

# SWINGING AROUND GOLF

NEWS OF THE GOLF  
WORLD IN BRIEF



By HERB GRAFFIS

Pro exhibition golf having big revival . . . New England PGA Golforama, with eight NE PGA members playing against eight journeyman pros recently drew 4000 at \$4 for 18 holes . . . Palmer, Player, Snead and Demaret, especially, are getting all the non-tournament work they want or can handle in exhibition dates . . . The hard fact is that first class clubs in good financial condition, and with heavy play on their courses, don't want to accept tournaments except as a responsibility to major associations of which they are members . . . Major tournaments usually are harder work for members of the host club than for the players.

Larry Robinson, veteran golf writer of NY World Telegram & Sun and pres. Golf Writers' Assn. of America wrote recently that tournament pros were talking about boycotting the National Open unless the first 30 money-winners on the PGA list got into the Open without qualifying . . . Larry must have laughed as he wrote that one . . . And the rumor had a strong windy background . . . Tournament players making that threat should be reminded that the thing to worry about is clubs boycotting Open tournaments instead of the touring pros telling the people, who give up their courses and sell tickets and advertising to raise prize money, what they should do.

There definitely is a trend toward making the National Open tougher and eliminating all exemptions, like the British Open . . . A golfer has to play his way into that one with his clubs instead of his clippings . . . A pro tournament sched-

ule that has about 50 Opens plus dozens of pro-ams that are put on as entertainment affairs at clubs has the effect of cutting down the money value of big titles . . . Ask in your club grill room who are the National Open, PGA and Masters champions and the percentage of members who don't know or don't care may be surprising.

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Par 3 courses are proving to be big boosters of golf business as the gallery at the opening of Piney Point Golf Center, Houston, Tex., indicates. Piney Point's nine holes range from 95 to 185 yards and total yardage is 1210. Jack Burke, Jr. and Byron Nelson defeated Betsy Rawls and Mickey Wright, 1 up, in the inaugural exhibition in July. There are tournaments every Wednesday night and putting tournaments every Friday night at the course. A large practice area adjoins the Piney Point layout.

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and regional) altogether is less than two per cent of the amount of business done by club pros so the accent on tournament publicity in a game that is primarily for participants may be dangerously misleading . . . Club pro importance in golf is getting more recognition but has a lot of room for expansion . . . PGA release on "resignation" of J. Edwin Carter as its tournament boss was a real sweet work

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Jimmy Burns, Miami Herald sports editor, hails opening of the Florida city's Le Jeune 9-hole munny course as "progressive step." . . . LeJeune brings Miami up to only 27 holes of municipal golf available for residents and visitors . . . With almost 300,000 year-around population, Miami's public golf facilities are the least of any major southern city seeking commercial or winter vacation business . . . Burns has been campaigning for years to correct the situation . . . While Jimmy was crusading for more golf at Miami, the population increased from 249,276 in 1950 to 291,688 in 1960 . . . Phoenix, which has made a big thing of

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Johnny Revolta out of hospital with MD's okay after checkup for bronchial trouble . . . Revolta, back to his pro job at Evanston (Ill.) GC after hospitalization, advised to ease up on his lesson schedule . . . The former PGA champion has been getting some men and women pros for post-graduate work in addition to his heavy booking of members' lessons . . . Real estate developers and golf architects at some new golf course-subdivision projects are wishing they had put convenient practice ranges in their layouts . . . On second guess the ranges look like a community asset that should sell building sites faster.

Blandford (Mass.) CC opens remodeled clubhouse . . . Clubhouse originally was built around 1790 . . . Charlie Walk resigns as pro, Bristol (Va.) CC . . . Ronald L. Withers now mgr., Springfield (Va.) CC. . . . Open 9-hole Shadow Valley CC course at Truckee, Nev. . . . Charles Fink is pres and Orf DeLuca, pro-mgr.

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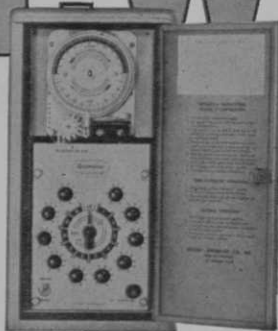
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Ben Lomond GC, Ogden, Utah, adding second 9 . . . Financing expansion with \$100,000 loan approved by Small Business Administration . . . Fred Carr is Ben Lomond pres . . . Janet Walker, sec. of the club and asst. vp of First Security Bank of Utah, handled negotiations for the loan and Eugene Stanger, treas. of the club, prepared the application papers . . . Artondale B&CC, Gig Harbor, Wash. opened for play . . . Tom Morris pres.

