

Jaycees stops—Jacksonville, Fla., and El Paso, Tex.

The summer swing picked up two new Jaycee hosts in Akron, O., and San Francisco, Calif., and three featured old timers: Fort Wayne, Ind., Hartford, Conn., and St. Paul, Minn. The Hartford Jaycees cleared \$12,000 from last year's Insurance City Open.

The Jaycees have also played an active part in National Golf Day plans. Their national president, Dain Domich, promised LIFE-PGA officials that 25,000 Jaycees would be trying to "Beat Ben Hogan" June 5.

When your city has a golf project ask the Jaycees to take a hand and with their initiative, organization and drive locally, together with the nation-wide background of successful experience they can focus, you'll get action from the most vigorous working group in golf.

USGA Issues Revised Edition of Women's Golf Booklet

A REVISED edition of The Conduct of Women's Golf is being distributed to member clubs of the USGA and to women's district, state and sectional golf associations. The booklet is prepared by the USGA Women's Committee.

This edition sets forth, for the first time, detailed recommendations for rating courses for women's play. As these recommendations are adopted and implemented by women's district and state associations, women's ratings will be substituted for women's par in computing handicaps.

Course rating is a method of rating each hole, in decimals when necessary, according to the average score a scratch golfer should make every ten times she plays it, without making any poor shots or any exceptionally good ones. The total of the hole ratings, to the nearest whole number, is the course rating.

This contrasts with par, in which the rating of each hole, in a whole number, is based primarily on the yardage of the hole. Since course ratings are more refined than par, they provide a more accurate measure of the relative playing difficulty of courses and hence a more accurate basis for handicaps.

The USGA Handicap Committee adopted the Massachusetts Golf Assn. recommendations for course ratings for men in 1947, and men's ratings developed by men's district and state associations have been used for some time instead of par

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in computing men's handicaps in those areas.

The USGA course rating system for women is patterned closely upon the USGA course rating system for men, except for changes necessitated by the fact that women require different clubs than men to play strokes of the same distance. The changes were worked out by a subcommittee of the Women's Committee, headed by Miss Dorothy Kirby, of Atlanta, Ga., and comprising also Mrs. Joseph C. Herron, of Portland, Ore., Mrs. William L. McGiverin, of Grosse Pointe, Mich., and Miss Frances E. Stebbins, of West Newton, Mass.

The task of establishing course ratings is one which must be assumed by district and state associations for the courses within their areas. The USGA recommends a system of course rating, but it cannot rate the 1,800 courses of its member clubs all over the country. It is necessary, therefore, for district and state associations which adopt the system to establish course rating committees, comprised of women of better than average playing ability. These committee members then share the task of rating their associations' courses uniformly.

The Conduct of Women's Golf has been expanded in other ways, too. New sections have been prepared for detailed guidance in the conduct of match play and team events and to assist women serving as Chairmen of Rules of Golf, Handicap and Junior Golf committees. The sections on the functions of the Golf Committee and on the responsibilities of contestants have been expanded. In the preparation of these sections, material has been adapted from the excellent booklet of the Chicago Women's District Golf Assn. entitled Handbook for Golf Chairmen.

The recommendations for computing handicaps remain the same in principle but the section has been reorganized and rewritten for clarification. The substance of the recommendations follows:

"Each handicap should be based upon:

"1. The five best scores made under USGA Rules of Golf within the current and the last previous playing seasons or calendar years, and

"2. USGA course rating or par.

"The handicap is figured by taking $\frac{4}{5}$ of the difference between the average of course rating or par for the five rounds played and the average of the five best scores, a fraction of one half or more to



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count as a stroke, under one half to be dropped."

There has been a revision in the recommendations for handicap allowances in various forms of play, so that they now conform to those recommended by the USGA Handicap Committee for men.

The Conduct of Women's Golf may be obtained from the USGA headquarters, 40 East 38th Street, New York 16, N. Y. The price is 25 cents per copy.

Busy Program Set for Florida Turf Confab

Second Turf Conference and Field Day at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Aug. 3, 4 and 5 offers a variety of activities including formal educational talks, panels made up of members from the Turf industry, a diversified Field Day program, the Annual Florida Turf Assn. Banquet, and the Annual Florida Turf Assn. golf tournament.

Included in the Golf Turf section will be a number of Florida's outstanding turf management specialists including Glen Byrd (Miami Shores CC), Pat Deavy (Beaulerc CC, Jacksonville), Walter Hartewig (Mountain Lake Corporation, Lake Wales), NGCSA President Norm Johnson (San Jose CC, Jacksonville), R. F. (Red) Laurence (Indian Creek CC, Miami Beach), Walt Ripley (Sawano CC, Quincy), Florida Turf Assn. Pres. John Schabinger (Palm Beach Golf Course), Hans Schmeisser (Sunset Isles, St. Petersburg), and Ward Wood (Everglades CC, Palm Beach). Such national Turf figures as O. J. Noer, Fred Grau and B. P. (Robbie) Robinson will intersperse the program with discussions and comments based on their rich background of travel and experience.

The general educational sessions will include discussions of new developments in Turf research and allied fields as well as placing emphasis on the basic aspects of Turf production. Dr. J. C. Harper, Agronomist in charge of Turf research with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, will be on the program along with outstanding workers from the University and the Florida industry.

The Field Day program will feature a review of the Turf research nurseries, including performance tests of some 84 strains and varieties of bermudagrass, as well as a wide collection of Zoysia, St. Augustine, centipede and miscellaneous grasses. Fertility tests will be reviewed.