

can do to make it up," one pro in the Massachusetts rain belt declares. "Lessons have been picking up lately, but they will not offset the early season slump." The lesson losses have also changed the attitude of a few head professionals who turned over many of their pupils to assistants in past years. "There is no way I can refuse anyone now," one pro reveals. "My assistant gets a guaranteed salary, plus a commission for lessons. But I can't see him getting any of my spillover lessons this season. I'm going to try and make back at the lesson tee what I lost on car rentals and club sales."

This, then, is how the pro shop picture was being painted in the Northeast in the waning days of a soggy July. And just to compound the problem, a humid heat wave had engulfed the entire East on the heels of the wet weather. "This does it," an already incensed pro growled as he looked out at his deserted course on a sultry afternoon. "I don't know who is in charge of the weather anymore. We used to get an even break in the summer, but somebody up there doesn't like us."

Pro shops in 1972... at least in the Northeast, were nowhere to go to find smiling faces. In most cases the weather had driven the antagonized golf professional to drink, and it wasn't exactly the happy hour, either. □

CLARKE, CARDI IN PGA PREXY RACE; ORLICK BOWS OUT

Warren Orlick, president of the Professional Golfers' Assn. of America since 1970, has announced to sectional and national PGA officials that he will not run for re-election in 1973.

A contest for the office is now shaping up between *Bill Clarke*, professional at the Hillendale CC, Phoenix, Md., and former treasurer and present secretary of the PGA, and *Frank Cardi*, professional at Rockaway Hunt Club, Cedarhurst, N.Y., and a national vice president of the PGA.

At press time, the PGA had received only these two nominations for the office. Sections do have until September 16 to submit bids to the PGA. Elections will be held November 14 in Los Angeles at the PGA annual convention.

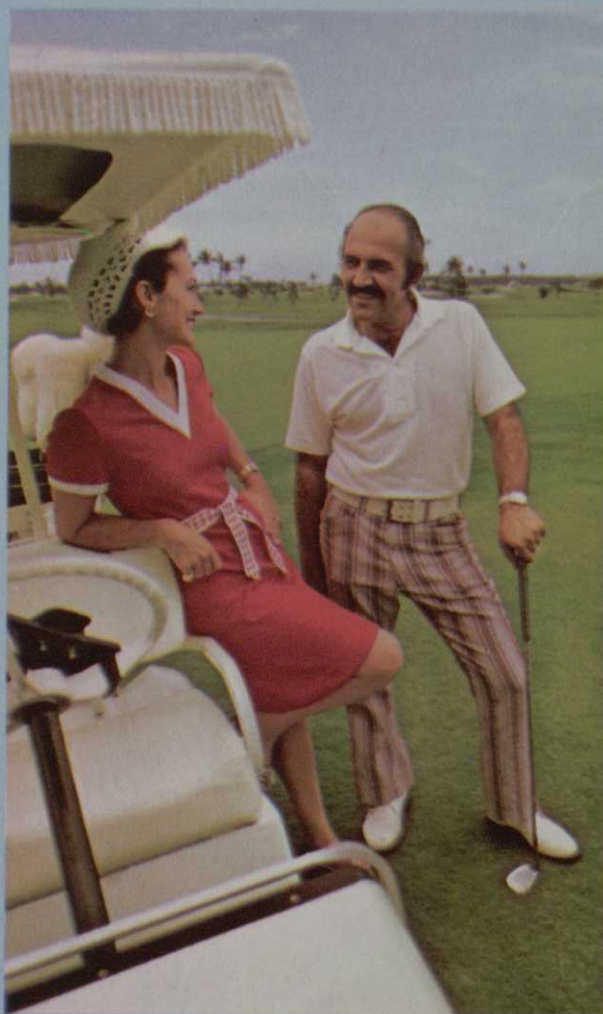
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