Watertown (Wis.) opens new 9 replacing its old 9-hole course . . . Edward L. Packard designed the new course . . . Ridge View GC, 9-hole course opened at Ligonier, Pa . . . It is owned by Charles Roehrig, Frank Barron and Clair McAtee . . . Conocodell GC, opens 9-hole course

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Brookridge C&CC, Overland Park, Kans., building third 9 to plans of Chick Adams . . . George Y. Leftwich, chmn. golf commission, Maricopa County (Phoenix) Parks and Recreation Commission, says new 18 in Estrella Mountain regional park will be opened within a year . . . More than \$100,000 in labor and material donated . . . course and concessions being leased . . . Diablo CC, Inc., Martinez, Calif., bought by members from Larence and Frederick Curtola.

Springfield, Mass., slaps a fine of \$50 on anyone trespassing on the city's South Brank Parkway municipal course now under construction . . . Such fines might reduce vandalism on golf courses . . . A Pittsburgh municipal course golfer suggests that the city build a second 18 at South Park for members paying \$75 to \$100 and add second 9 to present 9 making the 18 available for daily fee play . . . The golfer advancing the suggestion says the plan would increase revenue to the city and make facilities available to many more golfers, including those "who never held a club in their hands before and who believe they have a right to hold

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Patio Springs, Inc., Ogden, Utah, Chris Apostol, pres., plans to build 18 and clubhouse: cost \$600,000 . . . Expect to open Fullerton, Calif., municipal 18 Sept. 1 . . . Pekin (Ill.) CC building 18 replacing course and clubhouse sold for \$323,000 for high school site . . . Club got about 160 acres for new layout from company planning subdivision.

Building Oak Lane CC, Woodbridge, Conn. . . Judge Charles Henchel is pres. . . Geoffrey Cornish is the architect . . . Clay McGowan heads group organizing club at Chico, Calif. . . Southaven Land Co., Memphis, Tenn., developing community in Tennessee, near Memphis, which will have a course . . . Kittyhawk, Dayton, O., newest municipal course, opens 18 standard with yardage from 6,300 to 7,000 and Par 3 of 3,400 yds. . . These new layouts give Dayton 99 holes of public course . . . Population is 262,332.

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mon Village developers, Volk-McLain, in Nov. . . . Chet Shull heads group planning to build 18-hole Elkhorn GC in Stockton, Calif. . . . Group headed by Aldino Vannini also plans to build course in Stockton.

Jim Bradley, owner of Alma (Ark.) News Herald, and Dr. J. N. Thicksten are co-chmn, of Chanticleer CC that is planning to build 9-hole course in Ft. Smith area . . . James M. Barr, S. Main st., Santa Ana, Calif., and associates to build Whispering Palms CC and subdivision on 800 acres near Rancho Santa Fe . . . Whispering Palms to have 18 conventional and 18 Par 3 . . . Harry Rainville is architect.

Riverside G&CC organized by C. F. Adams and others to operate golf club at Macon, Ga. . . . Ft. Wayne, Ind. 18 at Shoaff park will open this summer . . . Another municipal course at McMillen Park will be in play in 1962 . . . Oakdale (Calif.) G&CC opened for play . . . Floyd Hord is pro.

Partridge Creek GC 18 in Mount Clemens, Mich., owned by John H. Matthew and other residents of Mt. Clemens, puts course in play . . . Vince Williams is supt.

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Minnreg Veterans, Inc., a group of Minneapolis-Honeywell employees, buys 439 acres about 18 miles from Minneapolis and intends to build course and other recreation facilities . . . Bushfield Plantation, Westmoreland Co., Va., home of John Augustine Washington, younger brother of George Washington, bought by Warren Van Kirk, Washington, D.C. real estate developer, and group of Pittsburgh men who plan to build 18-hole course . . . Mt. Vernon CC in Washington, D.C. dist., opens its 18 . . . Maurice G. Herndon, Westgrove, Va., is pres.

