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## **Swinging Around Golf**

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course reconstruction at Lake Merced G&CC, due to highway cutting through the club.

Elmer Border, supt., Olympic Club courses at San Francisco, says Lakeside for this year's National Amateur will have the rough easier than it was for the 1955 National Open and the fairways will be wider . . . The 17th has been lengthened to 450 yds from 410 by a new tee . . . Seventh hole now is 296 yds., instead of former 266, and has new large two-level green and new bunkering.

Miami Beach \$15,000 Open scheduled for March 26-30 has been cancelled due to PGA tournament bureau demand for \$20,000, says Wm. B. (Uncle Bill) MacDonald, tournament chmn. . . MacDonald has been angel for Los Angeles Open and for Miami Beach pro tournaments, and for Ladies PGA events . . . MacDonald, a big maker of trailers, figures his hobby of promoting pro golf tournaments has cost him about \$250,000 . . Cancellation of the tournament has golfers and sports writers in the area unhappy. . . Jimmy Burns, Miami Herald sports editor, wrote in his column: "South Florida will get along O.K. without golf tournaments, but I wonder if the PGA won't suffer if it persists in not honoring commitments?"

With Miami Beach out, Wilmington, N. C., Azalea Open, on the calendar for the past 9 years but given the boot for Miami Beach this year, offers to come back on the circuit at the price it originally set, \$15,000 for a 72-hole event plus \$2000 for the Top Ten plan . . .

Ken Venturi, when home in San Francisco during the fall and winter, spends 5 hours a day practicing, then plays a round.

Norman Faunce, veteran pro widely known in midwest and for past several years on pro staff at Rob Roy CC (Chicago district) died in Chicago early in December.

Couple of swell guys in hospitals who would be cheered up to really beat hell by postcards or letters from old pals: John Black, the old pro who finished second to Sarazen in the National Open of 1922 is at Canyon Sanitarium, Redwood City, Calif. . . . Stanley M. Clark, long credit mgr. for MacGregor Golf, is at VA hospital, Vine st., Cincinnati, O.

Willie Kidd has retired after 38 years as pro at Interlachen CC, Minneapolis and has been succeeded by his son, Willie, jr. . . . Minnesota pros and their wives gave Willie a big party, so did Interlachen members and other amateurs . . . Willie Goggin building a par 3 course in San Jose, Calif.

Norman Rackey from Hillcrest CC, Durango, Colo., to be teaching pro on Mick Riley's staff at Meadowbrook CC, Salt Lake City, Utah. . . . Bronze model of Harry Vardon's hands was given to Harry Moffitt when the PGA pres. last year visited Vardon's old club around time of Ryder Cup matches.

Gaines County CC, Seminole, Tex., designed and built by Warren Cantrell, opens first 9... Jim Terry, formerly at Los Alamos, N. Mex., is Gaines County pro... Northern California PGA members say their Angie Vote who runs their pro-ams, which are the nucleus of a 1000 member organization, is the star business girl of any one of the PGA sections.