

Swinging around Golf

NEWS OF THE GOLF WORLD IN BRIEF

Didn't hear one complaint about condition of Winged Foot West course for Open . . . Supt Sherwood Moore had it in peak of condition . . . Saturday morning rain, forcing postponement of final 18 until Sunday, and the Saturday afternoon cloudburst made the 6,873 yd. course play very long on Sunday but Sunday's damp, slow greens were no problem . . . Parking on fairways of the East course at \$2 per car was a great convenience to gallery, except for those whose cars sunk in the turf after the Saturday downpour.

Record galleries were reminder that parking facilities are big factor in handling a National Open . . . Augusta National course, in facilities for the Masters, cares for customers and their cars better than any other major tournament club is able to do.

Bill Casper's winning 282 on the par 70 course was made with 45 greens hit in par, 30 one-putt greens, one three-putt green, 38 birdies and 21 visits to traps . . . He had 114 putts . . . With the exception of new tees lengthening two holes, the course was about the same in design as in 1929 when Jones and Al Espinosa tied at 294 and Jones with 72-69 against Espinosa's 84-80 won the playoff.

How much the 12 stroke improvement in 30 years was due to improved ability, how much to improved course condition and how much to superior playing equip-



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ment is anybody's guess.

Eighteen players this year beat the 1929 figure of 294 . . . All with this total or higher got \$300 . . . The USGA added a bonus of 20 per cent to the winner's check, bringing it to \$12,000 . . . USGA paid 36 the bottom award of \$300 . . . This included five who didn't play the fourth round but took advantage of USGA offer to pay \$300 to any of the field

who withdrew from the Sunday finale to play in the United Hospital pro-am at Apawamis, played on Sunday, and to which most of the Open field had been invited . . . Estimates of income from all sources at the Open from \$500,000 to \$660,000 . . . Last year at Tulsa the gross revenue was the then record of \$365,000.

The three day attendance figure at Winged foot was a record 43,377 . . . Additional paid for Sunday was not announced . . . Couldn't have been very much more as Saturday tickets were honored on Sunday when the final 18, first weather postponement in National Open history, was played . . . Previous record for 3 days was 39,696 for 1957 Open at Inverness . . . Of the 17,707 cars parked 11,407 of them paid . . . That revenue more than paid for the cost of chewing up some fine fairways . . . Sherwood Moore and his staff and Mrs. Nature will work wonders in repairing the heavy damage.

Bill Casper says he got six offers for

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FRONT COVER — Photographer Fred Kuehn has not only produced an artistic picture but one that carries a message. That footprint, even though it isn't forbidding, wouldn't be there if some more observant soul had spied the rake in the top of the photo and used it for what it is intended.

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