

Ben told his pro colleagues that at the top of the swing he sees the ball but from then on he never does.

The finish is an important detail to Hogan. He told of deliberately thinking about the finish as, by such concentration, he could hold the club against the ball longer and guide the shot. He admitted that this effect might be a case of self-hypnosis in view of the tiny period of contact involved but maintained that he tried to "think" the shot and believed that subconsciously the picture of the desired finish might control some preceding details.

Ben said that in the hitting zone the left wrist of every good player is leading outward and every bad player has the left wrist bent inward when coming into the ball.

Tom Mahan asked Ben if he had a "secret" for curing the slicers. Hogan laughed, and replied that he didn't.

Dugan Aycock asked Hogan what was the toughest golf hole he'd ever played. Ben, with only a bit of hesitation, answered "The dogleg fourth at Starmount Forest, Greensboro, N. C." Aycock said Henry Picard selected the same hole as the hardest he'd seen.

Plan New Course



Moving ahead with plans to build a new golf course near Bakersfield, Calif. is this North Kern county group, currently raising money to finance the venture. In the picture are (l to r, standing): Lance Hopper, county landscape architect; Dave Morgan, NGA founder; Al Haggan, secy; Verne Wickham, National Golf Foundation; and Herbert J. Evans, Kern county parks and recreation director. (Kneeling): Woody Lindsay, funds coordinator; George Mifflin, pro-manager, Buena Vista GC; and Chet Foss, pro-manager, Kern River GC.

Second Course Planning Clinic Scheduled for San Diego

For the second consecutive year a Golf Course Planning and Operating Clinic will be among the outstanding features of the annual California Recreation conference scheduled for San Diego, Feb. 12-15.

The first Golf Course Clinic was so enthusiastically received by officers and delegates to the 1955 conference that the National Golf Foundation was invited to join with the California Recreation Commission in repeating the instructive sessions on golf course planning, construction, maintenance and operation.

Because of increasing interest in golf course development in the seven western states to meet the golfing needs of a rapidly expanding population, conference officials anticipate a large attendance.

Leading experts in the field of golf course development and operation will deliver talks and answer questions from the floor on all types of golf course operations for the benefit of delegates contemplating course construction or expansion.

The two days of meetings, to be held Monday and Wednesday, Feb. 13 and 15, will be divided into four principal sessions including: 1) How To Get A Golf Course, 2) Where To Build The Golf Course, 3) How To Operate The Golf Course, and 4) Why A Par-3 Golf Course?

Herman W. Riece, Kern County Supt. of Recreation, will be general chairman; Verne Wickham, former Los Angeles County golf director and now west coast representative of National Golf Foundation, will act as secretary.

Principal speakers for the four sessions will include: R. G. (Reg) Renfree, director of Recreation and Parks, City of Sacramento; Rex McMorris, executive vp, National Golf Foundation; Americ Hadley, supervisor of recreation for golf, City of Los Angeles; William F. Bell, golf course architect, Pasadena and Keith Jacobs, City of Montebello golf course manager.

In addition to principal speakers, each session will feature a panel of experts. Among them will be municipal golf directors, golf course architects, golf professionals, golf course managers and owners.

Subjects to be covered by panels will include: Financing Methods, Use of Municipal Funds, Private Capital, Bond Issues, Community Effort, Land Requirements and Maintenance Methods, Starting Procedures, Reservation Policies, Fund Control and Short Course Operation.