

Swinging around Golf

NEWS OF THE GOLF WORLD IN BRIEF

USGA figures on time required to play rounds in National Open gave plain indication that faster play meant better scoring . . . Last group of three first day took 4 hours 27 minutes . . . Second day the last three finished in four hours . . . Saturday when players were in couples, the first pair, Ralph Evans and Zell Eaton, played their two rounds in 5 hours 12 minutes . . . An average of 2 hours 36 minutes per round shows action . . . The Hogan-Harris pair played the fourth round in 3 hours 2 minutes, and the last pair, Ford and Harbert, made the route in 3 hours 13 minutes.



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usual date there's been talk about shifting the event into early September to get courses in good condition . . . Bertoni's performance at Meadowbrook showed it's possible, with genius, sweat and some luck to have a course in top shape on the PGA dates.

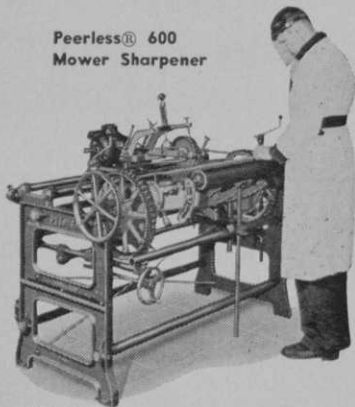
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Western Golf Assn. Amateur championship experiment at Rockford (Ill.) CC with 72-hole medal play qualifying low eight for title match play was such a marked success the idea is bound to extend . . . Field had at least 20 rated among nation's finest amateurs and included seven Walker Cup players.

Baltimore, Md., golfers pushing for construction of 18-hole course near Loch Raven for which plans were made three years ago . . . Robert Sommers, Baltimore Sun golf writer, says on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays it takes six hours to play 18 holes on any of the city's three

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Leo Frazer says PGA annual meeting at Atlantic City will have by far the largest attendance of any PGA gathering . . . In addition to delegates meeting in closed sessions the educational open conferences will have many pros from N. Y., N. J., Pa. and elsewhere in northeast.

Erie County (Buffalo, N. Y.) supervisors looking for site for combination golf course and park . . . New Englander magazine estimates there are a quarter million golfers in the area who will spend about \$12 million for the game this year . . . Of that there'll be about \$4 million for clubs, balls and bags, the magazine reckons . . . Says the territory's 417 clubs (GOLFDOM's count shows 447) have property value of, conservatively, \$100 million.

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Low Worsham told Bob Drum, Pittsburgh (Pa.) Press golf writer that the National Open is worth about \$20,000 cash in exhibitions and endorsements, and added "Aside from the cash, though, the National Open title is a valuable asset. It assures you of a good job at a good country club for life, if you want it and take care of the job, of course."

Eddie Lowery, USGA official who played hooky from school and caddied for Francis Ouimet when he won the 1914 National Open, told Ed Sullivan that the gallery, knowing Ouimet didn't have caddy fee, passed the hat and collected \$121.73 . . . Eddie gave it to his mother . . . Eddie is one of the fastest to toss in cash when the hat's passed now . . . He's loaded: an automobile dealer in San Francisco.

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August Esquire coming out with piece on George Bayer, entitled "Mightiest Man in Golf." . . . Bayer continues to move the ball out so far in tournaments and exhibitions spectators gasp and say "no, it can't be!" . . . The pleasant Big Brute must be long, though, as now we're hearing about other guys "as long or longer than Bayer." . . . Latest we've heard of is a kid in Wisconsin . . . When Jimmy Thomson was the world's longest driver and tramping on exhibitions every once in a while he'd come across some local talent far out among the cows and prairie dogs who would wind up and out-slug Jimmy . . . Jimmy says he still wonders why he didn't get a broken back trying to teach those strong unknowns good manners.

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Certainly plenty of competition for the people's golfers this summer, according to local tournament schedules . . . Metropolitan Golf Assn., California Golf Assn., Chicago District Golf Assn., Iowa Golf Assn. and others have issued long schedules and have done excellent work in avoiding conflicts of clubs invitation days which used to be frequent . . . Bob Howell, Detroit DGA Tournament chmn., has a good added feature on their schedule—the names, addresses, telephone numbers and officials' names, of leading district, regional and national associations.

New course of Deepdale CC (NY Met dist.) to be ready for play in spring . . . Present course, on which Palm Beach Round Robin is played, doomed by highway construction . . . Dick Wilson building new Deepdale course . . . Poured 200

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Mike Pavella, pro at Washington (Pa.) County G&CC, gave golf talk and demonstration at Washington Rotary Club meeting that members said was top feature of the club's program for many months . . . Start building 9-hole course at Maplehurst CC, near Frostburg, Md. . . . Robt. Prichard, Cumberland, Md., is pres.