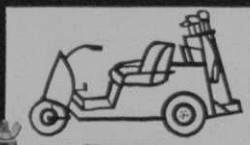
Phosphate mining companies in Florida have Land Use and Reclamation committee which is considering golf course construction similar to the job International Minerals and Chemical Corp. is doing on a mined-out area . . . Totton Heffelfinger, former pres., USGA, heads Executive GC, building 18-hole standard and 18 Par 3 on 1,400 acres 23 miles from Minneapolis . . . Deluxe suburban development will surround the course

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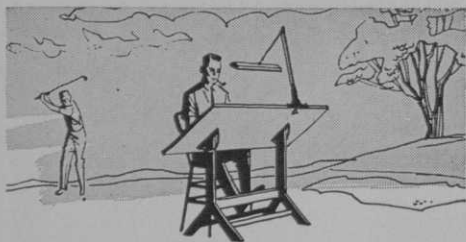
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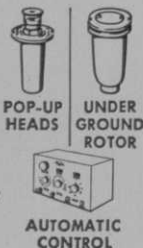
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Andrew W. Gatenbey and Horace G. Barnhart of the Chicago Dist. GA arranged with the Chicago White Sox Management to get 5,000 caddies into the White Sox's night game with the Kansas City A's on July 18 . . . 52 applications for enrollment in the golf school, sponsored jointly by the Ladies PGA and the University of Michigan, had been received by mid-July, according to Barbara Rotvig of the U of M physical education dept. . . . School dates: Aug. 7-11 . . . Stan King is the new supt. at Dearborn CC, Aurora, Ind. . . . Midwest GCSA's annual fall clinic again will be held at Olympia Fields CC, probably on Dec. 5-6 . . . Charlie Martin has been named supt. of Calumet CC, Chicago Dist., succeeding Paul Voykin who moved over to Briarwood CC . . . Martin assisted Warren Bidwell at Olympia Fields before moving up.

Seventh Senior Amateur of the USGA to be played Oct. 2-7 at Southern Hills,  
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(Continued from page 18)

Tulsa, Okla. . . . Entries are open to males who have reached their 55th birthday (on Sept. 19) and have handicaps of not over 10 strokes . . . Old Open champion (1928), Johnny Farrell, thinks it was good for golfers that Gene Littler won the Open . . . With Arnold Palmer dominating the picture for the last two years, Farrell says that most players have become power happy . . . "Littler," says Farrell, "is a swinger who should be copied." . . . A New York newspaper columnist, Dan Parker, calls Metropolitan golfers to task for turning up their noses at competing in N.Y. State Amateur, played this year at Onondaga CC in Syracuse . . . Dave Canavan, editor of the Mid Atlantic GCSA NewsLetter, is now serving as agronomist for the course construction firm of Moore, Kelly and Reddish . . .

To get players into the Children's Memorial Hospital pro-am, played at Onwentsia Club, Lake Forest, immediately following the PGA Championship, some Chicago dist. clubs pooled their funds . . . Entry fee for individual amateurs, do-



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nated to the Hospital, was \$500 . . . Tournaments held at the clubs determined who the representatives would be . . . Twenty-two golfers at Richmond (Calif.) G & CC beat the score posted by Arnold Palmer (69) for National Golf Week . . . Paul E. Weiss, Lehigh (Pa.) CC supt., who never has been accused of being a wilting blade or anything like that, says greenmasters defeat their own purpose by being too secretive about their wage scale . . . "If a fellow fills out a job application, and is asked to write in the wage scale for the district in which the application is made, chances are he has no idea what it is," says Paul. "Neither does anyone else," he adds.

New England supts., at a recent GCSA district meeting, are said to have "stood with their mouths agape" when they saw the equipment in Bob Grant's maintenance building at Running Brook CC, Bolton, Mass., operated by the Surprenant Mfg. Co. . . . Bill Barrett, supt. Nashawtic CC, Concord, Mass., believes his club is first to have all greens planted to Penn-cross . . . It's too early yet for a final word on how they are doing, but Barrett has a hunch they are going to work out fine . . . J. P. Mahlstedt, new head of the horticulture dept. at Iowa State U., recently spoke to members of the Iowa GCSA at their monthly meeting . . .

International Paper Co. putting in a 9-hole course in Corinth, N. Y. . . . The

firm's Employees Mutual Benefit organization will manage it . . . General Electric also planning 9-hole course for its Burlington, Vt. plant . . . Lakeside course, third at The Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., under construction and will be in play in 1962 . . . Niagara County 18-hole public course, located in Lockport, N. Y., has been in play about two months . . . Don Graney is the pro . . . Niagara Falls, N. Y., adding another 9 to its Hyde Park munny setup . . . Clubhouse also is going in . . . This will bring the city's total up to 36 holes . . . Tonawanda, N. Y., opening its 18-hole munny this month . . . The Sheridan Park course in Tonawanda has been selected as the site of the 1962 National Public Links tournament . . . Other munny or state courses going in at Little Falls, N. Y. and Saratoga Springs . . . Both will be 9 holes to start with.

