

John Clock Heads USGA; Ball to Be Controlled

John G. Clock of Long Beach, Calif., new pres. of the USGA, is the first Pacific coast resident to head U. S. golf's ruling body. He was elected Jan. 30 in New York at the annual meeting of the group. Other officers elected were Emerson Carey, Jr., Denver, and John M. Winters, Jr., Tulsa, vps; Clarence W. Benedict, White Plains, N. Y., secy., and W. W. Foshay, Greenwich, Conn., treas.

The three new executive members are E. R. Foley, Orinda, Calif., Henry H. Russell, Coral Gables, Fla., and A. Vinton Stegeman, Jr., Ft. Thomas, Ky.

At the meeting, USGA officials voted to increase the total Open purse to \$50,000 with \$12,000 going to the lowest scoring professional. Last year the USGA distributed \$48,000 at Winged Foot. Besides selecting the 1960 Curtis Cup team, which will play the British at Lindrick GC in England, May 20-21, the golf governors selected Broadmoor GC, Colorado Springs as the site for the 1962 Curtis matches.

Use Testing Machines

Golfers were advised that the ball would not be permitted to become "longer" than it is now. New USGA testing machines are to be used in controlling the distance the ball can be hit. Discussing amateur status, John Clock warned "play for fun" golfers not to accept prizes with cash values of \$150 or more. If they do, they might be regarded as professionals.

The organization's financial report showed a net income for 1959 of \$64,039, about \$50,000 more than it was the preceding year. Membership was increased by 67 clubs in 1959, bringing the total to 2,363.

The Eagles Gather

Members of the Golf Writers' Assn. will gather at The Dunes GC, Myrtle Beach, S. C., for the seventh consecutive year to compete in the GWAA Championship. According to Charley Bartlett, secy. of the organization, this is the "tournament with the lowest prestige rating in existence," but the extracurricular activity more than makes up for the empty honors that go with winning anything from the first to the 16th flight. Practice rounds, which aren't necessary, will be played Apr. 3 and the Championship, (loosely termed) will be held on the 4th. Jim D'Angelo is host pro.



At the Naval Air Station in New Orleans, what was a 43-acre jungle tract less than two years ago, has been converted into a 9-hole course. Dick Metz, (pointing) pro at Timberlane CC, New Orleans, helped ramrod the layout through. He had the assistance of John D. Cottage (on tractor) PO in charge of construction, Capt. Paul N. Gray, CO at the station, John J. Blasi and Cmdr. Charles F. Darnell.

Says He Originated Idea for PGA Business School

Tony Patricelli, member of the GC of Avon (Conn.) is miffed with the PGA. He says that he originated the idea of the pro's Business School for Assistants back in 1955, but nobody connected with the PGA organization ever has acknowledged his contribution.

A Hartford advertising man, Patricelli proposed the school in 1955 at a meeting that he and Bob Kay, Wampanoag pro, attended in Atlantic City. Shortly before this, Patricelli says he flew to Toledo, O., to discuss his idea with Harry Moffitt, then PGA pres. The latter was so enthused about the plan that he asked the Hartford man to come to Atlantic City to present the program in detail to PGA officials at the pro organization's annual meeting.

The PGA, Patricelli continues, immediately appropriated \$5,000 to start a Business School in 1956. But to his amazement and that of members of the Connecticut PGA, who gave him solid support, the national group to date has not acknowledged either his or Bob Kay's contribution.

NCGCSA Helps Research

Northern Calif. GCSA has made a grant to the University of California, Davis, to help John Madison carry on research work on turfgrass, their reaction to fertilizers, water management and disease control.