Long Island (N.Y.) Rotary Clubs to sponsor \$20,000 Open at Huntington-Crescent Club, Sept. 29-Oct. 2 . . . Cherry Valley Club renews its lease on Stewart estate property at Garden City, L. I., N. Y., for ten more years . . . Black Gates, new 9-hole course at DuPont CC at Wilmington, Del., formally opened . . . Course is 3,193 yds. . . . Replaces New Bridge

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Chicago district pros getting strong publicity that's building their business and reputations as teachers . . . Sun-Times sports section running 5 illustrated features a week on "Stroke-saving Tips" from Chicago PGA members, and precedes the copy with newspaper and radio plugs boasting that Chicago area has more fine golf teachers than any other district in the world . . . Herald-American running big illustrated instruction feature twice a week with copy and pictures from Chicago district pros . . . Tommy Kouzmanoff, Herald-American golf editor, has worked long in golf . . . During high school vacations he helped build the White Pines course, was on the course maintenance staff at Medinah and cad-died at Medinah when he was a kid.

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The most durable, most unballyhooped great golfer playing in the National Open at Olympic's Lakeside was Bobby Cruickshank . . . Cruicky, the youngest 60 you ever saw, has been in at least 20 National Opens . . . Maybe more, in which he didn't make the last day's play . . . The USGA record book doesn't show Cruicky in '25, '28, '30, '36, '40, '41, '47, '48, '51, '52, and '54, but it's our recollection that he qualified sectionally for several of these Opens . . . In his third Open he tied with Jones and lost by two strokes in the play-off; in 1924 he tied for fourth with Hagen and Mac Smith; in 1932 he tied for second with Phil Perkins after Sarazen had nosed both of them out by his 27-hole hole fiery finish . . . In 1934 Wee Bobby tied for third with Wiffy Cox and Harry Cooper . . . Cruickshank has qualified sectionally

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Now in new locations as club managers are two top-ranking veterans; Tom Quinn

who is at Fresh Meadow CC, and Harry Stacey, now at Fenway CC, both in the New York Met dist. . . . Jock Hutchison who retired in 1953 as pro at Glen View Club (Chicago dist.) is doing better than shooting his age as a retired capitalist . . . Jock, now 72 recently went around Skokie CC, where Jock, Jr., is pro, in 70.

Tom Mahan, veteran pro at United Shoe CC, Beverly, Mass., opens attractive range in fine location serving Beverly and Danvers golfers . . . Tom, Jr., will operate the range and its excellent golf shop . . . Deepdale GC (NY Met dist.) old course which is being replaced by a new Deepdale under construction to Dick Wilson's plans, won't be continued in play as previously announced . . . Tax situation of buyers of the course forcing sale for residential sites . . . Old Deepdale property sold for more than \$2,000,000.

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Construction begun on University of Maryland course . . . Al Jamison, pro at Goose Creek CC, and Eddie Ault, Green chmn., Indian Spring CC (Washington DC dist.), designed the U of Maryland 18.

Longue Vue GC (Pittsburgh dist.) recently completed \$300,000 program of clubhouse and course improvements . . . Did the job without borrowing a penny . . . Scranton, Pa., golfers in campaigning for a muny course refer to success of muny course at Wilkes-Barre where the 9-hole course is having its 40th anniversary without having used any tax money.

President of the Washington, D. C. dist. Swing Club is Mrs. Naomi Houghton, wife of Al, pro at Prince George G&CC and pres., Mid-Atlantic PGA . . . Joseph A. Ingalls, Jr., and wife Agnes, of East Marion, Mass., have leased the 9-hole Marion GC . . . The club was established in the early 1900s . . . Pittsburgh (Pa.) Press carried sparkling Sunday feature piece by Roy Kohler on Wally Grant, pro at Mt. Lebanon muny course and self-taught star jazz pianist.

Mid-Atlantic Assn. of Golf Course Supts. recently were guests of Tom Dawson, supt., Country Club of Virginia, where the National Amateur will be played Sept. 12-17 on the newer of the club's two courses . . . Mid-Atlantic supts. inspecting

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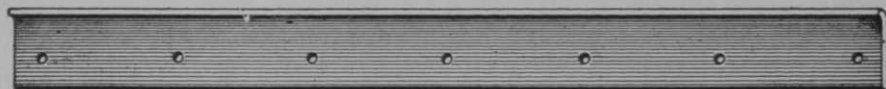
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Sixty-year-old golf house at New York City's Van Cortland Park, one of U. S. golf's nurseries, to be modernized . . . George Bayer is making the August Esquire story about him being the "Mightiest Man in Golf" stand up by prodigious whacks on the exhibition tour that's keeping him busy.

