

Put PEP in EVENTS

Here's a complete outline of golf events suitable for any club's tourney calendar

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DON'T let your calendar of golf events go stale—your golfers will gradually lose interest and neglect to enter, preferring their own forms of competition. Sweepstakes and straight match-play tournaments are tried-and-true forms of golf activity, but unless novelty is introduced in the program, the very monotony of the events will defeat their purpose.

Below, in compact form but with all essential information included, is a checklist of golf events to pep up a season's program. See that your Golf Committee chairman and your Women's chairman know of this list. Save this issue, or if you prefer, send GOLFDOM a 3-cent stamp for a reprint.

ONE-DAY EVENTS

Individual Play

(A)—*Medal play* (generally full handicap). On 18 holes; on odd numbered holes; on even numbered holes; on even holes first-9, odd holes second-9; on 3-par holes; on 4-par holes.

(B)—*Match play vs. par* ($\frac{3}{4}$ handicap or full handicap). On full 18-holes; on odd holes; on even holes; on even holes first-9, odd holes second-9, or vice versa; on 3-par holes, on 4-par holes.

(C)—*Blind bogey event*. Players estimate their own net scores before leaving first tee. Player closest to "blind" bogey figures selected by committee (generally between 70 and 80) is winner.

(D)—*Kickers tournament*. Contestants may re-play one shot on each hole, putts excepted. A variation is the *Alibi event*, in which the player may replay as many shots as the size of his handicap. Replays permitted anywhere during round.

(E)—*One-club event*. Players carry only one club (a midiron, mashie, or the like) and must use it for all shots on the round.

(F) — *Tombstone event* (sometimes known as a flag event). Each player is given a small marker, such as a flag, and continues to play until he has taken as many strokes as par of course, plus his handicap. The player leaves his marker

wherever his ball lies after this last stroke and contestant going the farthest around course is winner.

(G)—*Fewest putts*. On this event shots from outside the clipped surface of the putting greens are not considered putts.

(H)—*Most 3's, 4's or 5's on the round*.

(I) — *Sweepstakes*. Players entering event sign up for one golf ball each. Player with best net score wins half the balls, runner-up wins one-third the balls, and third place wins one-sixth the balls.

(J)—*Point Tourney*. Players awarded 3 points for each birdie scored, 2 points for each par, 1 point for each hole played in one stroke over par. Player under full handicap; winner is player with most points at end of round.

(K)—*Miniature Tourney*. Contestants, under $\frac{3}{4}$ handicap, play nine holes in morning to qualify. Are then divided into flights of 8 players each; three match-play rounds of nine holes each determine winner and runner-up of each flight.

(L)—*Obstacle Tourney*. Played with or without handicap. Each hole presents some obstacle, (such as a stake to one side of fairway that must be played around, or a barrel just short of the green that must be played through).

(M)—*Mystery event*. Send players out without telling them what type of contest they are entering, other than informing them whether it is medal or match play. After all scores are in, release news of what the event was, and figure up the winner.

(N)—*Par Tourney*. Played under full handicap. On 10 holes of the course award 5 points for each par or better. On three other holes award 10 points for par or better. On three other holes there is a 5-point penalty for players who do not shoot par or better. On the remaining two holes make the penalty 10 points. Winner is player with most points.

(O)—*Replay Tourney*. Any ordinary type of event, with this added feature: each player has privilege of making opponent play over any four shots during round.

(P) — *Cross-Country Tournament*. Eleven holes are played, no hole in the

Gene Sarazen is chosen "Golf's Man of the Decade" in a poll of Associated Press sports writers. Dillon Graham, in a swell story, widely used, tells why Gene's performances in the U.S. and abroad, make "the stubby little Roman, a cocky and courageous competitor," the game's standout man for the 1930s.

usual route of playing the course. Tournament directions supplied each player read along these lines:

TOURNAMENT DIRECTIONS

One	From 1st Tee to 3rd Green
Two	From 2nd Tee to 10th Green
Three	From 11th Tee to 16th Green
Four	From 3rd Tee to 12th Green
Five	From 13th Tee to 4th Green
etc.	

(Q)—*Never-Was-Er, or Consolation.* May be any type of event committee selects, but open only to those players who have not won an event during the season, or ever in their golf career.

(R)—*Get-Acquainted Tourney.* 18-hole medal play with handicaps. Each entrant must play with a partner with whom he has never before been teamed.

(S)—*Syndicate Tourney.* Full handicap. After scores are posted, low net man of entire field on each hole wins a syndicate. Ties carried forward to next win hole and cumulate. Suggested entry: 90c (5c per hole.)

