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Mosel Case Emphasizes Need for Pros' Clarifying Doubtful PGA Status

In view of a mixup involving the PGA status of Stan Mosel, pro at Essex Fells (N. J.) CC, which recently came to light, any pro who has any doubts as to his PGA membership standing should take immediate steps to clarify it. It could happen to anyone, particularly an assistant applying for a PGA card while in the process of changing jobs.

Late in February, Mosel requested PGA headquarters to forward his membership card to his winter home in San Antonio only to be informed that he had never been a PGA member. This is the gist of what caused the mixup:

Mosel turned professional in April, 1955, to become assistant to Jack Fox, a Class A member of the PGA, at the Glen Ridge (N. J.) CC. At the conclusion of the 1955 playing season, Mosel accepted a job as assistant to Jim Toomey at Essex Fells. At about the same time he applied for Class H membership. The New Jersey section okayed the application and forwarded it to the national office.

Succeeds Toomey

Stan continued as Toomey's assistant until late in the 1956 season when he succeeded Jim as Essex Fells head pro.

Somewhere along the line the National PGA turned down Mosel's application, but officials of the New Jersey section were not aware of this. They accordingly permitted Stan to play in the state PGA championship last July and in the pro four-ball tournament the following month.

Local PGA officials had approved Mosel's application, they said, because they felt he was eligible for Class H membership after having spent a year as assistant to Fox. But national officials ruled otherwise. In a recent clarifying letter sent to Mosel and New Jersey PGA officials, Tom Crane national PGA executive secy., said:

"The PGA constitution requires that, in order to be eligible for Class H membership, the applicant must have worked for one year under the Class A member (in this case, Fox) by whom he is employed and he must accordingly be employed by that same member when his application is submitted for consideration."

Must Wait 3 Years

Mosel no longer was working for Fox when his application was submitted. He can't obtain an H membership now, for



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he no longer works for Toomey. In fact, he now must wait three more years before becoming eligible for any kind of PGA membership since he cannot obtain a card as a Class A or head professional until he has completed five years as a pro.

Mosel won the 1956 New Jersey PGA championship and teamed with Al Mengert, Echo Lake CC pro, to take the state pro four-ball title. He'll retain both titles and the prize money involved because at the time he competed in these events, New Jersey PGA officials believed he was eligible as a Class H member.

19 Putts for 18 Holes

Jack Emerson, a ten handicapper, used only 19 putts in 18 holes last month while posting a par 71 on the Los Altos CC course in Palo Alto, Calif.

Al Maus, Los Altos pro, said he believes this is a national record. Emerson, a United Air Lines pilot, was a guest playing Los Altos for the first time. It

GOLFDOM is interested in hearing of any rounds that equal or come even close to duplicating Emerson's feat.

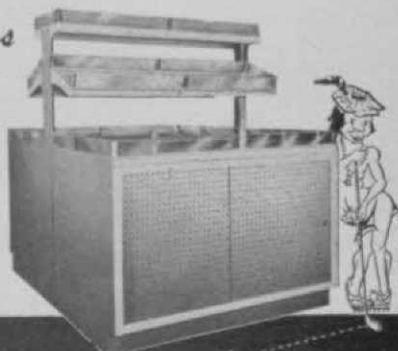
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