

small ball as manufactured and used in Great Britain. The rules state it is optional for British players to use either ball when playing in America. It also is optional for U.S. players to use either ball when the matches are played in Great Britain, so there is no hardship to either side.

Records Favor Small Ball

In my opinion facts and records demonstrate clearly that there is an advantage in using the smaller ball on most occasions. It is longer and it putts better on fast greens, and added to that is its greater boring capacity in head winds. Countering these advantages is the tendency for the larger ball to sit up on the fairway and making the play of fast stopping shots to greens noticeably easier. We must not confuse the present day American ball with the large floater which was used for some time because whereas the modern American ball bores into the wind, the old floater did not and required a maximum of skill to control.

The United States players have always changed to the small ball in Great Britain in the Open Championship. All American triumphs over there have been with the small ball. The British players could have played with the larger American ball but chose their own smaller ball.

Milt Woodard Elected by PGA Sponsors

Milton Woodard, executive vp, Western Golf Assn., was elected pres., Association of PGA Tournament Sponsors, at the group's annual meeting held during the PGA convention at Atlantic City.

Other officers also elected for one year terms: Ed Jones, San Diego, vp; Earl Lanning, Jr., Greensboro, N. C., sec.; and Richard Bancroft, Jr., St. Paul, Minn.

The Sponsors' association awarded the 1956 Sponsors' Classic to San Diego, probably for an October date. It turned over \$7000 to assist the PGA Tournament Bureau. The sponsors recommended that the PGA revamp its advance promotion of tournaments. They were very strongly in favor of the PGA enlivening its tournament promotion by engaging Paul Hahn as an advance promotion man and conductor of tournament clinics.

The Sponsors' group requested that it be consulted in the selection of the commissioner proposed to take command of PGA tournament activities.

Bill Gordon Selected "Golf Pro of Year"

W. C. (Bill) Gordon, for 17 years pro at Tam O'Shanter CC (Chicago dist.) was selected by a committee of prominent amateurs to receive the first Bob Harlow memorial award as PGA Golf Professional of the Year.

Qualifications of the sectional winners of the award were of such high character the committee required four weeks in deliberation before it could make its choice.

Gordon, a native of Whitinsville, Mass., is the son of a professional. He served as Illinois PGA president for seven years, and as a PGA National vp for three terms. The "PGA Golf Pro of the Year" award was made on the basis of 11 points of service to a pro's community, his club, and the game.

The Special Awards committee of the PGA, of which Dugan Aycock is chmn., inaugurated the new award as a means of directing national attention to the services of club professionals. The award was presented to Gordon by PGA Pres. Harry Moffitt at the PGA President's dinner.

Pro Seniors Plan Busy Championship Week

Mart Cromb, pres. of the PGA Seniors, and his teammates have planned a busy week beginning Jan. 23, at the PGA National course, Dunedin, Fla., and at meetings and social events of the seniors and their wives.

On Monday, Jan. 23, the Senior-Junior pro-pro event will be played. On the 24th the Seniors' annual meeting will be held, starting at 8 p. m., at the Ft. Harrison hotel, Clearwater. On the 25th the Senior 4-ball affair is scheduled. The annual banquet will be held that evening.

The Seniors will have Jan. 26 for practice. On the 27th play begins in the Seniors championship for the A. K. Bourne trophy, for the Teacher's trophy which is awarded the winner of the US-British senior pro-contest, and the Quarter Century Club competition.

Western Senior Tournament Set for June 20-22

Western Senior Golf Assn. will hold its eighth annual championship golf tournament at the Highland G & CC, Indianapolis, Ind., June 20-22.