

SWINGING AROUND GOLF

NEWS OF THE GOLF WORLD IN BRIEF



Lincoln Werden, golf writer of New York Times and former president of the Golf Writers Assn. of America, was rushed to Methodist hospital, Indianapolis, during Speedway "500" tournament, with attack of pancreatitis . . . Jack Nicklaus' suggestion that PGA tournament schedule be cut to about 30 engagements to "guarantee" sponsors a good field, and so touring golfers can play exhibition matches and take part in unofficial money competitions in between scheduled tournaments has golf writers wondering if a head-on clash between PGA Tournament committee and Mark McCormack, manager of Nicklaus, Palmer, Player, et al, is imminent.

PGA officials and lesser lights of tournament circuit maintain the PGA has done the work of making tournament golf big business and shouldn't and won't take an inferior role as a caddie for the Big Wheels . . . Television interests of tournament promoters, golf associations and individual players are big, complicated and a source of potential brawls . . . The "unofficial money competitions" between tournaments, to which Nicklaus refers, are regarded by many as synthetic championships . . . Following the PGA championship, the big money winners aren't eager to play for the taxman so the circuit at times gets to be too much minor league to please or profit sponsors . . . The Caribbean minor league circuit in winter is accented heavily as a distiller's publicity gimmick.

There are 51 tournaments plus uncounted pro-ams on the journeyman pros' calendar . . . Bruce Crampton played in 38 tournaments last year — more than any

other of the first 25 money-winners . . . Player played in 19, Palmer in 21 and Nicklaus in 26 . . . Championships that mean the most to the people who want to see the players (and hence build up the TV demand, too) are the National Open and the Masters . . . PGA Tournament committee has been wise in not messing

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The eleventh hole at Big Cypress G&CC, Naples, Fla., was reclaimed from the Big Cypress swamp, which is the largest section of the Everglades. Architect William Diddle devised this hole, which is 170 yards from one tee that juts into a small lake, and 135 yards from another peninsula tee. One of the trees bordering this picturesque hole is topped by an eagle's nest. Phil Darbyshire is professional and Paul Nevers is supt. of Big Cypress.

in these events although it has been prodced to declare itself part-owner of the two top championships . . . The tournament situation right now calls for foresight and for consideration for the goose that lays those big golden eggs.

Through mid-June, Mickey Wright had won \$11,132 on the Ladies PGA circuit and six of ten events in which she competed . . . At that rate, she was running well ahead of 1962 . . . Marilyn Smith, having her best season, was second with \$8,133 and two victories . . . Deadline for the seventh Brunswick-MacGregor newspaper writing competitions is Oct.