The fourteenth hole at Pt. St. Lucie (Fla.) CC recently was dedicated to Horton Smith, two-time Masters winner whose game was at its peak in the 30's . . . When the Sunset Ridge team, headed by Pro Bob Harris, took part in the Pro-Am Best Ball Championship of the Chicago Dist. GA, it was caparisoned like the Boston Red Sox . . . Each member of the foursome wore white shoes and shirt, red socks, shorts and cap . . . The Championship was won by the Aurora CC team headed by Felice Torza . . . Bob Duguid, Sr., whose retirement was announced in May (Golfdom, page 109), died in July in Jacksonville, Fla., after an illness of several weeks . . . A native of Scotland, Bob served at the Evanston (Ill.) CC for about 20 years as a supt. and was at Timuquana CC in Jacksonville in a similar capacity from 1953 until his retirement . . . He was a charter member of the GCSA . . . Bob is survived by his wife, Nellie, and a son, Robert, sales mgr. of the Roseman Mower Corp.

PGA tournament bureau has 15 fall events scheduled between Sept. 7 and Dec. 17 with two sets of October dates to be filled in . . . \$25,000 will be the prize money in four of the tournaments while others will be of lesser and varying amounts . . . Coming into the PGA Championship at Olympia Fields, Arnold Palmer had won six tournaments in 1961 . . . There were 25 different winners of 45 PGA co-sponsored and other major tournaments from July 25, 1960 through mid-July of this year in spite of the apparent Palmer-Player monopoly on first prize

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The "contest" hole at each club must be 150 yards or longer and each player will be allowed to take an "official" shot at it during the course of his 9- or 18-hole round. A total of 32 acres has been recorded in the four years the event has been staged. Greatest participation in the contest came in 1957 when 850 clubs and 150,000 players took part.

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money . . . Or, maybe that monopoly should be enlarged to include Doug Sanders, who had captured three tournament victories in '61 through mid-July.

Dande Farms CC, 9-hole course near Akron, N. Y., put in play in July . . . At least a half dozen 9-hole courses are being built in central and western N. Y. . . . Joe Redanty and Peter Pattaccola hope to have their layout in Mendon finished this month . . . Redanty, pro at LeRoy CC, had a piece in Golfdom in June . . . Other N.Y. courses are going in at Shortsville, South Glen Falls, Dolgeville, Carthage and Barker . . . Among new private clubs under construction in N.Y. state is The Ledges G & CC that's going in at Fayetteville in the Syracuse district . . . Al DePorter, pro-supt. of Clifton Springs (N.Y.) CC, says 18-holes are being built there . . . Jim Alexander planning to convert his farm in Scottesville (near Rochester) to 18-hole semi-private . . . Also planned are 18-hole private club in Palmyra, N.Y. and additional 9 for Columbia CC in Hudson.

Rockland State Hospital, Orangeburg, N.Y., has 6 of 9 planned holes in play . . . Plattsburgh AFB hopes to have its 9-hole course ready late in the season . . . Several Par 3s also going in around the Buffalo-Rochester area, so a fellow doesn't have to

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drive very far in Western N.Y. without being able to swing a club somewhere . . . Holes at the new Par 3 in Conneaut Lake, Pa., range from 130 to 195 yds . . . Karl Klingensmith put about 15 acres into this project . . . Oakridge Golf Center, Hagerstown, Md., put its lighted facilities into play on July 4 . . . Par 3 in Blairsville, Pa., to be ready for player invasion this month . . . It's owned by A. T. Shadle . . . Dave McCormick is pro and Frank Siriani, supt, at the new Sewickley Heights CC in Sewickley, Pa. . . This club was designed by James Harrison, who also drew up the prints for Beaver Valley CC, Beaver Falls, Pa., which opened its second 9 recently . . . There is plenty of building and expansion activity throughout Pa., by the way.

Mannitto, a "four seasons family club", now being developed in Alexandria, Pa., expects to have a 9-hole course in 1962 . . . William Birdseye, the developer, says there is nothing that a person can't do at

this location . . . Bluefield (W. Va.) CC has new 18-hole layout in planning stage, according to Jim Strupp, chmn. of the grounds committee . . . Club has acquired a 500-acre site after giving up old 9-hole course to real estate people . . . Poxabogue GC, 9-hole Par 30, under construction in Bridgehampton, L.I., to plans of Alfred Tull . . . Cape Coral (Fla.) CC has opened first 9 of planned 18, according to Connie Mack, vp of the developing firm . . . Shady Grove CC, near Gaithersburg, Md., has its 18-holes in play . . . It was built by Russell Roberts and Clarence Doser is pro.