(T)—*Throw Out Tourney.* Medal play, handicap. Each player may throw out his three worst holes; i. e., only 15 holes counted.

(U)—*36-Hole Selected Score.* 36 holes medal play. From two cards, player selects best score each hole, then applies handicap.

Twosome Play

Many of the events listed above, under *Individual Play*, will apply equally well to twosomes and therefore will not be listed here. In addition there are the following special events for twosomes:

(A)—*Choice score.* On 18 holes, odd numbered holes, even numbered holes, or blind holes (generally half the holes of the course, but unknown to the players). In a twosome best-ball contest the score of the player taking the fewer shots, handicap considered, on a given hole, is used.

(B)—More interesting twosome events are where one ball is used, the two players stroking alternately. In such one-ball events all of the contests listed under *Individual Play* may be used. The pairings for twosome play may be limited by special requirements. Among the more common combinations are father and son, pro

and amateur, husband and wife, member and caddie. This last event is particularly recommended to clubs interested in fostering the good-will of their caddies. A spirit of friendliness and co-operation cannot be more easily secured.

(C)—*Average Score.* 18-holes, medal play. Partners average their scores on each hole. Half strokes count. Half combined handicap allowed.

(D)—*Script Tourney.* Furnish each player with \$10,000 of stage money. Each player has a partner; play in foursomes. Pair with the most script after play is over wins. Wins and losses settled whenever incurred as play proceeds. Awards are such matters as: low ball each hole, \$100; low aggregate each hole, \$200; birdies, \$300; eagles, \$500; first ball on green, \$200; first putt sunk, \$200; etc., as the ingenuity of the committee decides. Penalties include: ball in rough, \$100; ball in wrong fairway, \$200; ball hitting tree and rebounding into fairway being played, \$500; fanning, \$300; swearing, \$200; swearing at caddie, \$400, etc.

Foursome Play

(A)—Foursomes can compete, one against another, in a number of the events listed above for individual and twosome play.

(B)—*Monkey Foursome.* In this event each member of the foursome carries only a single club. One ball is played. Each member of the foursome, in rotation, plays the ball from wherever it happens to lie, and with whatever club he has chosen to carry with him on the round. Thus a player may be forced to putt with a mashie or drive with a putter. The four clubs generally carried are brassie, mid-iron, mashie and putter.

(C)—*Blind low-net foursome.* Contestants play 18 holes with whom they please. At conclusion of play, names are drawn from hat and grouped into foursomes; net scores are added to determine winning foursome.

Larger Groups

(A)—*Team matches* of any number of players are always interesting competitions. These matches may be against teams from other clubs or may be one end of the locker-room against the other. Frequently the doctors, dentists, and lawyers in a club challenge the laymen to a team competition. Other combinations will readily suggest themselves.

Scoring is best done by the Nassau system—awarding 1 point for winner of first nine, 1 point for winner of second nine,

and 1 point for winner whole round. Ties earn $\frac{1}{2}$ point for each player.

(B)—*Scorefest*. Teams formed by dividing locker-room into two or more sections. Losing team is the one that scores least points on following scoring system:

Net scores over 100.....	2 points
Net scores 90 to 100.....	5 points
Net scores 85 to 89.....	10 points
Net scores 80 to 84.....	15 points
Net scores 75 to 79.....	30 points
Net scores 70 to 74.....	50 points
Net scores under 70.....	75 points

Novelty Events

(A)—*Driving Contest*. Pick a flat, wide fairway; erect yardage flags every 25 yards from 125 yards to 300 yards. Each contestant gets 5 drives, the best three counting, but only shots in fairways are eligible. A variation: 3 drives only, with 10 per cent of distance deducted for shots off fairway.

(B)—*Target Contest*. Mark 4 circles around cup, largest 35 feet radius; next one 25 feet radius; next 15 feet radius; and smallest 5 feet radius. Establish 3 tees at 50, 75 and 100 yards distance from cup. Contestants play one shot from each tee, using any club. Scoring: Ball in 35 foot circle, 1 point; 25 foot circle, 2 points; 15 foot circle, 3 points; 5 foot circle, 5 points; hole-in-one, 25 points.

(C)—*Putting Tourney*. An 18-hole event on your practice putting green. Winner determined by total putts. In event of ties, all tying contestants play extra holes at "sudden death"; i. e., player is out on first extra hole he fails to halve.

If club has no practice putting green, use the "clock" method on one of regular greens near clubhouse by marking off 9 "tees" around edges of green; each player putts from these 9 "tees" to cup.

(D)—*Approach and Putt Event*. Contestants play 3 balls each from 50, 75 and 100 yards, using any club they please, then putt out. Play to hole should be from different directions for each distance.

