

SWINGING AROUND GOLF

NEWS OF THE GOLF WORLD IN BRIEF



By HERB GRAFFIS

A high spot of 1963 has been the Junior golf leagues . . . We don't know how many have been in operation but certainly there are at least 50 more than in 1962 . . . Harold Sargent, East Lake CC Mo, says Atlanta's six-club Junior league showed at least the competitive spirit of Atlanta's Jones kid, if not his early ability . . . Senior golfers are showing more interest in Junior play and, generally, have stopped griping about youngsters taking over the courses . . . Kids are winning the old guys with good golf manners and fast play.

Fiftieth anniversary of George Jacobus' appointment as pro at Ridgewood (N.J.) CC being celebrated by the club Oct. 26 . . . George was one of the youngest pros to hold a job at a big club . . . John Sproul, after making history with U.S. Rubber golf ball dept. and covering about as many air miles as the U.S. and Russian astronauts on selling trips and meetings, is at his new home in Deerfield Beach, Fla. . . . John isn't fully retired but will act in a sales advisory capacity . . . Fred P. Koehler has succeeded Sproul.

Harold (Jug) McSpaden, one of the tournament stars of yesteryear, finishing a de luxe semi-private course at Piper, in the Kansas City area . . . McSpaden's course, called Dubs' Dread GC, is an interesting job of design . . . It's on 240 acres . . . Yardage ranges from 5,900 to 6,700 . . . Jug is talking more about the fine showing of his wife, Betsy, in KC women's golf, than he ever talked about his own victories . . . Same way with Frank Stranahan whose wife has been doing very well in women's national and regional amateur championships.

Many people are saying that Ralph

FRONT COVER

The Maddox Construction Co. is hard at work getting Long Grove (Ill.) CC into shape for a next Memorial Day opening. The course is being built for Roy C. Anderson to the design of Robert Bruce Harris. There are five artificial lakes on the layout which will play between 6,200 and 7,115 yards. Greens average 8,000 square feet, with the largest covering 11,000 square feet, and the tees range in length from 125 to 300 feet.

Plummer's job in re-designing and planning construction of CC of Salt Lake City's course is one of the year's most interesting accomplishments . . . Plummer installed fence-to-fence watering . . . A trout stream runs under one green and surrounds another . . . Members got the story of the reconstruction first hand as Plummer took colored pictures of how the course looked before remodeling, the work that was done and how the layout shapes up now . . . The pictures were shown on a screen at a club party.

Plummer is to build an 18 municipal for Grand Prairie (between Dallas and Fort Worth), another 18 for Ridgelea at Fort Worth and is revamping Westwood CC at Houston . . . He recently rebuilt Ridgewood CC at Waco . . . Plummer designed the Preston Trail Club 18, a \$4000 admission club that will be for men and golf only, near Dallas . . . It is to open in July, 1964 . . . Byron Nelson is consultant for Preston Trail . . . Plummer

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