Oro Valley CC and adjacent homesites at Tucson bought by members from Timon and Landon, developers . . . Ralph Lang resigns as pro at Carolina CC, Raleigh, to go to Wildwood CC, Raleigh, in which he is financially interested . . . Wildwood building second 9 . . . Schedule early start of building Tantallon CC . . . Edward J. Cook, Washington, D. C., is developer of Tantallon, located in Prince Georges County, Va.

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tin says second 9 of Western Hills course will be open soon . . . Women's section of Cleveland (O.) Press and News carrying illustrated golf lessons for women by Cleveland district pros . . . Louise Alexander is doing the interviewing and pros are doing a fine, compact job of instruction . . . This is a development for smart pros to watch and to follow this promotion lead next spring, or earlier.

Clarence Doser, a veteran who is the pro at the new Shady Grove course at Motel Washington, Gaithersburg, Md., has been scoring so well that he moved Merrell Whittlesey, Washington Star golf writer, to comment that the 52-year-old Doser "is one of the golfing marvels of the entire membership of the PGA." . . . McMinnville (Tenn.) CC to build new course on 160 acres donated by Boyd Nursery Co.

James Twohig, supt., in charge of building new Memorial Park 18-hole munny course at Springfield, Mass., says course will be in fine condition when it is officially opened next spring and replaces present Memorial Park course which will be converted into an "industrial park" — the new name for factory sites . . . Twohig and Springfield municipal course golfers are lucky in being able to wait until the new course actually is in playable condition . . . Most of the new courses — private or public — we've seen are opened before they are ready . . . Premature

wear adds to expense and delays development of satisfactory greens, fairways and tees.

Jim Waring, in his "Teeing Off" column in Charleston, S. C. News and Courier, quotes Al Esposito, CC of Charleston pro, on the city's need of a junior golf course . . . Al noted that his Junior tournament had grown in eight years from 12 to 116 entries . . . He added that youngsters' time on courses is sharply limited by adult play . . . Esposito remarked that cost of a 9-hole course that would handle 100 or more kids a day would be less than cost of a gym for 10 basketball players . . . Especially when some citizen probably would contribute acreage for the course . . . Many courses recently built or building are examples of volunteer labor and contributed machine work . . . The do-it-yourself principle can be applied to Junior courses in many communities and give smaller communities a valuable asset the larger cities lack.

Arnold Palmer has made many friends in Britain for himself and American pro golf by the way he has handled himself in losing and winning the British Open . . . He also did very well by himself in winning the British Open title as the prestige of this victory is of timely value after he had missed winning the Masters and the U. S. Open.

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Jones at its Queens Bay resort near Makapuu lighthouse . . . Salt Lake County to have new course near Murray, Utah . . . Earl J. Healy is chmn., county recreation board and Mick Riley is county golf manager.

Edward Webster, Powder Hill rd., Hazardville, Conn., buys 80 acres and plans to build course . . . Ray Didier, formerly course supt. in Chicago dist. and now designing and building courses, recommends site for new course to Rockford (Ill.) Park District.

J. Nevins McBride and brothers of Paterson, N. J., owners and operators of Indian Trail CC, Franklin Lakes, N. J., to build second 18 . . . Hop Meadow CC, Simsbury, Conn., to build course to plans of Geoffrey Cornish . . . Richard Berry, Chmn., Hop Meadow CC organizing committee . . . Oxnard, Calif., to build course . . . Paul Wolven, Oxnard city mgr. . . Highland Springs GC, building 18 to plans of James G. Harrison, near Wellsburg, W. Va. . . Course will have 12 holes in W. Va., and 6 in Pa. . . Kent Organization, Inc., whose Phoenix attorney is Frank Haze Burch, planning \$20 million convention and amusement project, including 9-hole course, near Phoenix . . . Project tentatively named Sunfair.

Pacific-Atlantic Properties, Inc., developers of Oak Knolls community at Tehachapi, Calif., gives land for golf club to serve Tehachapi-Bakersfield area . . . Don Carroll, Tehachapi, is chmn. of course committee . . . John and Clint Murchison, Texas financiers, are interested in Pacific-Atlantic Properties, Inc. . . . A. J. Thatch-

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er, Indianapolis parks directors says Eagle Park 9-hole course will be opened in July, 1962 . . . It is seventh many course in Indianapolis area . . . Two more are planned.

