

# Swinging around Golf

NEWS OF THE GOLF WORLD IN BRIEF

Club Managers Assn. of America pres., Royce Chaney, in letter to members, blasted a Washington outfit calling itself National Assn. of Country Clubs, Inc. and promising to do things the CMAA already has done for country clubs (and city clubs, too) in tax relief and other matters . . . Letter sent around by the National Assn. of Country Clubs, Inc., didn't identify backers of the outfit or give their qualifications . . . Circular of the Washington outfit didn't show any savvy about club managers' and officials problems and accomplishment . . . All that was made plain by the communique out of Washington was that some boys are eager to make a fast buck.

Agar Brown out as sec. treas. Golf Course Supt. Assn. . . . National Golf Fund to have annual meeting of members and directors at Ft. Harrison hotel, Clearwater, Fla., Jan. 26 . . . Net proceeds of Golf Day, 1958, were \$61,498 . . . Net proceeds of previous year were \$56,421.

PGA Assistants' School at Dunedin, Jan. 11-16, is to have a record registration . . . West coast school getting off to strong start . . . Master pros who have attended sessions of the Assistants' School at Dunedin have suggested that name of the school be changed to have it cover Class A pros as well as assistants . . . These schools are one of the best things PGA ever has done for its members and their clubs.

Conflict of dates of superintendents'



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annual convention, PGA Seniors' Week and USGA green section meeting cuts into attendance at all three of these gatherings and their possibilities for service to clubs . . . The jam could be prevented easily by foresighted cooperation of the three associations which talk sincerely about teamwork between golf club department heads . . . Winter meeting of USGA Green Section has grown in practical value for green chmn. and supts. of big clubs . . . Its dates also must be fitted into a wisely coordinated program of meetings.

Architect who has built several Par 3 courses says 60 per cent of play on lighted courses is in the evening . . . He estimates that course now building in Eastern city should gross \$50,000 a year with maintenance cost of \$16,000 to \$20,000.

Starting on clubhouse of new 18-hole Green Valley CC, Greenville, S. C. . . . Club part of development having 150 home sites from 1½ to 10 acres . . . George Cobb, course architect and gen. mgr. of the property for Hollyridge Development Corp. . . . Almost 10 per cent of courses opened (178) and under construction (301) last year were golf course and residence site combination operations . . . That combination long has been a prominent factor in golf business . . . Garden City GC (NY Met dist.) and Indian Hill Club (Chicago dist.) are among two of fine clubs started on the combination basis many years ago.

## Front Cover

When C. A. (Gus) Hook, Baltimore (Md.) park supervisor and his staff, undertook to convert a watershed into a golf course, sceptics said it couldn't be done. But here you see it — all 6,820 yards of the Pine Ridge public course which was cut out of almost impregnable thicket. The course was completed last fall, almost six years after Hook started to agitate for its construction. Pine Ridge is the future site of the Eastern Open.