

members and \$84 for all other classes.

Revenue and dues income for the 50 city clubs totalled \$56.5 million during the year just ended, \$1.3 million greater than the previous year's total. Operating costs and expenses of \$54.2 million were \$1.1 million higher and the balance of \$2.3 million available for debt service, capital improvements and other financial charges, was up \$212,000, or 10.4 per cent. Of each dollar of total revenue, including dues, 96 cents was required to absorb the current year's operating costs and expenses.

The operating revenue per country club member averaged \$686 during 1964-65, with \$311 representing food purchases, \$164 beverages, \$72 sports activities and \$139 all other services. In addition, annual dues averaged \$424 per regular member and \$205 for all other membership classifications.

The current year's total gross revenue and dues income of 32 million dollars for the country club group exceeded last year's by \$977,000. But this gain was more than absorbed by an increase of \$1,055,000 in total operating costs and expenses. As a result, this year's balance of \$621,000 available for debt service, capital improvements and other financial charges, was \$78,000, or 11.1 per cent lower than the previous year. Payroll and other operating costs and expenses of country clubs absorbed 98.1 cents of each 1964-65 dollar of revenue including dues income.

One big item of expense encountered by country clubs, but not by city clubs, is the maintenance of golf courses. The 50 country clubs had a total of 1,017 holes of golf and their 1964-65 maintenance cost is placed at \$3,639 per hole, an increase of \$134, or 3.8 per cent over the preceding year. During the past ten years golf course maintenance costs have increased an average of \$1,060 per hole, or 41 per cent.

World Amateur Matches

A 16mm, sound-color film of the 1964 World Amateur Team championship, played in Rome, can be obtained from the USGA, 40 E. 38th st., New York, 10016.

USGH Encounters Problems in Northern California Area

United States Golf Handicaps, founded about three years ago to establish handicaps for players who are not country club members and thus do not benefit from the services of the USGA and other golf associations, has filed a suit in the superior court of Santa Clara (Calif.) county against Sanford GC, Palo Alto, and the Northern California GA in an effort to have its handicap system recognized by these two organizations.

U.S. Golf Handicaps alleges that Stanford GC recently barred several players carrying its handicap cards from playing in a member-guest invitational, held at that club. USGH further charges that the Northern California GA has discriminated against it by invoking a rule that only rounds played on Northern California member courses are to be reported for handicapping purposes.

Adopts USGA Compilation

A year ago, USGH adopted the USGA system of computing handicaps. This is based on the lowest 10 of a player's last 25 scores. The USGA, according to USGH, takes into account rounds played on any course.

Bill Brown, pro at Riverside G & CC, Coyote, Calif., started and operates the USGH handicapping system which, in effect, covers semi-private and public course players. He is in a rather ticklish position since Riverside is a Northern California GA member club. However, both Brown and Riverside officials emphasize that the club has no stake in USGH affairs.

Brown says the suit has been filed to protect persons who have enrolled in USGH, and to spare them embarrassment such as they allegedly suffered in the Stanford GC tournament. USGH cards were accepted at this year's Lucky International Pro-Am and at the 1964 Almaden Pro-Am.

Northern Michigan Field Day

Northern Michigan turf field day, sponsored by Michigan State University, is scheduled for Sept. 14 at Traverse City CC. James Beard and Paul Rieke are co-chairmen.