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Swinging Around Golf

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a nickel-grabbing racket.

The press tent at Aronimink was too small for efficient or comfortable work but tournament mgr. Jim Gaquin, his wife, Lois, Doc Giffin and scorekeeper, Ken Everett, saved the day for the PGA . . . They usually do . . . There were a lot of laughs about the antique typewriters in the press tent . . . Lincoln Werden of the N.Y. Times said the one he drew should be sent to the museum at Golf House . . . Dudley Green of the Nashville Banner claimed that relic provided him had on its roller a yellowed and flaking piece of copypaper on which the previous user had written the dateline, "Litte Bighorn", then ran eastward when he saw what the Injuns were doing to Gen. Custer and his men . . . Graham Ross, pro at Dallas Ath-letic Club CC where the PGA will be played in 1963, and a delegation from Columbus (O.) CC where the 1964 PGA will be player were at Aronimink studying the tournament operation.

Talk of pros at the PGA tournament and around the country confirms the hunch that PGA officials with their tight censorship are not giving themselves a fair break or telling all the PGA members the facts of life . . . Not even the PGA sectional vps seem to know what the score is on the PGA course and clubhouse building operations at West Palm Beach . . . The result of the failure to "communicate" is putting some earnest fellows, working hard at no salary for pro golf, in an embarrassing position.

Among the many questions PGA members ask about the West Palm Beach deal are: What's estimated cost of building clubhouse? . . . How much will PGA have to pay for building and finishing the two 18 hole courses and watering system? . . . How long are the courses budgeted for maintenance until they bring in revenue enough to pay for themselves? . . . What maintenance expense is budgeted on course and clubhouse? . . . What financing plans have been considered for the PGA clubhouse, offices and finishing and operating costs of the course? . . . Have contracts, including those for equipment to be used at the club, been let without competitive bids? . . . How is construction of course and clubhouse progressing according to schedule? . . . Will the new courses be ready for the PGA Seniors?