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NEWS OF THE GOLF WORLD IN BRIEF



By HERB GRAFFIS

William Kennedy and others to build course in Bancroft, Ia. . . . Golf Four-somes, Inc., headed by Paul Evans, to build course at Arvada, Colo. . . . Frank Hummel of Greeley is designing the Arvada course . . . Wing Point G&CC in suburban Seattle opens new course and clubhouse . . . Open first nine of River Island GC near Porterville, Calif. . . . Ted Ensslin is president . . . Bob Bottoms, the general manager and Dixon Robb, the pro . . . Bob Baldock was the architect.

Bill Bell has designed 18 for Parkridge Estates development in Corona, Calif. . . . Bowie (Tex.) G&CC to build nine . . . Vernon McAn, Victoria, B.C., architect for Sunland 18 near Port Angeles, Wash. . . . Start building nine at Golden Circle Valley development, Escondido, Calif. . . . Heritage Construction Co., Fullerton, Calif., to build course on 11,000 acres near Brea, recently acquired for community development.

Planning to build 18 at North Andover, Mass. . . . Robert J. Hammond appointed vice-chairman of committee to investigate possibilities for public course in Ypsilanti, Mich. . . . Golf commission, appointed by council, to consider public course at Corry, Pa.

Can't tell for sure but after looking over a lot of reports on public course rounds of play for 1963 (to Aug. 1) it appears that play on municipal courses may average 10 per cent more than in the same period of 1962 . . . Appellate Division of New York Court of Claims granted an appeal of Albany CC to have its property award raised from \$3,079,646 to \$3,602,806 . . . Club property was taken for State college campus . . . Club is building new

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course and clubhouse . . . Appellate Division rejected state's claim that original award was "excessive" and held it was "inadequate." . . . "Specialty purposes" value such as water supply, tree development and residential development potential of 98 acres not used for country club purposes were held to warrant increased award . . . Case probably will be studied plenty by lawyers for clubs that are having property condemned.

To build nine at Rainbow Lake, Geneva, Ind. . . . Marco Development Corp. to build 18, motel, etc., in recreation center in Edmonson County, Ky. . . . Project partially financed by \$640,000 loan from Area Development Administration . . . Building municipal 18 at old Cliff Maus airport, Corpus Christi, Tex., to plans of Leon Howard . . . Ed Newman, Kansas City, Mo., has leased the course for 30 years . . . Expect to have it in play early in 1964.

Open 18 in Green Valley Park, Sioux

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City, Ia., municipal operation . . . Open new Indianapolis Eagle Creek municipal nine . . . Gene Stiles is pro . . . John Vaughan is supt., park dept. golf division . . . Howie Atten hopes to open his Edgewater GC par 36 (3,235 yds.) nine in Milwaukee's suburban Grafton, Wis. . . . Atten has a range at Grafton . . . He started in pro golf as assistant to Bob MacDonald at Edgewater GC in Chicago years ago, then held several pro jobs in Iowa.

Gulf Park Estates, Ocean Springs, Miss., to have 18 to plans of Press Maxwell . . . Open nine at Huron, S.D. . . . Looks as though miniature courses are beginning to catch on in public parks as playgrounds built and operated on lease terms by private operators.

Feature color picture story with diagrams in Chicago Tribune Magazine, Sunday, Aug. 18, shows "a duffer playing Chicago's nine toughest holes." . . . Cheers to a couple 19-year-old golfers who set a good example in well paced play. The lads are George Boutell who defeated Fred Ewald, 4 and 3, on the Scarlet course of Ohio State university, to win the Western Golf Assn. 46th Junior championship, oldest of the Junior tournaments . . .

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Ellsworth D. Cook, jr., now manager of Shaker Ridge CC, Loudonsville, N.Y. . . . Jan Richter moves from manager's post at Oswego Lake CC, Lake Oswego, Ore., to manage Baywood G&CC, Eureka, Calif. . . . Robert J. O'Rourke, formerly assistant manager, Hayden Lake G&CC, Coeur d'Alene, Ida., now at Lake Oswego CC.

