

Pete Burke Wins PGA Seniors; Beats Willoweit By One Stroke



Ladies Auxiliary of the PGA Seniors elected these officers at Dunedin (Seated, l to r): Mrs. William Entwistle, pres.; Mrs. Randolph Hubert, 1st vp; Mrs. Carmen Bill, 2nd vp; and Mrs. Marc Sandow, publicity. (Second Row): Mrs. Carroll MacMaster, corres. sec.; Mrs. Marty Cromb, treas; and Mrs. Fred Moore, Rec. sec.

PGA Seniors' Week again registered an emphatic success and hit its sports page crest when Pete Burke, Huntington, N. Y. won the 17th annual PGA Seniors championship at the association's National course, Dunedin, Fla.

Burke finished with 75, bringing his 54-hole winning total to 215 and leading Ock Willoweit, Dayton, O., by one stroke after scores of the record 207 starting field were posted Sunday evening, Jan. 29.

The field was 34 more than in the previous year's event. Scoring was very good considering that the course, because of cold weather, hadn't reached good condition.

Marty Cromb completed a highly successful year as PGA Seniors' president when he turned over the gavel to the incoming chief, Carroll MacMaster, pro at Woodholme CC, Pikesville, Md., at the finale of the veterans' merry annual banquet.

John Watson of the South Bend (Ind.) CC was elected 1st vp; Willie Whalen of Shuttle Meadow CC, New Britain, Conn., was elected 2d vp; Ralph Beach of Suburban CC, Pikesville, Md. was elected sec-treas. and George Ferrier, Ridgewood CC, Danbury, Conn., was elected chairman

of the tournament committee.

The Quarter-Century Club championship is scheduled the week following the Seniors. Harry Cooper will not defend.

Teacher Guest of Honor

At the annual banquet Ronald Teacher, donor of the international Senior Professional trophy and the one who picks up the expense accounts of senior professionals who qualify in various sections for the competition at the PGA National course, was the guest of honor.

Retiring Pres. Cromb, Al Macdonald and Otto Hardt conducted an interesting and impressive program. Herb Graffis introduced Ronald Teacher and PGA Pres. Harry Moffitt, with remarks touching on the history of golf. Teacher and Moffitt made fluent and concise talks.

The Gene Sarazen award to the PGA Senior champion was made to Mortie Dutra by Marty Cromb. Mortie made an eloquent and brief speech of acceptance, expressing his gratitude for the 36-hole Alfred K. Bourne trophy, the Teacher trophy and the Sarazen trophy, and the kindness he had received on both sides of the Atlantic as the 1955 PGA and Interna-

tional Seniors winner.

There are 984 members among the PGA's 3500 Class A members who have the 50-year-or-older qualification for the PGA Seniors.

Discuss New Division

There's talk of another and smaller division of PGA Seniors, for 65 and older and possibly to be known as the Pioneers, to be formed for social and limited competitive play within the overall PGA Seniors' organization.

A program of entertainment for the Seniors' wives had its high point in a big luncheon and fashion show at the Ft. Harrison hotel, Clearwater.

Officers of the PGA Seniors' Ladies Auxiliary elected for the ensuing year:

Hon. Pres., Mrs. Ralph Beach; Pres., Mrs. Wm. Entwistle; 1st VP, Mrs. Randolph Huber; 2d vp, Mrs. Carmen Bill; Corres. Sec., Mrs. Carroll MacMaster; Recording Sec., Mrs. Fred Moore, and Treas., Mrs. Marty Cromb.

Manufacturers exhibiting during Seniors' Week didn't find the facilities and traffic on the Ft. Harrison mezzanine as satisfactory and as mutually profitable with pros as the previous arrangement at the PGA National course. Overtures were conducted for providing exhibit space at the course during Seniors' Week., 1957.

A Manufacturers' committee was formed to discuss the details with the PGA. On the committee are Ernie Saybarac, Lou Barberi, Jack Lust, Jack Russell, Frank Mitchell and Bob Howell.

Nine Tournaments in Ladies PGA Winter Tour

Bob Renner, newly appointed Tournament director for the Ladies PGA says that the girls have nine tournaments on their winter schedule and \$38,500 in prize money. Their winter tour opened in Sea Island, Ga., Jan. 14-15, and closes with the annual Titleholders at Augusta, Ga., March 8-11.

The winter schedule is the most lucrative in the history of the LPGA and that practically every tournament player, plus several new pros, will compete.

Two New Faces

The two new faces on the circuit this year are Gloria Fecht, a former professional ice skater, and Jo Ann Prentice, 22-year-old Birmingham, Ala., aspirant.

Shirley Spork, now a teaching profes-

First Prize for Gordon



Harrington (Tony) Harlow presents Bill Gordon the Bob Harlow memorial trophy as 1955 Golf Pro of the Year. The award, made at the PGA annual president's dinner, is historic as the first nationwide recognition of the home club pros' service to golfers and their respective communities. Tony is the late Bob Harlow's youngest son.

sional at Tamarisk CC, has returned to the circuit.

The remainder of the PGA schedule for 1956 is nearly completed. Renner has been working on the schedule at his Fort Wayne, Ind., office, at 3302 Addison Ave.

He has also completed two projects for the LPGA, a "Sponsors' Manual" and a publicity brochure with up-to-date stories on every girl and pictures of all pros. The "Sponsors' Manual" is available to all sponsors and prospective sponsors.

Southern Turfgrass Meet

Southern Turfgrass Assn. will hold its annual conference Feb. 27 and 28 at Ridgeway CC, Memphis, Tenn. The program includes several of the top practical authorities and demonstrations of equipment and methods. E. E. Johnson, Blue Grass CC, Hendersonville, Tenn., is STA pres., and Reg Perry, PO Box 2057 De Soto Stn., Memphis, is sec.-treas.

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