

National Golf Foundation Re-Elects Benkert President

Carl J. Benkert, vice president of Hille-rich & Bradsby Co., was re-elected president of the National Golf Foundation at the annual meeting of the organization in New York in April.

The directors also re-elected Rex McMorris, executive vice-president and George J. Herrmann, secretary-treasurer. Newly elected members of board are Vaughn Clay, Dunlop Tire & Rubber Co., and Fred P. Koehler, U.S. Rubber Co.

Other directors of the Foundation are: William Bommer, Acushnet Process Sales Co.; Joe M. Graffis, Golfdom; Herb Graffis, Golfing Publications, Inc.; William P. Holmes, Wilson Sporting Goods Co.; Robert D. Rickey, MacGregor Co., div. of Brunswick Corp.

69 New Standard Courses

McMorris reported that in the six months from Oct. 1 to March 31, 69 new regulation courses and additions to exist-

ing courses were opened for play; 173 new courses and additions started construction; 13 new Par-3 courses were opened for play and 40 started construction.

California again led all other states in number of new courses opened and those under construction — 11 and 17. Prospects of 488 new courses were reported during the 6-month period. It is anticipated that interest and activity in planning and building new courses will continue at the same pace in 1964 as in previous years.

RCGA Agrees with USGA

The Royal Canadian GA has announced that its 1964 rules will conform with the USGA's in three areas in which the latter doesn't agree with the R & A. These cover the flagstick rule, alternate penalty for an unplayable ball and elimination of the provisional ball for an unplayable ball. It hasn't adopted the USGA ball-out-of-bounds rules, however.

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