



Jimmy Thomson, Tony Manera, Claude Harmon, Harry Cooper, J. Bud Geoghegan and Charlie Biori, Metropolitan and New Jersey section PGA pros, recently staged a clinic for members of the New York Downtown A. C. and their guests. Several hundred people attended. This was the 16th year the clinic was put on. Claude Harmon, Winged Foot shopmaster, was the mc.

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A close look at pro shop business is being taken by the smart and successful professionals as well as by manufacturers. The pro credit situation has some weak spots which undoubtedly are due to unwise buying.

The professional at an 18-hole club may carry 6 to 12 different brands of clubs and 8 to 10 brands of balls. A store seldom will carry more than three brands of clubs or balls. Manufacturers' advertising has to be sharply directed to move merchandise out of pro shops. "Close-out" clubs are affecting the top price lines. In some sections consignment deals on clubs are making pros careless or are confusing them. There are professionals who are not sure whether they actually bought clubs they have on display but eventually they get educated by falling into the middle between a salesman and a credit manager.

PGA to Have 168 in Championship Field at Dallas AC CC

There will be 168 players in the field when the 45th PGA Championship is played at the Dallas Athletic Club CC, July 18-21. A total of 79 professionals are exempt from qualifying and it is estimated that 925 others will vie for the 89 remaining spots in qualifying rounds.

The minimum purse for the 1963 Championship is \$30,000. Last year, Gary Player, who received \$13,000 for winning the PGA title, and the next four finishers collected approximately this much, with total prizes exceeding \$75,000.

Current champions of 27 of the PGA's 34 sections are among those exempt from qualifying. More than 40 PGA circuit regulars also are on the exempt list.

Texas, which normally would be allotted six qualifying places, earns three additional ones because it is the host section. Thirty-five sectional preliminary rounds are being played at this time to determine which players will get the remaining qualifying spots.

The 7,046 yard, par 71 Dallas AC course was designed and constructed by Ralph Plummer, Ft. Worth architect. It is a little less than 10 years old. A creek that meanders through the course has to be contended with on nine of the 18 holes. The greens average 7,000 square feet and, according to Graham Ross, Dallas AC pro, No. 16, which slopes in all directions, is probably the toughest to negotiate. There are 70 bunkers on the course.

Very few changes have been made in the course since the PGA assigned the Championship to Dallas AC two years ago. However, 300 trees have been transplanted to step up the demand on strategy and tactics. The longest hole is No. 4 — 573 yards; the shortest holes are Nos. 5 and 13 — both 206 yards.

N. J. Caddie Scholarships

New Jersey State GA has awarded six caddie scholarships for 1963-64 to youngsters who are employed at member clubs. They are made in conjunction with Rutgers University and are worth \$2,000, or \$500 a year. This is the seventeenth consecutive year that the caddie awards have