

SWINGING AROUND GOLF

NEWS OF THE GOLF WORLD IN BRIEF



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Al Dienhart, pres. of Indiana GCSA and supt. at Elks CC in Lafayette, Ind., has teamed up with his father in building a Par 3 course in Lafayette . . . 1961 tournament schedule, issued by Southern California GC, lists more than 100 events . . . When Port St. Lucie CC, developed by Mackie Co. of Miami, Fla., opened in mid-January, Chuck Johnson, pro at Butterfield CC, near Chicago, was installed as head man in the pro shop, and Robert B. Stone was handling the general mgr's job . . . Both had been appointed to these positions only two weeks before by Chick Harbert, golf dir. at the resort . . . Another recent addition to the Port St. Lucie staff is Mike Skeffington, one-time club mgr. of Selfridge AFB course in Mich. . . . Bob Fry, pro-mgr. at Ft. Madison (Ia.) G&CC, for the past several years, named pro for three Davenport muni courses, Duck Creek, Credit Island and the new Emeis GC, which will open in June.

Harry Eckhoff, the National Golf Foundation's tireless traveller who covers the East coast, had 200 course planning conferences in 1960 as he put 30,000 miles behind him . . . He says there is a trend to mass memberships (1,500 or 2,000 to a club) and installation of adjoining Par 3s where standard courses are built . . . Two Negro private clubs in planning stages in N. C., one at Raleigh and the other in Greensboro . . . 18-hole Riverside Muni course in Portland, Me., had record breaking year in 1960 even though course was flooded for two weeks in the busy season . . . More than 35,000 18-hole rounds were recorded, about 800

more than in 1957 when the old mark was established.

Wilmington (Del.) muni had 14,000 rounds between July, when course opened, and Dec. . . . Fifteen of its holes are from former Wilmington CC . . . Wilson, N. C., getting two courses: Long Range, being developed by Harry Lamm and Archie and Alton Whilley; and Happy Valley GC,

FRONT COVER

You're looking out on Bermuda Dunes CC, one of the fine resort courses in Palm Springs, Calif. It also is one of the sites of the Desert Classic, the \$50,000 added tournament played in February. Beautiful scenery, such as is seen on the cover, is typical of the entire Dunes layout.

being constructed by Sen. J. C. Eagles . . . Both should be ready in June . . . Colonial Williamsburg (Va.) planning to add 9 to its present 9, to be ready in 1962 . . . Fredericksburg (Va.) CC also adding a second 9 . . . Geoffrey Cornish designed course that N. R. Church is building near Lincoln, R. I. . . . It is surrounded by homesites.

Some of the pro changes in western N. Y. have the following pros established in new jobs . . . Gerald LaVergne is at Cazenovia GC; Charles Paris is at Normanside in Delmar; Gene Coghill has moved over to Penfield CC; Bill Griffith is taking charge at Ridgemoor in Rochester; F. Rizzuto and Bob Tulley are now operating Elms GC in Sandy Creek;