Harold A. Mosher, former president, GCSA of New England, died recently in Weston, Mass. . . . His first post as supt. was at Weston GC . . . From there he



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went to Riverside MDC course in Weston, designing and building first nine of that course . . . A heart attack forced his retirement . . . He is survived by his widow, their son, Robert A., a brother and sister.

Tom Scannell moves as supt. Cranmore Prep course in Lenox, Mass., to open the new Albany CC, Voorheesville, N.Y. . . . The Scannell family roster was increased when a seventh youngster was born about the time the new Albany course opened . . . Harry Tynan has succeeded Stan Borasky as supt., CC of Pittsfield, Mass.

Total prize money (official and unofficial) of \$488,277 on Fall tourney calendar (Sept. 5 thru Dec. 8) brings 1963 total to \$2,244,602 . . . That's 12 per cent over 1962 total . . . Pro sales for 1963 are expected to be 15 per cent ahead of previous year . . . Biggest "unofficial" event on fall schedule will be \$40,000 mixed foursome invitation affair Dec. 5-8 at Harder Hall and Pinecrest Lakes, Sebring, Fla. . . Teams will be of 24 PGA circuit players and 24 of the Ladies PGA members . . . Selective drive, alternate stroke . . . It is a very interesting competition.

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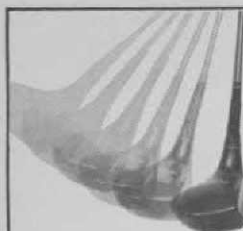
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been selected by the French hosts to be the U.S. Canada Cup team playing in the international pro competition at Saint Nom-la-Breteche near Paris, Oct. 24-27... Palmer and Snead won the Canada Cup in Buenos Aires last year and in Dublin in 1960... Ed Vines resigns as pro at Northmoor CC, Ravinia, Ill., effective end of this season... Ed to continue as pro at Bermuda Dunes CC, Palm Springs, in the winter and will be at Lake Arrowhead CC in the summer.

Charles Olari is construction and maintenance supt. for new Edgewood CC, Southwick, Mass... Ed Fredericks expects to have his new Mt. Everett CC nine in play in the spring of 1964... Dick McGahan, Hart Seed Co salesman, says he's seen mountains of boulders moved in building courses in New England but never a more efficient job of handling rocks than Paul Murphy has done as construction supt. of a new course in Fal-mouth, Mass.

Mary Winifred Corcoran, 23, and her sister, Jane, 19, daughters of George Corcoran, pro at Greensboro (N.C.) CC, seriously injured when their car was involved in an accident near Greensboro... Jane has a broken back and will be in a cast for months... Mary Winifred suffered a broken arm and broken ankle.

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per cent of the gross receipts of the \$125,000 Whitemarsh Open to be played at Whitemarsh Valley CC, Philadelphia. Sept. 30-Oct. 6 . . . Scottsdale (Ariz.) CC course, recently re-opened after being closed for the summer, has been extensively renovated . . . Alamedan Open, to be played in San Jose, Calif., Oct. 31-Nov. 3, has boosted the total purse to \$25,000 from \$10,000 . . . It was started in 1958 as a \$4,000 event . . . British Ryder Cup team will participate en masse in the \$77,777.77 Sahara Invitational, Oct. 15-20 . . . U. S. Ryders Cup players also will help to make up the field of 100 pros.

The youngest participant in the recent USGA Girls' Junior was 11-year old Janie Fassinger of New Castle, Pa. . . Wayne Clark, pro at Rolling Hills CC in Newburgh, Ind., reports that early in August two of his members, playing in the same foursome, had holes-in-one . . . According to 'Divot News', published by the Southern Cal GCSA, 13 members of the organization have golf handicaps of 10 or less . . . Harry Cirata and Ed Teffeteller carry two-stroke handicaps . . . Roy H. Woodman has been promoted to general chairman of the Lucky International Open,

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played early each year in San Francisco . . . This year, Woodman was a vice chairman.

Foxcroft CC, near Jenkintown, Pa., is in the center of a huge new commercial real estate development but it won't be torn up . . . It will be kept as an 18-hole layout with new greens being installed to replace portions of the course that were taken for the development . . . Howard Baerwald, supt. of LaGrange (Ill.) CC, has capped a pipe with a nozzle in one of his lakes and given the players a fountain to look at . . . In its 42 years of existence, Winged Foot in Mamaroneck, N. Y., has had only four pros — Dan Mackie, Mike Brady, Craig Wood and the present shopmaster, Claude Harmon.

