

SWINGING AROUND GOLF

NEWS OF THE GOLF WORLD IN BRIEF



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If any players end up in tie for first place in the American Golf Classic, to be played at Firestone CC, Akron, O., Aug. 24-27, there will be a "sudden death" playoff to decide the winner . . . One reason this has been decided: PGA rules stipulate that season tournament tickets don't cover extra-day playoffs . . . Firestone people feel that the final day's gallery should see the issue decided . . . First "Fly-In" golf championship to be played at Lake Texoma Lodge GC, May 19-22 . . . Course is located 130 miles southeast of Oklahoma City and 90 miles northeast of Dallas, if you want a heading . . . It's for golfing pilots . . . Airstrip is adjacent to the course and lodge . . . More than 6,000 golfers played the Palm Springs (Calif.) munny course in Feb., a record . . . From Nov. through Feb., 17,750 rounds were paid for, an increase of about 2,800 for the same period in the previous year.

Bob Schappa moves from Rockledge to Wethersfield (Conn.) CC, succeeding the late Dave Campbell, who died early in Mar. . . . His former assistant, Ken Lang, goes to Cliffside CC, Simsbury as head pro . . . Jim Gallaher in pro job at the new Petapaugg CC in Baltic, Conn., moving there from Brattleboro, Vt. . . . Ridgewood CC, Danbury, to rebuild its clubhouse, destroyed by fire . . . Conn. Sports Writers Alliance honors Charlie Petrino, head pro at Brooklawn in Bridgeport, giving him a gold key . . . Jerry Beaulieu is the new supt. at Indian Hill, Newington, Conn., succeeding Dave Hendry . . . 6,500 yd. Orange (Conn.) CC to open June 1 . . . It's being re-shaped from an existing club.

Bob Ewing takes over pro duties at new Boulder Creek (Calif.) CC . . . He plays regularly on the winter pro circuit . . . Bud Morris now pro at Twin Valley CC, Ashland, Ky. . . . Tom Nelson of Kentucky State Parks has four courses in the construction or planning stages with Hal Purdy and Buck Blankenship serving as consultants . . . The new head pro at Madison (Ind.) CC is Mike Maywood . . . Richard E. Amidon is pres. for 1961 of the Central Virginia Turfgrass Assn. . . .

FRONT COVER

The gallery was biting its nails along with Arnold Palmer and Charlie Coe on the 16th green in the final round at the Masters when this photo by Morgan Fitz of Augusta was taken. Palmer pretty well had the tournament sewed up at this point, but let it slip away two holes later. What many people didn't realize at the moment was that, with a little luck, Coe could have tied for first or even won the exciting spring classic.

Other officers: VP, Harry Allanson; Sec-treas., Harry J. McSloy; Dirs., Arthur C. Beck, Jr., Guy Bell and A. L. Shelton, Jr. . . . Ruth Jessen of the Ladies PGA is going to conduct a golf tour to Hawaii in Oct. for the American Express Co. . . . Florida State Open to be played at Lehigh Acres GC, June 22-25, according to Clyde Usina, pres. of Florida PGA . . . Irv Schloss is general mgr. for the event.

Two of the regulars at the Par 3 GC in