

## Old Habit: Metropolitan PGA Pros Re-Elect Inglis



Metropolitan Section PGA members are shown at a recent meeting at the Hotel Park Sheraton in New York where among other things they re-elected John R. Inglis, Fairview CC, Elmsford (4th from left, bottom row), pres. for the 28th time. Other officers and directors are: Fred Moore, Angelo Mainero, Pete Cassella, R. C. MacDonald, Joe Phillips, Elmer Voight, Al Renzetti, Joe Mazziotti, Fred Grieves, LeRoy Jones, Fred Annon, Herman Barron, Jack Sabol, Ralph Leaf, Al Ciuci, Toney Tiso, Alex Ednie and Harry Monteideo.

for demonstration in these puzzling cases.

"Fairly often a pro will find that some trouble that stays with a pupil is caused by the clubs rather than by the swing. One of my pupils, a very good player, suddenly developed a spell of wildness. I tried almost every possible way to get him shooting consistently straight. After several other experienced professionals and I had failed to solve the fellow's problem I got him to practice and play with stiffer shafted clubs. That did the business. He was a strong young man.

"Frequently when a player is in his early 50s and develops trouble it's because the shaft is too stiff; maybe because the head's too heavy."

Joe Novak, Bel Air CC (LA dist.) pro and former PGA pres., some time ago said that if and when pros were able to get club fitting strongly emphasized as a pro service the pros would be doing a great thing especially for members who are around 50 years old.

"The golfer who is a little past middle age and who has been a strong and active man at golf and other sports when he was younger eventually comes to the day when he needs more help from his clubs," said Novak. "Actually the pro to be of greatest usefulness to his members should insist on most of his players changing to better fitting clubs when the players' muscular fitness changes."

Al Ciuci, pro at Fresh Meadow CC (NY Met dist.), says: "The professional must give attention to teaching his assistants how to fit clubs by pointing out details in the

physical equipment of the player and his type of swing that calls for certain specifications in a club.

"Then, when the player decides to get a new set of clubs the assistants and pro will know exactly what the player needs and whether it is in stock or will have to be ordered.

"The fast swinger almost always needs a club with a light head and a stiff shaft. The older fellow who doesn't have a full swing needs some weight in the head and plenty of feel in the shaft to get distance and snap into his shots.

"The average golfer is a pounder instead of a swinger or hitter. He needs weight in the club to get results but he shouldn't have the club so heavy he can't keep it under close control with a finger grip.

"The grip sometimes may need a bit of alteration if the player holds the club with an interlocking grip. Then the club's grip possibly should be built up a little so it's thicker at the top.

"The majority of golfers have arms about the same length as you'll find when you measure how far the tips of their fingers are from the floor. But when you've got a short-armed player you should give him a club with a longer shaft so he will get a good-sized arc in his swing.

"Every order a professional places for clubs should be with the specific needs of his players clearly in mind. The manufacturers have in stock top grade clubs that will exactly take care of probably 95 per cent of all golfers."