

# Swinging around Golf

NEWS OF THE GOLF WORLD IN BRIEF

Slow play is costing golf thousands of players and restricting number of rounds played by current golfers, according to pros at private and pay-play courses . . . Pros remark that prior to World War II a round of club or championship golf, even with deep rough hiding balls, rarely took three hours . . . Now the average is about four hours.

Club pros, in interesting and useful symposium in *Golfing* magazine, said solution of problem lies in education of juniors . . . Slow older men golfers rarely can be snapped out of their crawl and are making the game tedious for the majority . . . numerous professionals note that women golfers now are playing as fast, or faster, than men at clubs.

Club pros generally agree that the habit of going through a procedure that is time-wasting and psychologically unsound before putting is main cause of slower play . . . Another cause is the rule change that permits leaving the flag in the cup . . . Some want the flag in; others want the caddy to lift it out . . . Result is to delay every foursome on following holes.

It now is obvious that the rules change which made hitting the pin an aim of the game was a bad guess made in the hope of speeding up play . . . That experiment should be ended . . . The main idea of the game is to get the ball into the hole rather than hit the flagpole.



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Speaking of The Rules of Golf, isn't it about time that there is a rewriting of Definition 28 (Sides and matches) in which appears: "FOUR-SOME: A match in which two play against two, and each side plays one ball." . . . The Walker Cup, Curtis Cup and Ryder Cup matches are about the only foursome, per the rules, played in the USA.

Guy Bellitt, pres. Southern California PGA goes from Altadena municipal course to pro position at Los Angeles County's new Whittier Narrows course in South San Gabriel . . . Bud Holscher to Lakeside CC pro job from Las Gatos CC, succeeding Jim Ferrier who is taking another swing on the tournament circuit.

Monterey (Calif.) Peninsula CC and Del Monte Properties Co. arrange deal whereby the club will acquire its present course and clubhouse and build another 18 . . . Contract made between club and Del Monte organization in 1925 called for Del Monte to transfer clubhouse and course to the club and build new course when 1,200 Class A memberships (memberships and lots) were sold . . . About 700 Class A memberships now . . . Value of Del Monte holdings transferred to club estimated as high as \$2½ million.

Urban Land Institute members in meeting at Columbus, O., told of plan to develop 1,600 acres in Sacramento metropolitan area with "self-contained" com-

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FRONT COVER — Beautiful Tripoli GC again will be the site of the fifth Miller High Life Open, Aug. 27-30. One of the richer tournaments — \$35,000 in prize money — the Milwaukee event is a poor man's spectacular, the admission charge being \$1 per round for adults, 50 cents for kids. Cary Middlecoff has won it twice and Ken Venturi and Ed Furgol once apiece.