Babe Zaharias' story now running serially in the Saturday Evening Post is the most interesting sports tale we've ever read . . . Don't miss it . . . Lakeway GC, Bellingham, Wash., owned by Paul Kuehn and wife, celebrated its 25th anniversary in a new clubhouse.

Berrien Hills CC, Benton, Harbor, Mich., proposes to sell its present course and with that money and sale of lots surrounding new site, build new \$585,000 plant with course designed by Robert Trent Jones . . . Tulsa, Okla. City Park Supt. O. A. Ziegler says muni course is needed in southwestern section of Tulsa.

Fred and Walter Block, owners of Brae Burn GC (Detroit dist.) adding second 9 to be opened next spring . . . Sidney Banks, owner of Cavalier hotel and other enterprises at Virginia Beach, Va., and Jefferson hotel, Richmond, Va., and the Jefferson's managing director, James Powell, have bought the Keswick CC, Charlottesville, Va.

Round Meadows G&CC, Christianburg,

Va., opens . . . C. C. Cunningham, Jr., Radford, Va., is pres. . . Ray Vaughan, Jr., is pro . . . Push for many grass greens at Emporia, Ks. . . Henry C. and Francis Vogt building 18 hole public course at St. Charles, Mo.

Tournaments on miniature courses popular now with Cub Scout troops all over the country . . . After the kids finish their dads have putting competitions . . . Dennis Younkin now mgr., West Frankfort (Ill.) CC . . . Belle Plaine (Ia.) CC new clubhouse soon to be formally opened.

New owners of Circle R Ranch course near Escondido, Calif., to have additional 9-holes built to plans of Bill Bell . . . Pines resort, South Fallsburg, N. Y., building 9 holes to plans of Robert Trent Jones . . . Bill Bailey, sports columnist, Santa Fe (N. M.) Mexican, campaigning for adding 9 holes to local course.

Similk Beach course, Anacortes, Wash., adding second 9 . . . Course owned by E. P. Morgan . . . Jack Martin is pro . . . Course runs alluring newspaper advertising copy to get new players into the game . . . Several golf clubs have elevators to save members steep hikes to clubhouses but first club (far as we know) to have an escalator from 18th green to clubhouse is Orinda (Calif.) CC.

Contract awarded for construction of new clubhouse at Miami Springs (Fla.) CC . . . Clubhouse to be completed by Dec. 1 . . . Now building Coeur d'Alene (Ida.) GC 9-hole course to plans of Curley

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Hueston, pro at Indian Canyon course, Spokane, Wash.

Caleb Page building 9-hole semi-public course at Durham, N. C., to plans of Ed Kinney, pro at Finley GC, Chapel Hill, N. C. . . . Golf Course of the Piedmonts, Piedmont, S. C., to open soon . . . Newaygo County CC, Fremont, Mich., to build 9 holes and clubhouse . . . Good show that helped arouse golf interest put on by Alva (Okla.) G&CC in inviting public to watch mechanical sprigger plant Bermuda strains on courses under construction.

Golf writers at National Opens never have had it so good as they did at San Francisco, due to arrangements made by local golf writers in extending the city's hospitality to the immigrant scribes . . . Big Lake CC, San Angelo, Tex., in new clubhouse . . . Kenneth Root opens his new 9-hole Green Glen GC at Chapman, Ks. . . . New clubhouse opened at Elks GC, Colville, Wash.

Among famed old-timers in gallery at the National Open were John Black and Al Espinosa . . . John who finished in a tie for second with Bob Jones at Skokie in 1923, a stroke behind Gene Sarazen, is teaching in golf dept. at Roos store in SF and still playing first class golf although his eyesight is impaired and he hits shots much farther than he can see them . . . Espinosa who lost the Open in 1929 after a play-off with Bob Jones, has a highly profitable range.

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club pro in being able to go at teaching to get results without having to worry about who's who at the club . . . Bob MacDonald, rated by many as the pros' pro, after many years at fine private clubs and several years running a big indoor school in Chicago, three years ago went with 4-G range west of Evanston, Ill. . . . From spring to fall he possibly gives more lessons than any other golf instructor in the world . . . Gets well above club standard lesson fee.

Lakeside CC, North Kansas City, Mo., opens first 9 of its 18 . . . Wayne Goodno heads Artondale G&CC planning to build new club in Tacoma, Wash., area . . . Making a lot of changes in Thunderbird course at Palm Springs, Calif., readying it for Ryder Cup matches . . . Jack Redmond says he played his toughest trick shot on his latest trip abroad . . . He hit it from top of pyramid at Gizeh, Egypt . . . That meant a climb of 450 ft. for Redmond who is 63 but doesn't look it, act it, feel it, and can't shoot it.

Verne Wickham, former golf director for Los Angeles County, and now West Coast field representative for National Golf Foundation, says par-3 course growth is "the big thing" in new golf building . . . That reminded Paul Zimmerman, Los Angeles Times sports editor, of the pioneer "pitch-and-putt" courses at Catalina, Agua Caliente and Sunset Fields which produced many golfers.

