

The girls working hard in putting on clinics at clubs, luncheon promotion engagements and in highly successful exhibitions at golf ranges at night as tournament and general golf business promotion.

Mrs. George Zaharias is pres. of the organization. It has about \$2000 in its treasury.

The girls set standard distribution of prize money. Usual purses are \$1,500 for 18 hole events, \$3,000 for 36, \$3,500 for 54 and \$5,000 for 72. The Women's National Open in 1952 had a \$7,500 purse, sponsored by Philadelphia Inquirer Charities, Inc.

#### **Salas, Mexican Golf Editor, Dies After Motor Crash**

Edmundo Salas Portugal, editor and publisher of *El Golfista Mexicano*, died following an automobile accident while he was en route from the Guadalajara amateur invitation tournament to Durango where he was assisting in planning a new club.

Salas was well known in the United States for his energetic work in furthering Mexican-American golf relations, and did a splendid job in developing Mexican golf with his magazine. He was an enthusiastic and indefatigable worker who persisted cheerfully despite numerous obstacles.