

show a gain of 18,000 rounds for 1959 over 1958 . . . Gross receipts were up \$20,000 . . . In 1958, total play at courses was 210,000 rounds . . . Three years previously it had been 161,000 rounds . . . Fees are \$1.25 on weekdays and \$1.50 on weekends and holidays . . . For ranges and miniatures courses, Philadelphia leases land to concessionaires for six years with additional four-year options . . . These must be built according to city specifications and operations must be in accordance with regulations drawn up by the city . . . Concessionaires have built golf centers ranging up to \$80,000 even through they revert to the city after 10 years — so they must be profitable.

Waterbury, Conn., building a second muni 18-hole course . . . It is being built to the plans of Bill and Dave Gordon and will be ready in 1960 . . . Greenwich, Conn., hopes to build 18-hole city course next year . . . More than 60,000 rounds were played at 18-hole municipal course in Schenectady, N. Y., last year . . . Play there brings a net of from \$6,000 to \$10,000 annually . . . City has fine Junior program going . . . 10,000 sq. ft. practice green usually is crowded with kid players . . . At Ponkapog GC, 36-hole layout in Canton, Mass., more than 100,000 rounds were played in 1958 . . . Fees are \$1.50, weekdays, \$2.50 on weekends.



Lawton Carver, who covered major golf championships and all other top sports events during the years he was with International News Service as its sports editor, has opened a new restaurant at Second Ave., and 47th st., New York. Where you would expect them to be on the opening evening are Carver, Fred Corcoran, Craig Wood and Toots Shor. Carver, a noted epicure and talented cook, went into the restaurant business after 30 years at sports writing. Tuck your bib up at his place in N. Y. Telephone is PLaza 2-1390

Building Par 3 at Spruce Point Inn, Boothbay Harbor, Me. . . . Davis Hotel in Falmouth, Me., planning to convert adjoining 15 acres to a short course . . . Infield at Suffolk Downs in Boston also to be converted to Par 3, according to present plans . . . Stadium GC, Schenectady, opens Par 3 and driving range to supplement its present regulation 9 . . . Short course also to go in adjacent to Portland, Me's 18-hole muni course . . . Joe Misky, who resides near Windsor, Conn., is converting 55-acre farm to a regulation course . . . Bill Mitchell is handling the blueprint work for him.

Neal Lang, vp and gen. mgr. Hotel Roosevelt, New York, widely known among golfers and sports writers, was host to press cocktail party at the Roosevelt during the Open . . . Philip P. Rosette, formerly active in golf field as a fertilizer sales executive, has bought Wyman's Garden Center in No. Abington, Mass., and has renamed it Nursery Land . . . Jack Shields now pro at Shady Oaks CC, Ft. Worth, Tex., succeeding Dick Metz.

Jim Blair, 62, pro at Minikahda Club, Minneapolis, for 30 years, died late in May at his home where he'd been taken after suffering a heart attack while playing . . . Jim was born in St. Andrews and served as a professional in Canada before coming to Minikahda . . . He is survived by his widow and son, David . . . Jim, was one of the fine old school pros . . . His asst. for eight years, Bobby Reith, succeeds him as Minikahda's pro.

USGA to Ease Penalty Rules on One-Year Trial Basis

Beginning Jan. 1, 1960, penalties for balls lost, out of bounds and unplayable lies will be reduced by the USGA. Rules covering these contingencies will be given a one-year trial. This was decided at a rules meeting in Scotland in May where USGA and British officials agreed to the trial in the U. S. only.

The 1960 U. S. rules for balls lost or out of bounds call for a loss of distance only. In an unplayable lie situation, the player may either choose a stroke and distance or drop directly behind the unplayable position for a one-stroke penalty. Penalties for a ball hit into a water hazard do not change .

Full text of the 1960 USGA rules will not be available until this fall.

Changes in the rules for next year are the outgrowth of agitation by the Southern California GA early in 1958 to abolish what is called unfair penalty strokes (Golfdom, Feb., p. 49.)