Al Besselink, pro at Philmont CC in the Philly area, recently opened a golf center in Bristol, Pa., with a hole-in-one competition and driving contest . . . George Bayer has pointed out that the pros don't like practice areas where the prevailing wind is at their backs . . . "You really have no way of knowing what the ball is doing in such locations," says George . . . Texas Turfgrass Assn. has allotted \$870 to its scholarship fund . . . E. E. Dattner, retired Texaco executive and one of the founders of the Houston Golf Assn., died recently in his home in Houston.

Felix Serafin, for the last 20 years pro at Fox Hill CC, near Wilkes-Barre, Pa., has been in the golf business for 44 years . . . He started as a caddie, became head pro at Scranton CC in 1928 and switched to Fox Hill in 1943 . . . His son, John, is head pro at Colonial CC in Harrisburg . . . Felix has played in several USGA Opens and PGA Championships and took part in two Masters . . . He once transported his clubs to the site of a Pennsylvania Open via a street car . . . Looking ahead, Western Golf Assn. has set the dates for its 1964 Western Amateur . . . It will be played May 13-17 at Tucson (Ariz.) CC . . . Dr. Ed Updegraff is the tournament chairman.

Barbara Romack had to take a six-week rest from the Ladies PGA tour because of anemia . . . She returned for the Albuquerque Open, played in mid-August . . . More than 200 Junior golfers participated in the fifth Lee Hammil Memorial tournament at Los Coyotes CC, Buena Park, Calif., in mid-August . . . About \$5,000 has been raised for leukemia research through this event . . . It is played in

memory of a young boy who was a leukemia victim about five years ago . . . Frank Aldridge and Albert H. Newman are planning a \$35 million recreation center with more than 1,000 luxury apartment units to be built around the perimeter of Old Orchard CC, near Mt. Prospect, Ill. . . . It is going to be a 10-year project.

A reduction in its real estate tax assessment appears to be in line for Cedarbrook CC, Blue Bell, Pa., near Philadelphia . . . The \$1,400,000 property was assessed at \$469,000 in 1962, but a Montgomery county assessment board agrees this was too high . . . It has suggested a \$925,000 valuation and tax of \$308,000 . . . Fourteenth Illinois Invitation of the Chicago Dist. GA will be played at Knollwood CC, Lake Forest, Sept. 14-17 . . . John Paul Jones is the defending champion . . . New Jersey pros shouldn't feel too bad about Wes Ellis winning his second straight N.J. Open title . . . Wes is one of those home pros who holds his own with the circuit regulars.

Levittown, N. J. planning board is considering building an 18-hole course as a community development . . . Board hopes that the state's green acre fund will contribute half of the land purchase cost . . . Mrs. Philip Cudone of Forest Hills won the recent Women's N.J. GA medal play championship by 20 strokes with a three-round 224 . . . She had a 71 the final day . . . Ed Furgol maintains it's time the PGA step in and run its own TV shows instead of allowing promoters to



A four-man team from Japan won the first Francis H. I. Brown International team challenge match, Aug. 24-25 at Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, Colo., defeating the U.S. by one stroke. The winning team is shown with Chick Evans and a gold plaque replica of the \$10,000 solid silver trophy, donated by Brown of Honolulu. Japanese players are (l to r) R. M. Udow, Yoshio Hachiuma, Marquis Naoyas Nabeshima and Susumu Yamagata.

lap up the gravy . . . Baseball and football, Ed points out, reap huge profits for their pension systems without parceling part of them out to middlemen . . . Promoters of the World Series, Furgol says, collect a half million, pay out \$75,000 to the contestants and give the PGA a measly \$7,500.