(E)—*Swatfest*. Entire field starts off first tee together. High man and all ties drop out each hole. Eventually there will be but one survivor. Be sure players mark balls before starting to simplify identification.

EVENTS REQUIRING SEVERAL DAYS OF PLAY

(A)—*Match play events*. Under this head fall such tournaments as the club

championships, the "southpaw" (or left-handers) championship, the junior championship, the women's championship and the caddie championship. In addition many clubs hold what are known as *class tournaments*, wherein the playing members are divided into classes according to handicap, and regular match play events are then played within each class.

(B)—*Eclectic (or Ringer) Competition*. Contestants post next ensuing 18-hole score. Whenever a player in subsequent rounds betters his score on any hole, the old score is erased and new score substituted. This procedure kept up throughout season. Actual scores are posted; at end of season, each player's final handicap is deducted where strokes fall on card. Player with lowest net ringer score is winner.

(C)—*Round robin*. Each player plays every other player once at match play. The contestant with the highest percentage of wins is the victor.

(D)—*Ladder event*. Contestants listed on a score sheet, one under the other, by net or according to handicap. Any contestant is entitled to challenge any one of the three listed above him to a match. If he wins, he and the man he has beaten exchange places. If he loses, he cannot challenge until he has beaten a player of lower status. Thus players, as they play their matches, are constantly shifting up and down as though on rungs of a ladder, whence name for event. At end of season, player whose name is at top of "ladder" is the winner.

(E)—*Two-man team event*. Best 16 players in club are paired so that their total handicap is approximately equal. This is done by tournament committee, generally near end of season. These teams are then arranged as for a regular match play event and points are scored as in a Scotch foursome (one point for low ball, one point for total strokes on each hole). Winners are the two-man team champions of the club.

Walsh Re-elected Fee Assn. Head—Tom Walsh, Westgate Valley, was re-elected president of the Chicago Daily Fee GA at the organization's annual meeting. M. A. Strand, Bunker Hill, was elected treas., and Dr. A. O. Young, Bunker Hill, sec. J. R. Mahon, genl. mgr. of the Exposition Management Co., has been named executive sec. of the Chicago DFGA.

Recent Golf Divots

FRED BRAND, SR., president of the Tri-State PGA Section since its founding 22 years ago, is sporting a beautiful gold wrist watch these days. The watch was given Brand as a token of appreciation from the Tri-State chapter. Brand has been pro at the Allegheny CC, (Pittsburgh) since 1917. . . . Out Hollywood way, movie actor Bob Taylor is the latest golf addict. Martin Sykes, pro-manager of the Pico Fairways, who is teaching Taylor the fine points, says, "Taylor coordinates well, has good hands, a good head on him, and is an honest-to-goodness student of the game. He might go far."

A total of 4,621 players entered the four USGA championships during 1939. Of this total, 2,401 were in the public links event. . . . They'll have to put up a new women's championship cup at Churchhill Valley GC in 1940. Mrs. J. S. Gish won her 3rd straight club championship last fall to retire the W. W. Martin trophy. . . . Frank Hartig, pro at the Amsterdam, N. Y., muny course, was presented with a traveling bag and accessories by some of the Amsterdam muny golfers, just prior to Hartig's leaving early in January for his Melbourne, Fla., pro post.

Chillicothe, Ohio, golfers are getting the 'golf bug' unusually early this year. Approval was recently obtained for the building of a 9-hole municipal golf course on the site of the county fair grounds. The course is expected to be ready for play by June. . . . Members of Lexington (N. Car.) CC are looking forward to April 1st, when for the first time they will be able to use the new \$15,000 addition to the Lexington clubhouse. The new addition includes new locker-rooms for both men and women, a large assembly room for banquets and dances, a kitchen and a golf shop. Nine more holes are also being added to the Lexington course this spring, which makes the Lexington improvement job one of the season's best.

First annual Northern California Bachelor golf tournament will be held on the Tilden Park course in Berkeley, Feb. 18 and 25. The event will be open only to bachelors. . . . Roy Smith, Hillcrest CC (Indianapolis district) pro for 16 years, is giving group golf lessons at the Bush-Fezle Sporting Goods Co. in Indianapolis

this winter. Among Smith's outstanding pupils in recent years were Harriett Randall Ochiltree, present Indiana women's champion, and John David, former Indiana intercollegiate champ. . . . Jim Barnes, Essex County (N. J.) CC pro, former American and British Open champion, and who won the N. J. state open last year, is giving lessons in a Montclair (N. J.) department store this winter.

