

PGA Golf Day Nets \$64,050 for National Golf Fund

Last year's National Golf Day, the first under sole sponsorship of PGA, rang up a husky net of \$64,050 for Natl. Golf Fund, and with it a high degree of optimism over opportunities and plans for substantially increasing participation in the event this year. Considering the work involved in carrying on the nationwide tournament at minimum expense, the PGA's first year results gave an accounting considerably better than generally was anticipated. Following the annual meeting of the National Golf Fund, Fred Riggin, pres., announced 1956 proceeds were to be distributed among the following golf organizations: Caddie Scholarships, Turf Research, Jaycee War Memorial Fund, PGA Educational Relief and Benevolent Funds, Possibilities Unlimited, AWVS, U. S. Blind Golfers' Assn., UVS and Babe Zaharius Cancer Fund. This year's promotion will start earlier, be more aggressive and will have strong support from the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce which has included the event in its 1957 activities program as a Jaycee participation project being suggested to 280,000 members.

Michiana Superintendents Feast on Turf and Turkey

Michiana supts. and guests rolled capacity appetites into Notre Dame, Nov. 19, for the famous turkey dinner staged by Chet Keeley, the university's course and grounds supt. The group spent the afternoon observing the excellent results of Keeley's reconditioning of the football field. The field had been resurfaced with top soil treated with Dowfume MC-2 and planted 50-50 to Kentucky and Merion bluegrass in the spring of 1955. Plugs this fall revealed root growth from seven- to eight-ins. deep, with thick uniform turf that resisted the tough traffic of the season's play remarkably well. Ed Krause, N. D.'s athletic director, Mc'd the dinner-meeting.

Jessop Heads Chicago Group

Sidney T. Jessop, Medinah CC, was reelected to a second term as pres. of Chicago Dist. Golf Association in December. Other officers of the organization, all of whom were reelected along with Jessop, include: Charles N. Eckstein, vp; Andrew W. Gatenbey, treas; and Stacy W. Osgood, secy.

Grau Appointed Chief Agronomist by Nitro-Form Chemicals

Fred V. Grau, agronomist and GOLFDOM columnist, has been added to the staff of Nitro-Form Agricultural Chemicals, Inc., 92 Sunnyside ave., Woonsocket, R. I.

Probably best known for his contributions in the chemical control of weeds and development of grasses such as Ugandagrass, Merion Kentucky blue, Meyer Zoysia and U-3 Bermuda, Grau has been closely associated with the golf turf scene for more than 25 years. A University of Nebraska graduate, he received his PhD from the University of Maryland in 1935. He maintains an experimental nursery near College Park, Md.

Besides being a regular contributor to GOLFDOM, Grau has written numerous articles on turf for scientific and national publications. He holds memberships in the GCSA, American Society of Agronomy, American Assn. for the Advancement of Science and several turfgrass and crop improvement associations.

With Nitro-Form, Grau will serve as chief agronomist. He will be available for lectures and demonstrations for golf course supts.



New Wilson Golf Umbrella

Wilson Sporting Goods Co. has added a new golf umbrella to its line. It features a non-conductive fiberglass shaft that will not warp, shrink or swell from moisture and Zelan-treated cotton element cloth, claimed to be the ultimate in water-repellent fabric. Available in red, black or luggage tan, the cloth design has golf clubs and the Wilson pride-mark pattern of two golf flags set in permanent white silk screen print.

Attend Maintenance Clinic

More than 100 supts. from northeastern Illinois and northern Indiana attended a turf maintenance clinic in November at Elmhurst (Ill.) CC sponsored by Frandsen Bros., Grayslake, Ill., and Illinois Lawn Equipment, Inc. Orland Park, Ill. Most of the session was devoted to bringing the supts. up to date on methods of servicing Jacobsen mowers and Worthington tractor and gang mower equipment.

New distributors recently added by Toro Manufacturing Corp., Minneapolis, Minn., include: Howard Goldthwaite of Toro Turf & Supply Co., Atlanta, who will cover Georgia; and Gustine Sales & Service Co., Shreveport, which will service Louisiana and Bowie counties, Texas.