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ticularly the teaching program, National Golf Day and the new courses and buildings at West Palm Beach Gardens. He had a most interesting story although handicapped by lack of budget figures that PGA members would like to see on the big building project.

Play Open Local Rounds in May; Sectional in June

Practically all of the 36-hole local qualifying rounds for the USGA Open will be played on Monday, May 21. However, the northern California trial round will be played in Oakland on the 18th and those in West Orange, N. J. and for Long Island and Westchester county in New York will be held on the 22nd.

Sectional qualifying rounds, also to be played at 36 holes, will be held on either June 4 or 5. They will be played at Denver, Kansas City, Cincinnati, Memphis, Dallas and Tacoma on the former date; and at San Francisco, Washington, D. C., Atlanta, Chicago, Detroit, Montclair, N. J., and Pittsburgh the latter date.

A total of 150 players, including those who are exempt, will be eligible for the Open itself, which is being played at Oak-

mont CC, Pittsburgh, June 14-16. The 50 low scorers (and ties) following the first 36 holes will be eligible to play the final 36 holes on the 16th. In case of a playoff, the contestants will play 18 holes. If a tie results at the end of 18, the championship will be decided on a sudden death basis.

Approximately \$70,000 in prize money is guaranteed by the USGA. First prize will amount to \$15,000 and the runnerup will collect \$8,000. There will be as many as 50 cash prizes of \$300 or more for pros who turn in scores for 72 holes.

Golf Writer Awards

The Golf Writers' Association of America annual writing awards competition again will be sponsored by Brunswick-MacGregor. The 1961 competition, which drew a record number of entries, saw the top news division prize go to Charles Bartlett of the Chicago Tribune, sec. of the writers' association, with Ray Haywood of the Oakland (Calif.) Tribune winning the feature story first place award.

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