George Skinner, who worked so valiantly for six years in promoting the Eastern Amateur as tournament chairman, stepped down this year and played in the event at Elizabeth Manor G&CC . . . Starting in 1956, George worked 365 days a year in putting over the tournament for six straight years . . . The 1965 Americas Cup matches will be played at St. Charles CC in Winnipeg, Canada . . . This club is more than 60 years old and the Canadian Open and Amateur have been played over its course . . . People close to the tournament scene say that Whitemarsh Valley CC, near Philadelphia, site of the Whitemarsh Open, Sept. 30-Oct. 6, is one of the best viewing courses in the country.

A year ago, the Ladies PGA had 90 members . . . Now it's up around the 120 mark . . . I.M. (Tex) Bomba, Schieffelin & Co., New York, executive, who helps in putting over the PGA Seniors' Teacher Trophy Championship each year, was the honored guest at a blowout given recently by his working mates . . . It marked his 30th year with the company . . . The million dollar clubhouse and restaurant at Rancho Bernardo (Calif.) CC was officially opened early in August . . .

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Arnold Palmer crowns 17-year old Lynn Cook of Dayton, O., "Miss Arnold Palmer Putting Course" beauty queen in a ceremony at a Dayton course. Lynn won an expense paid trip to Americana Hotel in San Juan, P.R., full set of matched luggage and other prizes in national contest.

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When the final round of the Ladies PGA Championship is telecast by NBC from Stardust in Las Vegas, Oct. 13, it will be the first time the women will be seen in competitive surroundings on a nationwide TV hookup.

National Senior Open, to be played Nov. 20-24, will be held at Del Webb's Sun City, Ariz., retreat for retired citizens . . . More than 300 50-and-older golfers will compete for \$23,000 in prize money and awards over two courses . . . Dutch Harrison is the defending pro Senior champion and Fred Maheu will be attempting to make it two straight titles against the amateurs . . . Ocean Reef on North Key Largo, Fla., in its 12th season, has improved its 18-hole course during the summer as part of an eight-step program of expanding and improving the entire resort setup . . . Bob Toski, Bill Nichols and Charlie Staples are in charge of the golf end of the recreation community.

Trans-Mississippi GA, which has its headquarters in Fort Worth, has set dates for two of its 1964 tournaments . . . The



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Amateur will be played at Broadmoor CC in Colorado Springs, July 6-12 . . . T-MGA's Senior will be held in Las Vegas, Mar. 23-26 . . . Trans-Miss has a scholarship fund for boys interested in turf science and whose objective is to become course supts. . . . Four youngsters are being helped with their schooling at the present time and two more will be given aid in 1963-64 . . . Golf Writer Guido Cribari of the Reporter Digest in White Plains, N.Y., recently potted his first hole-in-one after 27 years of trying.

Byron Nelson recently stated that players of his era hardly ever hit a ball hard, but strived for plenty of rhythm . . . "The hard hitters," quoth Byron, "play spectacularly at time, but they also have their dips." . . . Bill Casper says that maybe Dow Finsterwald is the best putter of them all . . . "He doesn't always hit the greens in regulation figures," Big Bill observes, "but he keeps his scores down." . . . Bob Gardner won the recent Ike Amateur at Winged Foot by coming from behind to nip Dick Siderowf, 290 to 291.

Eddie Bush, pro at Kernwood CC, Salem, Mass., to be winter pro at North Palm

Beach, Fla., this year . . . Bush's assistant, Burl Dale, will handle pro duties at North Palm Beach in the summer . . . Neil White, returning to pro status, to be professional at new Borrego Springs Park (Calif.) CC which opens its first course (a Par-3) this fall . . . Congratulations to Midwest Assn. of Golf Course Supts. on its membership directory and by-laws booklet . . . All 11 major U.S. airlines now have set low prices for hauling golf equipment . . . Western Air Lines, which introduced the practice, continues to charge \$2 and \$3 for some flights . . . On other lines the charge is \$4 . . . Between West Coast cities and Hawaii it is \$9.