David M. Bell has been re-elected president of the Tri-State Golf Course Superintendents Assn. This is his seventh consecutive term. . . . T. H. Riggs-Miller, well known golf architect, and a familiar figure in greenkeeping for many years, died December 27 in Independence, Mo., of a cerebral hemorrhage. For the last five years he had been a resident of Kansas City and came there to re-design Swope Park course No. 1. He was 52 years old. . . . Norman Butler is the new pro at Columbus' (Ohio) swank Scioto CC. He succeeds Joe Thomas. Thomas has been named to the pro post at the Columbus Twin Rivers muny course.

Fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed the Danville (Va.) GC clubhouse late in December. Nothing could be done to save the building because of insufficient water pressure. Loss was estimated at \$20,000 with insurance coverage reported to be \$15,000. Plans are being made for the immediate erection of a new structure. . . . Walter E. Stoddard, retired golf professional, died Dec. 31 in Mount Kisco, N. Y. He was 62 years old. Stoddard had held positions at the Country Club, Brookline, Nassau G&CC, Weeburn CC, Bedford GC and Mount Kisco GC. He spent 20 years at the latter club, retiring when it closed two years ago.

A new body for the promotion of golf in the San Diego, Calif., district was formed recently under the name of the Golf Promotional Assn. of San Diego. As explained by Sydney Gaines, who was elected president, the general purpose of the association is to aid in the promotion of all golfing activity at both public links and country clubs. . . . Minnesota greenkeepers have been going strong for bowling, held just prior to the monthly dinner meetings. Most ardent enthusiasts are Mike Sanko, Len Bloomquist, Harold Stodola, Henry

Aneke, Emil Picha, Jimmy Graham, and Scotty McLaren.

Woodrow Wilson High school golf team of Long Beach, Calif., has won its league championship 8 times in 10 years, has taken the Southern California prep title 6 times since 1930, and every one of the teams has had at least one—and sometimes two or three—who consistently broke par. One year, Joe Nichols, then a 15-year-old kid, equalled George Von Elm's course record of 66, at Recreation Park, which is six under par, three separate times!

Findlay S. Douglas, USGA president in 1929-30, and at present president of the US Seniors Golf Assn., has been appointed assistant to the president of Universal Atlas Cement Co., a US Steel subsidiary. . . . Mrs. Estelle Lawson Page, former women's national champion, recently scored three holes-in-one in a 15-day stretch, making all three on her home course—Chapel Hill (N. C.) CC. She has made a total of 8 aces in her career. . . . Sam Snead has been named pro at the Shawnee-on-Delaware (Pa.) club, succeeding Jimmy Thomson. . . . Colored caddies at Pinehurst are building a 9-hole sand green course near Taylortown, the world's only caddie village. Pinehurst caddies hope to supply a national colored champion.

Workers have recently completed staking out a course on land six miles west of Buffalo, Okla. Plans are now being made to make the course accessible to the golfers, as the nearest highway is nearly three miles away. . . . Alex Gerlak, pro at Catskill (N. Y.) CC, is the recipient of a traveling bag presented by members of the club as a token of esteem and affection. Alex has served the club ably and well for 5 years. . . . The new \$100,000 clubhouse at the Paintsville (Ky.) GC, which had its formal opening recently, rates among the best club structures in the country.

The Wachusett GC in West Boylston, only state-owned golf club in Massachusetts, has recently been purchased by private parties who will operate the layout as a private club under the name of Wachusett View CC. . . . A plan to equalize golf handicaps for interclub and individual competition will be tried by the Northern Calif. Golf Assn. during the next 90 days. The new plan is "primarily for the purpose of equalizing play among golfers from different courses and will prevent chiseling on the stroke allotments. It will not mean much of a change in present handicaps."

Managers to Meet in Detroit this Month

PLANS for the 14th annual convention of the Club Managers Association of America, to be held in Detroit February 27-29, have been completed, according to late word from Jesse G. Wetzel, Detroit Club mgr., and general convention chairman. The program includes an outstanding series of interesting talks, educational features, and entertainment, and CMA officials are looking forward to handling one of the largest convention crowds in the association's history. Hotel Statler in Detroit is convention headquarters.

Many of the delegates and guests are expected to arrive in Detroit Sunday, Feb. 25, and tickets will be available for them for the Ford Sunday Evening Hour, provided advance reservations are made with Wm. F. Roulo, manager of Detroit's University Club and treasurer of the national association. Roulo is also publicity chairman for the convention. Monday will be devoted to registration, informal conferences, board of directors meeting at the Detroit Club, and an informal reception is scheduled for that evening in the Statler English room.

