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Swinging Around Golf

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He's taken off some from his weight of a few years ago but still is a stylish, merry, stout . . . He has an astonishing memory for names, probably knowing more pros of a wide range of ages than anybody else in the country.

There was a great reunion of veterans when Gene Sarazen, Hagen and Joe Kirkwood, sr., met at the Minneapolis GC . . . Joe took a day off from an 11,000 mile trip during which he'd played 50 trick shot exhibitions in 58 days . . . He's driving a Chevrolet Impala now and is enthusiastic about it . . . He is mighty proud of the way Joe, Jr., performs in tournaments although Joe, jr., doesn't keep at tourney play steadily enough to bear down . . . Jim Ferrier, who played in the PGA as one of his earlier appearances in his return to the circuit says that it will take him two months to regain the tournament routine of thinking that brings 4s and 3s where 6s pop up in the card of the fellow who isn't quite ready.

Sarazen withdrew after the third round to get back to his farm . . . After 40 years of tournament golf Gene continues to be a delight to watch . . . Kirkwood followed

Gene and remarked that Gene was demonstrating again that he was the smartest competitor of all the boys . . . Gene usually hits tee shots with a bit of a fade but when he was paired with Bill Collins and Fred Wampler, two long-hitting young men, Sarazen whammed his drives with a hook that gave him more yardage and had him looking younger . . . Everybody in the gallery was talking about how well and how fast Gene putted . . . Gene, Hagen and Kirkwood played many a championship on greens that weren't as good for putting as the tees were at Minneapolis GC.

MacGregor Golf's annual Tourney Club party the night before the PGA championship began was the biggest the company has put on . . . Pres. Henry Cowen and his staff make great use of their vast memories for pro names and faces.

Ralph Hutchison whose announcing at the 18th greens in 11 Masters and 12 National Open tournaments has been highly interesting and informative to the galleries introduced a new tournament communications service at the PGA . . . GE portable transceiver radio telephones at several points on the course kept Hutchison supplied with hole-by-hole details he passed along to the gallery at the 18th.