

Scorekeeper Earl Puckett, Jr keeps collegians abreast of what's going on. (Right) Judy Ball, U. of Arizona, was 1956 women's runnerup.



Tucker Tournament

Fall Event Makes Big Hit at University of New Mexico

The only collegiate tournament in the country in which men and women compete will be held for the third straight year at the University of New Mexico's 7250 yard course in Albuquerque, Oct. 9-12. Known as the William H. Tucker Memorial tournament, the competition is named in honor of one of the country's pioneer golf architects who designed or remodelled 121 courses in the U. S. during his 50-year career as a pro, greenkeeper and manufacturer of balls and clubs.

The first day of play in the tournament pairs men and women in one-ball competition. The final three days are given over to medal play with the men competing against one another in a 72-hole affair, and the women playing 54 holes.

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Jim Dixon, Hardin Simmons, led Tucker tournament for three rounds, finished fourth. U. of Arizona gals won team trophy donated by Mrs. L. D. Tucker (right).





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a merchandise display in the lockerrooms early this summer, he figured that business was suffering because of his remote location. Many members were launching their rounds without first visiting the proshop and Steve's conclusion was that too many of them were buying balls, sportswear and equipment off the premises because he couldn't get them exposed to his merchandise. But the lockerroom displays reminded everybody that he was in business down at the north end of the course and no sooner had they been set up than sales began to spurt.

It's merchandising schemes such as this, plus ingenuity in scrounging around for materials and putting them to work for him, that is making Steve Blatnak's operation at Ridgemoor a real profitable one.

Winterkill Protection

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ate fungicide in combination with processed sewage sludge has proven a satisfactory control for this disease. Treatments are made in late fall-early winter, preferably after growth activity has ceased, the ground frozen and before snowfall which remains. Mid to late November or early December appears to be the best time for application.

Keep an adequate supply of fungicide on hand to treat greens should snowmold develop in early spring.

carry abrung.

Heaving

A light rolling to press heaved plants back in contact with the soil will reduce damage. Heavy rolling, particularly when the soil is wet, may do more damage than that caused by freezing and thawing.

Winterkill is responsible for the loss of considerable turfgrass each year in Northern U. S. and Canada. Desiccation, thatch and mat, snowmold and heaving operating alone and in combination, are the basic factors involved in winterkill. There are no techniques that will completely control winterkill, but there are practices which may help reduce the severity of the damage and speed recovery in the spring. This in itself would be a great accomplishment.

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College and universities which sent delegations to the 1956 Tucker event included Hardin Simmons, Western Illinois, Norwich, Tulsa, Arizona State, Texas State

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One of the highlights of the 1956 tournament was a clinic conducted by Betty Hicks, LPGA star. Other activities included a banquet, barbecue and dance sponsored by UNM students. Driving and pitch and putt contests also were held.

Winner of the 1956 men's tournament was Jimmy Breen, New Mexico student and a protege of William T. Tucker, who died in 1954. Breen shot a 300. In the women's division, Natasha Matson, Texas State College for Women, took a first round lead and never relinquished it. Sponsors of the Albuquerque golf roundup foresee a big boom in collegiate fall tournaments in coming years. They are agreed that golf played in such events is better than that played in spring tournaments because the students have had all summer to polish up their games.

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