Course-subdivision project submitted for OK to Eau Gallie, Fla., City Mgr. Walter Brown . . . George A. Pattison, jr., designed the course . . . County commissioners approve proposal for building 18-hole public course at St. Petersburg-Clearwater, Fla. airport . . . Joe Putnam, Madeira Beach real estate agent, Roy Rachwalski and J. O. Stone, of Aircro Golf, Inc., submitted the accepted lease agreement . . . Aircro expects to have course completed and in play by Feb. 1, 1962.

Los Angeles City Recreation and Park Commission acquires land for proposed Rose Hill Park Course . . . Kentucky State park commission considering building 9 holes at Carter Caves park in northeastern Ky. . . . Cautionary note to course-home site planners and promoters: Lately we have learned of cases where suits by home-owners against clubs or development companies due to damages by wild golf shots into homes have been decided against the golf interests . . . Coordination of course and subdivision has been bad . . . Home buyers have the sympathy of judge and jury when poor planning means that a slice puts broken window glass on the living room couch or in the kids' porridge . . . Some courses in the cases are well

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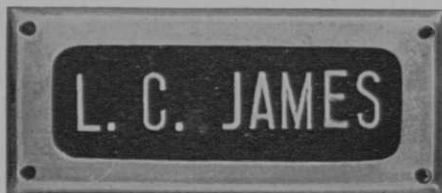
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### Swinging Around Golf

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designed and the adjacent subdivisions also may be well planned . . . but they don't fit together.

Frequent tendency (it seems to us) is that subdividers want to get too many lots on the rim of the courses when they could get more money from fewer lots wisely located . . . Trying to accommodate residential planning to layout of courses on terrain that isn't good for any other use also leads to unsatisfactory results . . . It doesn't add to homesite desirability to have bewildered sober citizens or frustrated drunks flying blind press a doorbell and ask for "9 Pinehurst Lane" and be told they are at "972 Cypress Point Drive" and the place they want to get to is just "three houses to the left of St. Andrews road." . . . Whose fault is such planning? . . . It was erroneously reported in July Golfdom (page 64) that Agronomist Malcolm Shurtleff is moving from Iowa State to Michigan . . . He's going to the University of Illinois.

. . . Ross Sobel, pro at Westview CC, Miami, heading a 21-day tour of men and women golfers through 8 South American countries via Lan-Chile Airways . . . Tour is in October . . . Sobel was picked over 125 other pros for the assignment . . . Charles Danner to Capital City CC, Atlanta, succeeding E. A. Shields.

Thanks to Jack Korita, Gordon (Neb.) CC and director of Nebraska State Sand Greens Assn. for telling me I was too low in the estimate of sand green courses still in play . . . I should have known better . . . And do, especially now since Jack told me of 30 sand green courses

in Neb., 8 in S. Dak. and 4 in Wyo. . . . Korita has recently designed and installed a sand green course at Martin, S. Dak. . . . John Walter, pro at Glen Arven CC, Thomasville, Ga., for some years, resigns and now is building several courses on plantations in the Thomasville area . . . Maynard Brown from Milledgeville (Ga.) CC now is pro at Glen Arven . . . Joe Bagnato signed as pro for Winding Brook GC that Paul Roth is building at Valatie, N. Y.

American Golf Classic at Firestone CC, Akron, O., Aug. 24-27 ought to be born right into genuine annual "classic" status as a reward for the head-and-hand work put into it by Loren W. Tibbals . . . Tibbals is gen. chmn. of the "Classic" and sports ed., Akron Beacon-Journal . . . He was the sparkplug of the PGA's most successful championship, that at Firestone in Akron last year.

Oak Park (Ill.) CC honored its distinguished member Harry Radix with an afternoon of golf and a big, merry dinner at which golf pro and amateur notables and figure skating celebrities told of the deeds of the beloved "Uncle Krausie" . . . Radix, former pres., Chicago District Golf Assn., Chicago Figure Skating Club, Sec. PGA Advisory committee and official of national Olympic figure skating organizations probably is the world's most traveled sports fan . . . Alexander G. McKay, Morristown, Tenn., course architect and builder to build 9 at McMinnville, Tenn., 9 at Benton, Ky., 9 at Covington, Va., 18 at Johnson City, Tenn., and 18 for Nubbins Ridge CC, Knoxville, Tenn. . . . McKay recently made 5 week trip to Scotland.