

How Golf Can Go to the Dogs

Here was the lineup for the 1956 National Dog Caddie contest held last August at St. Andrews G & CC, near Chicago, which will be repeated on Aug. 27 at the same club when the Chicago printing industry holds its annual golfing pow wow. Dominick Colcuci (extreme right) is owner of the dog that was adjudged to be the best caddie. Others in the photo are (I to 1): Harold Classon with his entry, Beau; Charles Gaule with his Rottweiler; Frank Aragora with a Great Dane entry; Paul Bovey, Art Blitstein, sponsor of the contest and Walter E. Erickson, Illinois printing supt.

play was staged at Almaden while the windup round was played simultaneously at the three courses. A 27-hole Diaper Flight tourney for 3 to 9-year olds, held in conjunction with the Junior championship, was played in three rounds at San Jose CC, Spring Valley and Hillview.

Nobody Wants Them

Before this arrangement was worked out, the popular Junior tournament, which attracted a record 200 entries in 1956, was threatened with being abandoned for want of a site on which it could be played. And, no clubs came forward to offer the City match championship a haven. Private club members were reluctant to surrender golfing privileges for the four or five days it takes to run off a tournament while semi-private operators were fearful that if they turned over their layouts to the tournament players, they'd lose a lot of greens fee revenue.

Bnt Eddie Duino, San Jose pro and a former PGA vp, came up with a share-thetournament idea and just everybody concerned enthusiastically accepted it as a fine solution to the local dilemma. The match play event, for example, hardly interfered with members' rounds at the private clubs and not more than two days of golf had to be sacrificed by these people when the Junior championship was held. Semi-private operators were made happy when a portion of the entry fees were turned over to them as green fees.

Both the City match championship and Junior event, in the estimation of most players who took part in one or the other of these tournaments, were the most interesting ever held because participants got a chance to test their skills on more than one course. Various supts. also voiced hearty approval of the Duino plan, pointing out that the one and two-day sessions caused very little damage to their layouts whereas four and five-day tournaments sometimes result in considerable damage.

St. Louis Field Day

St. Louis District Golf Assn's field day will be held Sept. 10 at Link's Nursery, Conway rd., Clayton, Mo.