

Schedule Third PGA Assistants' School for January

A special course of instruction for assistant professionals has again been scheduled by the PGA for Jan. 11-16, 1959.

All classes in the approximately 40-hour course will be conducted in the Ft. Harrison Hotel, in Clearwater, Fla.

This will give more classroom space and room for demonstrations than if the school were held at the PGA's Dunedin headquarters.

More than 100 assistant professionals from all over



Emil Beck

the nation registered for the second annual PGA Assistant Training school when it was held last January in Dunedin.

An enrollment of 130 or more is predicted for the 1959 sessions by Emil Beck, Port Huron, Mich., pro. and chmn. of the PGA educational and professional training committee.

Beck heads the "faculty" of veteran PGA professionals who lecture, give demonstrations and conduct classes in business and professional training for assistants.

"There will be approximately 40 hours of instruction, covering all phases of the golf professional's operations," Beck said. "The format will be similar to the one which was so successful at the 1958 school."

Courses in teaching, public relations, selling, club repair, financing the golf shop, over-all professional operations, the professional and the PGA of America, and related subjects made up the 1958 curriculum.

"Instruction in bookkeeping and in buying will be added next year," Beck added. "We will also expand the course in club repair, which was a popular one at our last school."

While primarily intended for the education of Class H apprentices employed by Class A PGA pros, the Assistant Training school also will be open to all interested non-members.

As in the past, there will be no enrollment fee. However, those who plan to attend are requested to send application forms to Beck at P.O. Box 26, Huron, Mich.

The PGA Assistant Training School is financed through the PGA Educational Fund from money realized from National Golf Day.

Second PGA Ace Contest Scheduled for Labor Day

A second PGA National Hole-in-One Contest is scheduled for Labor Day. Harold Sargent, president of the PGA, has announced that his organization will sponsor the nation-wide competition Sept. 1, for the second straight year.

The PGA Hole-in-One committee, headed by Leonard B. Schmutte, vp and professional at Findlay (O.) CC, will conduct the contest.

When the event was held for the first time on an experimental basis in 1957 about 150,000 golfers took part at 860 clubs throughout the country.

Twelve Make Grade

The 1957 national champion was Dr. Fred W. Whittaker, who scored an ace on the 196-yard 16th hole at Penobscot Valley GC in Bangor, Me. That was the longest hole-in-one scored in the Labor Day competition. Eleven other golfers also shot holes-in-one, all of them on shorter holes. Where no actual ace was scored, the player whose drive stopped closest to the hole was declared the winner. Hole-in-One champions at all participating clubs received trophies from the PGA.

All golfers at clubs and courses employing PGA pros are eligible to enter the second annual contest. There is no individual entry fee. Instead, the professional enters his club and all its members by filing an official entry form and paying the \$5.00 fee.

A "contest hole" of not less than 160 yards will be established at each participating club. Each player will be permitted one shot at it in the course of a regular 18-hole or nine-hole round.

Gets Life Membership

Vermont State Golf Assn. has appointed Floyd James, West Hartford, Conn. to life membership on the association's executive committee. By-laws were amended to give this honor to James, a former Burlington, Vt. resident. James has served as treas. of the organization for the last six years.