

face meeting the ball fairly. We have heard nothing of this lately. Probably its very simplicity has prevented its attracting notice."

(This has been used by Spalding on all clubs as far back as the hickory shaft. It is also a feature of Golf Pride grips.)

Some golfers will recognize these designs and ideas developed by master craftsmen and passed on to us so that we may enjoy the game a little more.

Only two club makers are mentioned by name in Hutchison's book. He says: "The wooden clubs in use by our ancestors would seem to have been of a stubborn, stout and inflexible nature. Then arose a great master clubmaker, one Hugh Philip, who wondrously refined golf club nature. Slim and elegant are the specimens of his art which have descended to us."

* Hutchison was the British amateur champion in 1886 and 1887.

PGA Championship Minimum Purse Set at \$50,000

Minimum purse for the 1964 PGA Championship had been raised from \$33,000 to \$50,000. Total prize money will depend on the gate and will be determined while the tourney is in progress. The 1963 purse was raised from a minimum of \$30,000 to \$80,900, making it the fifth richest of the year's events.

The PGA Championship will be played July 16-19 at Columbus (O). CC. The deadline for entries is 5 p.m. (EST), May 1 at the PGA National Headquarters in Dunedin, Fla. Sectional qualifying rounds of 36 holes are to be played June 1 and players on the tour will qualify at Westchester CC in Rye, N.Y., on June 2.

Exempt from qualifying are all former PGA champions, the 1964 Seniors' Teacher trophy champion, all members of the PGA's 1963 Ryder Cup team, Don Shock, head pro at Columbus CC, current sectional champions, the 1964 USGA Open champion and winners of all major PGA tournaments played between the 1963 and 1964 PGA championship. Also exempt are the 24 low scorers in the 1963 PGA Championship, the 20 leading official money winners of 1963 and the 10 leading money winners of 1964 at the time of the tournament.

The nine national competitions of the USGA during 1963 drew a combined total of 9,666 entries, the second largest figure in USGA history.

Carolinas Bustling with Tourist Resort Golf

Correspondent Jim Anderson in the Greenville, S.C. News sums it up as "the biggest change since Captain William Hilton came sailing along in 1663 on an exploration trip."

Golf in the Carolinas is attracting more and more players every year. During the last 30 years, South Carolina courses have increased from 38 to 101. North Carolina has had a similar growth from 83 to 201. And the course construction boom shows no signs of slackening.

Peak months in coastal golf are March and April, according to Jimmy D'Angelo, pro at the Dunes club at Myrtle Beach. Pro Wallace Palmer at Sea Pines notes that vacationing golfers play every day, often going 36 holes.

Part of the secret in golf activity in this area is its proximity to the populous northeast. Golfers who formerly drove to Florida for winter play now find that they can get up to two days more time on the fairways in the Carolinas.

Carolina weather averages in the 50's during the winter months. The climate is not the equal of Miami but a less than hardy golfer can withstand it. One hotel, the William Hilton Inn on Hilton Head Island, offers a free week the following year if snow falls on the island during a vacationer's holiday.

600 Clubs in Canadian GA

Membership in the Royal Canadian GA passed the 600 mark in 1963. There are now 603 clubs in the organization, an increase of 46 over the previous year.

RCGA sponsored four major tournaments last year. Its Canadian Open was won for the second time by Doug Ford. The Canadian Amateur went to Nick Westlock of Toronto. William Martin, 61, won the RCGA Seniors and Wayne Vollmer of Vancouver claimed the Junior title. Canadian Teams competed in the Americas Cup in Des Moines, Ia., and in the Commonwealth team matches in Sidney Australia.

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