

bent grass fairways in the North. The bent on some of the watered fairways fared badly during the bad weather in midsummer. There was brown patch on many courses, and others were plagued with localized dry spots. As a result, U-3 Bermuda is being considered seriously as a substitute in the belt from Washington to St. Louis and Kansas City. With it the problem will switch to winter survival. Farther north the use of Bermuda is not feasible. It has winter-killed each of the past two winters in Milwaukee. Both were comparatively mild. Until something better is found or developed, bent grasses are bound to predominate on watered fairways in the region north of a line from New York to Chicago and beyond. The problem is to learn how to live with them.

Bent was not abandoned for use on greens following the disastrous summer of 1928. Management practices were overhauled instead. Approaches on watered courses seem to be the big headache. The cover is mostly poa annua. Plugging rather than reseeding with bent is the solution urged by some.

Life Magazine Out As Golf Day Co-Sponsor

After originating National Golf Day in 1952 and participating as co-sponsor with the PGA since the start of the event, Life magazine has announced its withdrawal from the golf promotion that has raised \$477,000.

J. E. King officially disclosed the Life decision at the annual meeting of the National Golf Fund, Inc., Dec. 20, at Lake Shore Club, Chicago. The National Golf Fund is the disbursing agency for approximately half of Golf Day revenue. The other half went to the USO in 1952, 1953 and 1954. Forty per cent went to the Red Cross in 1955.

PGA Got National Advertising

Life paid practically all the expenses of National Golf Day, including the cost of medals awarded for entrants who beat the various men and women National Open champions. The magazine's generous promotion budget plus the services of its star staff put Golf Day strongly on the golf calendar and resulted in excellent national advertising for the PGA.

Harry Moffitt, PGA pres., at the Dec. 20 meeting, expressed gratitude to the management of Life for its National Golf Day achievements and announced that the PGA

would continue National Golf Day as sole sponsor, if no acceptable co-sponsor volunteered.

Disbursements Listed

At this Fourth annual meeting of the National Golf Fund the following disbursements were made from the approximately \$160,000 realized from the "Beat Ed Furgol" - "Beat Patty Berg" National Golf Day of 1955:

To the National Amputee Golf Fund of Possibilities Unlimited, Inc.	\$5,500
To the U. S. Blind Golfers' Assn.	3,000
To the U.S.G.A. Turf Research and Educational Programs at Colorado A. & M., Kansas State College, University of California, Purdue, Rhode Island, Penn State, Georgia Coastal Plain Experiment Station, Texas A. & M. and Rutgers	15,000
To the PGA	
Benevolent Fund	\$ 3,000
Relief Fund	3,000
Educational Fund	12,000
Total PGA	\$18,000

To the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce—Jr. Golf Program	\$ 8,000
To the American Women's Voluntary Services	2,000
To the United Voluntary Services	2,000
To the U. S. Olympic Committee	1,000
To the Caddie Scholarship Funds	39,640.44

In addition to the above disbursements, the American Red Cross' 40 per cent amounted to approximately \$63,000.00. The favorite charities of Ed Furgol and Babe Zaharias each are to receive one per cent of the total proceeds - amounting to approximately \$1500 for each. Babe Zaharias has designated that her share is to be appropriated to the Cancer Research Fund which she is establishing. Ed Furgol is donating his share to the Crippled Children's Institute of which he is Honorary Chmn.

At the same meeting the following National Golf Fund officers and directors were reelected: Fred L. Riggan, Sr., pres.; J. E. King, vp.; Thomas W. Crane, sec-treas.; Herb Graffis, and Milton Woodard, directors.

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