

**No Compromise in Sight,
N.Y. Meeting Told**

USGA - PGA Continue To Hassle Over Several Rules

At the annual meeting of the USGA, held in New York in late January, William Ward Foshay, chairman of the organization's rules committee, said that efforts to persuade the PGA not to deviate from the code adopted by the USGA and Royal and Ancient CC of St. Andrews (England) have been fruitless.

"The situation now seems more hopeless than ever," Foshay told delegates to the conference, which was held in the Biltmore Hotel. "The professionals feel that we should relent and explore more fully their reasons for not abiding by the full USGA code," Foshay said. "They are also especially interested in increasing the present 14-club limit."

Foshay said that Arnold Palmer would not have been disqualified in the Bing Crosby Pro-Am for playing a provisional ball if the tournament had been played under USGA rules. The latter state that it is permissible to play a provisional ball when a shot is out of bounds, lost, in a water hazard or unplayable. The PGA doesn't permit a provisional shot in the last two instances. Palmer's ball was unplayable.

Representatives of the USGA will meet with the Royal and Ancient in Turnberry, Scotland, May 18-19, for a review of the playing code. The talks will be held in conjunction with the playing of the Walker Cup matches.

Increase Open Purse

At the annual meeting, the USGA raised the Open prize money by \$16,000 to a total of \$86,000, with \$16,000 going to the winner. The Open will be played at the CC of Brookline, June 20-22. The organization also increased the Women's Open ante from \$8,000 to \$9,000.

Other tournament decisions: The 1965 Open will be played at Bellerive CC in St. Louis, June 17-19. The Senior Amateur, to be held at Sea Island, Oct. 7-12, will be entirely at match play, with a field of 128 players. Formerly, the field was reduced to 32 for match play following an 18-hole qualifying round.



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O. J. Noer and Patty Berg display plaques received from the USGA in recognition of their great contributions to golf.

John M. Winters of Tulsa, Okla., was reelected president of the USGA at the meeting. Also reelected were Clarence Benedict, Mamaroneck, N. Y., and William W. Foshay, Greenwich, Conn., vps, Bernard H. Ridder, Jr., St. Paul, secretary, and Hord Hardin, Creve Coeur, Mo., treasurer.

Noer, Berg Get Awards

The third green section award for "distinguished service to golf through work with turfgrass" was made to O. J. Noer, retired head agronomist and sales manager for the Sewerage Commission of Milwaukee. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin, O. J. became state soil chemist for Wisconsin in 1914. After serving in World War I as a captain, he gravitated to turf work and became associated with the Sewerage Commission in 1924. He is credited with having visited and consulted with more course supts. in his 38 years as an agronomist than any other person in the turf field. In addition, he has written hundreds of articles, many of which have appeared in *Golfdom*, and presented numerous papers at meetings throughout the U.S., Canada and Mexico. Noer, at present, is serving as a turf consultant for Architect Dick Wilson.

Previous winners of the USGA green section award were John Monteith, Jr., Colorado Springs (1961) and Lawrence S. Dickinson, Amherst, Mass. (1962).

The USGA's Bob Jones award went to Patty Berg for her "distinguished sports-

manship in golf." Henry Russell, Miami, Fla., an executive committee member, presented the citation to Patty, recalling at least a dozen instances in which she had served the game so creditably. A professional since 1940, Patty won the Women's Open in 1946, before it was conducted by the USGA. But, rather ironically, she hasn't captured the title since the organization took over its sponsorship in 1950. She was runnerup in 1957.

PGA Spring-Summer Card Reeks With Prize Money

Pros who play the PGA's spring and summer tour will be shooting for a record \$1,200,000 in purses. This is an increase of about \$75,000 over 1962's mid-April-Labor Day stretch.

In three tournaments from June 13 through the 30th, the tourists will be going after a total of \$296,000 in official money. The Thunderbird Classic (June 13-16) offers \$100,000; the Open to be played the following week is worth \$86,000; and the Cleveland Open (June 27-30) is a \$110,000 event.

Of 21 approved events on the 1963-spring-summer calendar, the purse has been raised over last year in nine instances. The most liberal increase is being made by sponsors of the Canadian Open. They are upping their purse by \$20,000 to \$50,000. The USGA will pay \$17,000 more for this year's Open than it did in 1962. The guaranteed purse for the PGA Championship, to be played July 18-21 at the Dallas AC CC, is \$30,000 but it is expected that the actual payoff will be much larger than this. Last year's Championship prize money exceeded \$72,000.

The Masters, which isn't included in the spring-summer schedule, paid out nearly \$110,000 in 1962.

Golf Fund Distributes \$37,000 to Projects and Charities

A total of \$37,000 was contributed to golf projects and charities at a meeting of the National Golf Fund in West Palm Beach, Fla., in Feb. This amount was the net revenue collected from 1962 National Golf Day by the PGA after promotion and other expenses were paid.

The 1962 contributions brought to about \$900,000 the amount of money Golf Day produced between 1952 and last year. The funds are distributed in this way: 48 per cent to golf educational programs; 27

National Golf Foundation Produces New Film, Slides

The National Golf Foundation, 804 Merchandise Mart, Chicago 54, has recently completed work on four golf film units that can be obtained for a package price of \$295. The 16mm sound films are reproduced in full color.

Unit 1, *Welcome to Golf*, lasts 15 minutes and prepares the student for learning the game. Unit 2, *Building Your Swing*, is of 27 minutes duration and teaches stance, posture, rhythm and body movements. Unit 3, *Pitching, Pitch and Run and Sand Shots*, demonstrates the fundamentals of these shots and lasts 12 minutes. Unit 4, *Putting*, suggests several accepted techniques and showing time is 10 minutes.

Units 1, 3 and 4 are each priced at \$65; the cost of obtaining Unit 2 is \$135.

For beginning golf instruction, the Foundation also has a 35mm, full color, sound slidefilm series that is said to make teaching easier and more interesting. It is made up of six units: *Introduction; Get Set to Swing; Building A Swing; Pitching, Pitch & Run & Sand Shots; Putting; and Courtesy and Etiquet.*

There are 335 frames in the instruction series, four sound records, an instructor's guide and handbook for students. Total cost is \$65.

per cent to charities; and the remaining 25 per cent to general education programs such as caddie scholarship funds.

Here is how National Golf Fund distributed the 1962 revenue:

PGA Education Fund	\$ 7,770
USGA Green Section	5,180
GCSA Scholarship/Research	4,810
PGA Relief Fund	2,590
PGA Benevolent Fund	2,220
National Amputee GA	2,220
United Voluntary Services	1,850
American Women's VS	1,110
Caddie Scholarships	9,250
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At the Golf Fund meeting, Fred L. Riggins, Sr., Port Huron, Mich., president of the group since its founding in 1952, resigned. He has been succeeded by Harold A. Moore, onetime president of Western GA and past USGA committeemen.