Bob Kivlin, Jr., back for third season at Northernaire, de luxe Wisconsin resort course . . . Kivlin's got as his asst. Jim Romar, formerly with Eddie Bush at Woodmar CC, Hammond, Ind. . . . Notice how travel sections of newspapers this summer are featuring golf courses among resort attractions?

Mrs. Walter Domm, wife of the superintendent of the Calumet CC (Chicago dist.) died recently at Homewood, Ill. . . . She was a charming woman who brightened the affairs at which Midwest supts. and their wives gathered.

First 9 of the Windward Hills G&CC, Agana, Guam, expected to be in play in

Sept., writes Gene Holbrook, the club's pro, who designed the course with the help of Bill Bell . . . It's a beautifully located, first class layout, to be enlarged to 18 . . . Homesites are located on course property.

We blundered in a note that didn't give complete credit to Bob Renaud for the Pickens County CC, Pickens, S. C., which will have its second 9 open late this fall . . . Bob has nursed that along from the start when there were 28 active golfers in the county . . . Now there are 252 active golfers in the club's 350 membership . . . Club has, in addition to its 18 holes, a completed clubhouse, an all-weather swimming pool, lighted putting green and practice fairway, two tennis courts, a 56-acre fishing lake and an archery lake . . . Renaud designed some notable holes on the rolling terrain . . . Whole job is amazing, especially considering funds available.

Renaud and Jerry Goss, pro at Anderson (S. C.) CC, are doing valuable hard work in golf promotion, conducting clinics and exhibitions at small clubs in their territory where clubs have no pros.

Silverado club, about 60 miles from San Francisco Bay area, near Napa, inspected by a number of golf businessmen prior to and after the National Open . . . Pat Markovich, Johnny Dawson and associates have done speedy and sound work in getting first class plant . . . Ed Silva responsible for astonishingly good condition of new course . . . Present clubhouse is converted mansion on 1,080 acre former Maxwell ranch . . . Mrs. Johnny Dawson did the interior decorating and this temporary clubhouse, to be used for year or so, is one of most beautiful in the U. S. . . . Kitchen for temporary clubhouse is ideal small job . . . Frank McHugh managing Silverado . . . Ben Harman, formerly Markovich's assistant at Richmond (Calif.) GC, in charge of engineering of the development . . . Cameron Dunn, of the pioneer golf family, in charge of shop . . . Best business design of a small shop you ever saw, reflecting Markovich's canny knowledge of how to serve golfers

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and make money for pro . . . Many superb residential sites on elevated terrain leading into mountains and overlooking course and wandering stream in valley . . . Interesting membership plan assuring desirable, congenial members . . . On account of more area in property Silverado apparently is a better basis for profitable promotion than Thunderbird or Tamarisk . . . Memberships already going fast . . . Looks like Silverado should be one of the greatest of private resort establishments in three years or so.

Fine new pro shop, new grill and other clubhouse improvements totaling \$218,000 to open formally at Tam O'Shanter CC (Chicago dist.) for George S. May's All-American and World Championship tournaments . . . We were wrong when we wrote that Kenwood CC, Cincinnati, was five years old when it was host to the 1933 National Amateur . . . It was the newest course since the '90s to have a national championship but it was less than three years old . . . One nine was opened Aug. 2, 1930 . . . The correction comes from one who should know, Taylor Boyd, now supt., Camargo Club, Cincinnati, and then supt. of Kenwood . . . Taylor says he remembers the 1933 Amateur "scared the

hell out of me until it was over. I didn't know whether the course could take it. It did."

Wall Street Journal estimates that annual production of golf cars is about 6000 . . . City of Los Angeles considering getting into fertilizer production . . . Long Island Seniors' Golf Assn. donate Lester Rice trophy for L. I. junior boys' championship . . . Rice, veteran golf writer, is only honorary member of LI Seniors' organization.

Applications for admission to the 25th University of Massachusetts Winter School for Greenkeepers, now being received by Eliot C. Roberts, asst. prof., agronomy of the school at Amherst . . . This school started by and under the supervision of Prof. L. S. Dickinson, will run from Jan. 16 thru March 9.

Cavalcade of Golf \$50,000 tournament at Shackamaxxon CC, Scotch Plains, N. J., Sept. 6-11, limited to 150 players, already has almost complete entry of top pro stars . . . Amateur entries top class, too . . . Wilfrid Smith, former De Pauw university star athlete, pro football top-ranked lineman, and high school athletic coach, now sports editor, Chicago Tribune, succeeding the late Arch Ward . . . George Strickler, once sports editor, Atlanta (Ga.) Georgian-American and pro football executive, is asst. sports editor.