

Smith Re-elected at Busy, Peaceful PGA Meeting

Horton Smith, Detroit (Mich.) GC was re-elected pres., PGA of America by unanimous vote of the 62 delegates and 10 officers at the organization's 1952 annual meeting. Also re-elected for second terms were Sec. Harry Moffitt, Heather Downs CC, Toledo, O., and as treas., Harold Sargent, East Lake CC, Atlanta, Ga.

New vps elected are Charles Vittitoe, Lexington (Ky.) CC; Dave Bonella, Otumwa (Ia.) CC; James Fogertey, Sunset CC, Sappington, Mo., and Dave Douglas, Newark, Del., co-chmn., PGA tournament committee.

With none of the political disturbance which featured PGA conventions prior to the adoption of the two consecutive one-year term rule by the national PGA the convention was able to apply itself strictly to business. Decided progress for the past year was reported.

Among business matters receiving attention was increase of annual dues; \$10 for Class A, Jr. A, B and C members; \$5 for Class D members and \$2.50 for Class H members. The PGA Seniors' championship, to be played at Dunedin, Fla., the week of Feb. 12, received a grant of \$4000. Plans were made to handle and develop the championship as a major event.

Tom Crane, for 10 years Executive Sec., PGA, was given a new 3-year contract. Harold Adams was made asst. executive sec., replacing Vic Trauscht, resigned.

A vote of 33 to 32 expressed delegates' and officials' opinion in moving PGA headquarters from Chicago to Dunedin, Fla. No official action was taken on the change as decision is to follow extensive study of financial and other factors involved.

The association decided not to change the manner of conducting the PGA championship at Birmingham (Mich.) CC. As forecast by GOLFDOM, Tamarisk CC, Palm Spring, Calif., bid for the 1954 PGA championship. Oakland Hills CC, Birmingham, Mich., and Sea Island (Ga.) Club have expressed interest in receiving the 1955 Ryder Cup matches.

PGA voted to again be co-sponsors, with Life magazine, of National Golf Day

with the probability that this year's event will be on two days; one for men's nation-wide competition and another for women.

The PGA Relief Fund, in its second year reported contributions of \$9,060.94, including \$4000 from the National Golf Fund.

Procedure was agreed on to more strictly screen applicants for tournament playing privileges.

To Push Uniform Handicaps

The PGA also discussed cooperation in advancing the USGA plan to establish uniform handicaps throughout the U. S.

A meeting with the manufacturers dealt with routine business. Sessions were held between representatives of 23 tournament sponsoring organizations, PGA officials, Advisory committee members and PGA Tournament committee members for discussion of mutual problems, chief of which continues to be getting top name players to appear. Many dates were set and the PGA arranged to announce summer circuit dates without waiting until after the Masters'.

A new committee for Golf Course Development, headed by Graham Ross and Lou Bola, was appointed to work with the National Golf Foundation in getting more golf courses established.

The Teaching and Educational committee planned to considerably expand its program for improving golf instruction.

The Hall of Fame committee was revived with Tom Walsh as chmn.

Among the reports of substantial improvement in the association's operations was that concerning the PGA National course at Dunedin which is beginning to show signs of attaining condition that will enable the PGA to present it without embarrassment as an example of pro operation.

No financial report of PGA operations was released in the USGA manner of informing all members and the golfing public of the dollars and cents score of the PGA but it was agreed by delegates that Treas. Harry Moffitt and other officials had continued their canny job of get-

ting the organization in good financial condition.

The Educational committee program put on by Chmn. George Lake was excellent although it came at the finale of the convention when many delegates had left for home. The program was tightly crowded with profitable features. There was some discussion about extending the Educational committee's part of the show at the 1953 convention as the tight schedule hasn't permitted deserved balance in the PGA's annual meeting.

The Educational program is covered elsewhere in this issue of GOLFDOM.

Plein Elected Mississippi Valley Supts. Chief

Mississippi Valley Golf Supts. Assn. has elected its officers for 1953 as follows:

Pres.—Clarence Plein, Lakeside Golf Course, 1139 Hilltop Drive, Olivette 14, Mo.

VP.—A. C. Longheinrich, Sunset CC, R.F.D. No. 14, Box 2490, Afton 23, Mo.

Secy.-Treas.—Robert V. Mitchell, RFD No. 1, Alton, Ill. Box 65.

Executive Board—Joseph F. Lammert, August Schnatzmeyer, and Elmer Wagner.

MAINTENANCE BUDGET

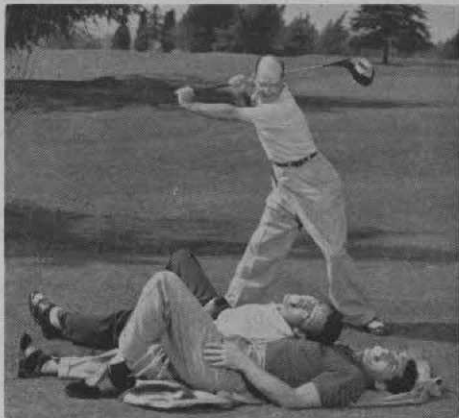
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active season by any superintendent when balanced against the standard for hours per day or days per week prevailing would show a credit for overtime which, if compared with the off season time the superintendent is supposedly utilizing by doing nothing, would bring to light a picture a little surprising to most people.

The following point is probably the least understood or appreciated of the many values attached to or that accrue to a golf course superintendent who is employed for twelve months of the year and whose term of employment is, and is expected to be, uninterrupted through the years. Experience will bring to such a superintendent a broad knowledge of the innumerable factors affecting the happy operation of his club that no other man anywhere can hope to equal. His knowledge and ability as applied to the course cannot be equalled by anyone. Aside from turf maintenance he will know so much more than anyone else about the external property of the club that it will be most unwise for the club to plan any major changes of relocation or construction without first finding out from the superintendent such vital information as the location of water lines, sewerage disposal systems, underground electrical installa-

tions or soil conditions as well as drainage or accessibility of marginal pieces of club property. The full and complete information that accrues to a superintendent after a few years experience is amazing. All of it valuable to the club and some of it can save a club much money.

HAZARDS IN "INSANE OPEN"



In preliminary antics of Paramount's forthcoming Martin and Lewis picture tentatively titled "The Caddie" Harry Cooper tries one of Paul Hahn's trick shots with Hahn and Dean Martin as victims.

Court OKs Muni Course Racial Segregation

Special Federal Judge Robert N. Wilkin at Nashville, Tenn., recently denied a motion for summary judgment seeking to force Nashville to permit Negroes to use municipal golf courses. He also held that the city must provide equal and adequate facilities for those Negroes who wish to play golf.

Nashville city council has authorized sale of \$40,000 in city bonds to finance construction of a golf course and recreation center for Negroes.

Judge Wilkin said, "This court concludes that segregation itself (where legal rights are unaffected) is not unconstitutional or unlawful; that it is a natural tendency which in the progress of man's political, social and spiritual evolution may change or disappear; but that it would be inexpedient and unwise to attempt to prevent or prohibit it (or enforce unrestricted association) by judicial decree."

The judge is a native of New Philadelphia, O. and served on the federal bench for the northern district of Ohio in Cleveland before retiring in 1949.