

Novak Ate Early; Kept Banquet Moving



Jock Hutchison, Sr., is congratulated by Harold Sargent, PGA pres.

Joe Novak, the old expediter from Bel Air CC, Los Angeles, kept things moving so fast at the PGA President's Dinner that many suspected he must have had a snack before the festivities started. Joe was on his feet right through the dessert course introducing notables at the affair. When Pres. Harold Sargent got up to present the plaques and silverware to those who were honored for their 1959 or prior accomplishments, Joe had the introductions out of the way. That, in itself, should rate some kind of a plaque.

Art Wall, Jr., the player-of-the-year, and Bob Rosburg, the 1959 PGA Champion, were grateful but not loquacious upon receiving their awards. Jock Hutchison, Sr., Paul Runyan and Harry Cooper all agreed that the disappointments they may have had to endure in their golfing lives were erased when they were notified that they had been elected to the Hall of Fame. Eddie Duino, who got the home pro-of-the-year award, threatened to outtalk Horton Smith, the well known Michigan orator, but after making an emotion-tinged acceptance of the honor, decided not to try for two titles in the same year. So, everyone left early.

PGA Reviews 1959 Gains and Makes Plans for Future

DURING the eight-day conference of the PGA in the Ft. Harrison Hotel in Clearwater, Fla., plans were made and, where necessary, legislation was enacted to insure continuation of progress which has distinguished the activities of the professionals' organization in the postwar era.

Highlights of 1959 include the growth of the assn. to nearly 4,500 members, the expansion of its tournament program to \$1,500,000 in prize money, and a reorganization of the merchandise program. One of the most important developments of the year was the new boom in filmed golf series for television.

Pres. Harold Sargent reported that the 1959 PGA Championship at Minneapolis GC in St. Louis Park, Minn., was the great-

est in history, but that Akron, O., is working hard to make the 1960 renewal at Firestone CC greater still.

A community-wide effort in Akron, headed by Loren W. Tibbals, general chmn. of the PGA Championship and executive sports editor of the Akron Beacon-Journal, has produced the biggest pre-Christmas sale of tickets in the history of the tournament. In general, the format which proved to be so successful at Minneapolis in 1959 will be followed in 1960.

May 16 was set as the date for allotment of qualifying places to the PGA sections. June 20 was set as the date for qualifying in the sections. However, qualifying may be held on any day from June 20 through 27, inclusive, without special authorization.

Entry Fees to Sections

The executive committee voted to permit the local sections to retain entry fees for the PGA Championship. This money will be used to help pay the expenses of sectional qualifiers to the national Championship.

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Charley Lorms (left foreground), Columbus (O.) CC pro for 37 years was feted by 250 golfing friends when he announced his retirement in Dec. Pros. Horton Smith, Gene Marchie, Francis Marzolf, Wilbur Brandenburg and Don Shock were among those present when Lorms bowed out. Known as "The Coach," Charley worked under Walter Hagen at Detroit's Oakland Hills in 1915, later was at Inverness in Toledo for four years and went to Columbus in 1922. He played in seven of eight Opens he attempted to qualify for but although a great tee to green performer, his play suffered because of his putting. Charley was one of the founders of the PGA in 1916 when it had only 90 members. Don Shock is Lorms' successor.

Dunedin, Fla., and National Golf Club are going to play in the association's future are to be found elsewhere in this issue.

J. Edwin Carter, national tournament dir., told the executive committee that the future of the tournament program is exceedingly bright. "More than 100 cities are interested in being included on the PGA Tour," Carter revealed. "The program today is bigger than ever and it's going to continue to grow."

The impact of televised golf matches was discussed in tournament committee and executive committee sessions. Delegates later approved a resolution to permit the tournament bureau to represent the players in connection with televised golf shows.

Members of the Executive Committee selected Clearwater as the site of the mid-year meeting. Sessions will be held in the Fort Harrison Hotel May 3-4 and continue into May 5, if necessary. No site was select-

ed for the 44th annual meeting next year. However, the second week in Nov. was tentatively chosen as the time for the convention.

Hudson's Work Recognized

The PGA extended an official vote of thanks to Robert A. Hudson of Portland, Ore., for his work in connection with the Ryder Cup Matches from 1947 through 1959. He was instrumental in having the international series resumed in 1947 after a decade of inactivity caused by World War II. He has played an active role in all subsequent Ryder Cup Matches.