Roland Wingate, who resigned as pro at Fort Myers (Fla.) CC, to limit his work to a summer job, is pro at Dublin Lake CC, Dublin, N.H. . . . John R. Coghill, president, Silver Lake CC (Chicago dist.), has opened Rolling Hills Par-3 nine . . . Abbeville (Ala.) Realty Co. building nine and clubhouse on 133 acres . . . Ernest E. Smith, Tequesta, Jupiter, Fla., designed and built new nine for Riomar CC, Vero Beach, Fla., and rebuilt Martin

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Hawley Quier and friends building a deluxe course at Moslem Springs, Pa., north of Reading, to plans of George Fazio . . . Harry Rubendall, pro at Freeport (Ill.) CC, got a laugh out of a line at an accountants' association tourney recently played at his club . . . The line read: "Scores will be accepted as turned in — will not be re-added. Please be accurate." . . . Harry says if accountants make mistakes in golf scores maybe others can be forgiven . . . Eighth annual Suncoast Seniors championship to be played at Sunset G&CC, St. Petersburg, Fla., Jan. 7-11, 1964.

The forgotten man in this day of the golf car is the caddiemaster . . . Yet, I don't recall a year when champion players have had so many good things to say about the selection and training of the kids who carry the bags . . . Fred W. Anders at CC of Brookline turned out an all-star bunch of caddies, according to players in the National Open . . . Ed Barr at Beverly CC where Western Open

was played for benefit of Evans Caddie Scholarship Fund, also had many boys who won high commendation of the players . . . Barr is the caddiemaster who introduced use of batters' helmet by caddies in a crowded practice area.

Joe Jemsek opens his third 18 at Cog Hill in suburban Chicago . . . Dick Wilson designed it . . . Wilson also designed the fourth course Joe is building at Cog Hill . . . That makes two 18s Joe has at St. Andrews, an 18 at Fresh Meadow and one at Glenwoodie, and four by 1965 at Cog Hill . . . Our Joe is doing right well for a smart, hardworking former caddie who first applied his genius in golf business to getting St. Andrews making money . . . He's also got pieces of golf and other sports TV shows.

Luca Barbato, pro at Oakbourne CC, Lafayette, La., shares in running a tournament of 912 oilmen played over four days on the Oakbourne and Lafayette municipal courses . . . The tournament is 11 years old . . . Its field this year was made up of men from 14 states . . . The budget

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Swinging Around Golf

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was \$30,000 . . . Jim Mangum, New Orleans, shot a one-under 142 against the 72 Oakbourne par and 71 municipal par to win the event for a third time . . . There were 32 flights.

Fifth annual Italian Open at Tuckaway CC, Milwaukee, drew a field of 192 and a ton of Italian groceries . . . Paul Hahn made extemporaneous talk on president-pro relations and pro economic situation at Illinois PGA pro-presidents' dinner Aug. 19 that several persons remarked was the most illuminating presentation of the pro's job and its revenue they'd heard . . . Jim Ireland of MacGregor Golf is new president of the Metropolitan New York Pro Golf Salesmen.

W. H. (Bertie) Way, 90, oldest member of the PGA, died in a Miami hospital Aug. 11 after almost a year's illness . . . He was a former president of the PGA Seniors . . . Bertie was born in England and came to the U.S. in 1900 to build the Euclid Club course in Cleveland where he introduced John D. Rockefeller to golf . . . Later he built the Mayfield CC in Cleveland and served as its pro and supt. for

37 years . . . He became pro emeritus in 1950 and was retained on retirement pay . . . He served as a national and local PGA official . . . Big Bertie was one of the noblest golfers of them all . . . He tied for second with George Low and Val Fitzjohn in the 1899 National Open at Baltimore CC . . . Up to a couple of years ago, he played in the PGA Seniors.

John Black, 83, died recently in Pasadena after a long illness . . . John was a Glasgow native who served as a pro in California for 50 years, many of them at Claremont CC and California CC . . . In 1922 he tied Bob Jones for second in the National Open at Skokie CC (Chicago district), one stroke back of Gene Sarazen's winning 288.

J. R. (Bob) Ervine, 57, lately supt., Phoenix CC, died Aug. 4 in a Phoenix hospital . . . He had been supt. at Rolling Hills CC, Tulsa, for 22 years (when it was known as Indian Hills), then was at the Oaks CC from 1936 to 1951 . . . He was supt. at Oklahoma City G&CC from 1952 through 1954 and was at River Oaks CC prior to going to Phoenix . . . He is survived by his widow, a son, Allen, active in course construction and management work and a daughter, Mrs. Jerry Brickner.