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Swinging Around Golf

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builder and pro in Arkansas . . . Hackbarth recently retired as pro at the Little Rock CC . . . John Freitas, pro at Waterville (Me.) CC, thinks a record was made at his club in 1958 . . . Three aces were scored on the well-trapped 140 yd. second hole within 24 hours.

Club Managers Assn. of America's 32d annual convention at Shamrock-Hilton, Houston, Feb. 18-21, will see an energetic follow-up on the managers' work in successfully campaigning for club federal tax relief . . . Country and city club managers showed PGA and GCSA how to get going in collective operation to help clubs by pushing club tax relief effort . . . National Golf Foundation was effective spearhead of the tax relief campaign and CMAA work, directed by its former pres., Dick Daley, mgr. Army-Navy CC, Washington, who more than any other one man, was responsible for easing the tax load.

Robert Trent Jones making some changes on Firestone course at Akron for PGA 1960 championship . . . PGA already has bids for 1961 championship . . . Hopes that new arrangement it worked out with Minneapolis for this year's PGA championship will give the pro association a chance to make some money instead of getting shorted as it has the last few years.

Sunset Ridge CC (Chicago dist.) gave big party, \$2500 and golf watch to Dominic Grotti, its supt. for 25 years . . . You won't believe that Mike Brady is 72 but he is and is consistently shooting under his age at the PGA National course . . . Ray O'Brien doing a marvelous job in arranging and conducting the Championship Golf TV events . . . Up to Dec. 1, 1958 these

TV programs had brought \$162,500 to pros . . . Who got most? . . . Sam'l Jackson Snead, shore 'nuff — \$29,000 . . . Bill Casper is next with \$13,500.

Four annual Naples (Fla.) Seniors' invitation tournament at Naples Beach Hotel course, Jan. 20-24, limiting field so everybody will be able to play without pressure . . . Faust Bianco, Dearborn (Mich.) CC pro, again can say that the pro who doesn't start early getting after Christmas pro shop sales is tossing away money . . . Faust again had a record year's Xmas shop business . . . He began campaigning early and in Oct. had signed \$4000 for Christmas delivery . . . Tarpon Springs, Fla., leases muni course to George Bernard, owner of Turf and Surf CC, Tarpon Springs, which is operated separately from the muni course.

Hope Maj. Nevin Gibson's "Encyclopedia of Golf" sells very well or it won't be kept up to date and revised so additions, such as Seniors' tournaments and International Golf Assn. worldwide pro tournaments, can be added . . . Barnes was stuck with a bale of Golf Guides a few years ago and had to be teased into publishing the Gibson opus.

The Al Baldings expect their first baby in January . . . They'll be away from the tournament circuit and at their home, 30 Westmoun Park rd., Toronto, while the stork is awaiting his starting time . . . Never played a more pleasant course than the 2029 yd. Par 3 course of Club de Golf de Mexico . . . Smartly trapped . . . Rubber tee mats . . . Well-maintained greens . . . No night lighting . . . First lighted Par 3 we can remember is now used for residence sites, west of Wilmette (Ill.) CC.