The PGA national advisory committee re-elected as its chmn., Bob Goldwater of Phoenix, Ariz. It also re-elected Bob Leacock of Kansas City, Mo., vice chmn. and Harry E. Radix, Chicago, secy.

New members of the Advisory Committee, appointed for one-year terms are: William T. Black II of Greensboro, N. C.;

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Giles T. Crowell of Lexington, N. C.; John C. Jester of Dallas, Tex.; James L. O'Keefe of Chicago; Frank Pace of Washington, D. C., and H. Franklin Waltz of Toledo, O.

Plans for the PGA's two national courses in golf professional education were discussed by the executive committee and delegates. The fourth annual PGA Business School for assistant pros will be held Jan. 10-16 in the Fort Harrison Hotel in Clearwater. The second annual PGA West Coast Business Training School will be held Feb. 9-12 in the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles.

Hutchison, Runyan and Cooper Entries Increase Hall of Fame Roll to 23

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With the selection of Jock Hutchison, Sr., Paul Runyan and Harry Cooper last year, the PGA brought the enrollment in its Hall of Fame to 23. The honor society for golf's greats was started in 1940.

Jock Hutchison, Sr.

The 75-year old Hutchison came to the U. S. in 1904, being in the early wave of Scot pros who transferred their allegiance to this country. His name didn't become generally known to American golf followers until more than a decade later. But in 1916, everybody started talking about Jock as he finished as runnerup that year in both the Open and PGA Championship. Chick Evans outlasted him in the Open and Jim Barnes defeated him in the PGA. In 1917, Jock won the equivalent of the Open, the Open Patriotic tournament, when the big event was cancelled because of the war. Hutchison won further acclaim in 1920 when he took the Western Open but it wasn't until the following year that he reached the zenith of his career. That came when he won the British Open, the first American citizen to do so.

In 1923, Hutchison regained the Western Open title and in 1937, he won the first PGA Seniors Championship. Jock retired in 1954 after serving as pro at Glen View Club, Golf, Ill., for 40 years.

Paul Runyan

Paul Runyan played the PGA circuit for a dozen years. His most outstanding victories came in the PGA Championships of 1934 and 1938. In the former he defeated Craig Wood and in the latter, Sam Snead. Paul had a proprietary interest in the Westchester Open. He won it five times. His claim on the Metropolitan Open

was almost as great. He took that one four times. He also captured the North-South and Virginia Beach Opens twice and numerous others once.

Known as "Little Poison", Paul weighed only about 140 lbs. in his heyday. Now pro at La Jolla (Calif.) CC, Runyan is just about as trim as he was back in the '30s and early '40s when he was knocking off the big men. Last year, playing in his first PGA Seniors, he showed that he hadn't lost the once golden touch, finishing with Duke Gibson and Denny Shute as runners-up to Willie Goggin.

Harry Cooper

For more than 30 years, Harry Cooper has been travelling behind the name with which the late Damon Runyan dubbed him - Lighthorse. That has made the fans remember him, if nothing else, but Harry is a man who should be primarily remembered for his fine record. His greatest year came in 1937 when he won the first Vardon Trophy, earned more than 14,000 Depression dollars and claimed victory in the L. A., Houston, St. Petersburg, True Temper, Oakland, Crescent City and Canadian Opens. The year before that he finished second to Tony Manero in the USGA Open. In the 1927 Open, Harry thought he had the honors all sewed up until Tommy Armour caught him in the regulation distance and then beat him in the playoff.

Cooper won the Canadian Open of 1932 in addition to the 1937 renewal, the Western Open of 1934 and the first Los Angeles Open in 1926. In his time, he held at least 20 course records. Harry is summertime pro at Metropolis CC, White Plains, N. Y., and in the winter conducts Caribbean golf cruises.

West Coast PGA School to be Held Feb. 9-12

The PGA's West Coast Business School, which is expected to become a permanent institution, will be held at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, Feb. 9-12. This is the second year for the school which was held in Alameda in 1959.

George Lake, Recreation Park GC, Long Beach, and Guy Bellitt, Whittier Narrows GC, S. San Gabriel, are program co-chmn. The education and training branch of the West Coast school is under the supervision of Max McMurry of Alameda Municipal.

Like the PGA school in Florida, the West Coast offers the required number of hours for assistants to qualify for a fifth year of experience toward membership in the PGA.