General chairman Wetzel will get the convention officially under way Tuesday morning with the call to order. Right after the invocation an address of welcome will be given by the Hon. Edward J. Jeffries, Jr., mayor of Detroit. CMA president Fred H. Crawford, of Louisville's Pendennis Club, will give the opening address. A business session will occupy the remainder of the morning's program.

Fine Program Announced

Educational program of the convention gets under way Tuesday afternoon and will continue through Wednesday afternoon. Round table conferences with Wm. Roulo presiding at the discussion on city clubs, and John Pomeroy, Red Run GC, Royal Oak, Mich., presiding for the country club group, is scheduled for Thursday morning. Also scheduled for Thursday a.m. is a meeting for women managers only. Mrs. Ruth S. Jones, Oak Hill CC, Pittsford, N. Y., will preside at this conference.

After luncheon in the Statler's large banquet room, the managers will finish up the business end of the convention in Thursday afternoon's sessions. 1940 officers will be elected during the final day's conferences. Annual banquet and dance

A. G. Spalding & Bros., Inc. closed its fiscal year of 1939 with a net profit of \$168,368, a total betterment of \$1,222,760 from its situation 12 months prior. Company continues to maintain a "strong current financial position" in its 63d annual report. Vigorous sales campaign backed by constant modernizing of manufacturing plant and methods makes the Spalding outlook pretty.

of the association will be held in the main ballroom of the Hotel Statler Thursday evening. This will conclude the regularly scheduled part of the program. For the benefit of those who can remain through Friday, arrangements have been made for a luncheon at the Chrysler Corp. Friday noon, after which visitors will inspect the Chrysler plant.

Highlights of the entertainment program include a formal dinner dance at the Detroit Yacht Club Tuesday evening. A luncheon Wednesday noon for both men and women will be held at the Prince Edward Hotel, Windsor, Ont. After luncheon in Windsor, the group will cross the Ambassador bridge and head to Dearborn, Mich., to visit Greenfield Village, Henry Ford's famous museum. That evening, dinner for the managers and their guests will be served at the Dearborn Inn, with old-time dancing afterwards to the music of Ray Gorrell's orchestra.

Women Not Forgotten

Entertainment for the women has been worked out carefully and well; Miss Landrey E. Hill of the Detroit Women's City Club is chairman of this committee. Included on the program are a breakfast at the Women's City Club Tuesday morning, followed by a sight-seeing trip out Lake Shore Rd., visiting the Detroit CC, The Little Club and the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. A style show plus luncheon and bridge will be held at the Grosse Pointe club Tuesday p.m. An 'early bird' breakfast will be held Wednesday morning at the Women's City Club, and prizes will be given to the 'earliest bird.' This breakfast is open to the men, also. Thursday morning, the women managers and their guests will tour the Art Center, and will include visits to the Institute of Art, the Public Library, and the Scarab club. Then luncheon Thursday noon at L'Aiglon.

The complete schedule for the educational program at the convention follows:

Tuesday p.m.—"Modern Club Management," by Prof. Bernard R. Proulx, Mich.

State College; "Our Troubled Times," by Malcolm W. Bingay, Editor, Detroit Free Press; "A Manager Borrows a Member's Spectacles," by G. Harry Davies, Beaconsfield GC, Montreal; "The Importance of Keeping Well," by Dr. Frank A. Weiser, Wayne U.; "Planning for Management and Maintenance," by W. E. Kapp, registered architect.

Wednesday a.m.—"Foods on Parade," by Miss Jane Porter. This will be given in the Women's City Club auditorium, and will be followed by the Pan-American Union sound picture, "Coffee from Brazil To You."

Menu Cover Adds Distinction—An attractive menu cover, inside of which is the customary printed and mimeographed menu, is one of the details that adds distinction to country club service, says Don Rapleye, manager of Wampanoag CC, Hartford, Conn. The Wampanoag cover is a large and striking varnished cover job on which a bold poster illustration of a lobster appears.

Rapleye on his a la carte menus gives members and guests their choice of appetizers, soups or a glass of claret, port or sherry. He says selection of wine has been increasing steadily.

He serves small London biscuits and Maggi sauce as appetizers with wine.

Should Fee Course Charge for Lockers?

A PROMINENT daily fee course operator suggests that fee courses study the locker facilities at bowling alleys.

Says this man:

"Free lockers at bowling alleys help to promote bowling. I'm wondering if we can't increase play at some of our courses by offering free lockers and making a small charge to cover towel use for showers?"

"There is no doubt of free club storage being a factor in getting return play. The inconvenience that players undergo lugging clubs and clothes back and forth does nothing to increase golf play. I don't believe in providing free, steady storage of patron's golf apparel, but I do think that we will make habitual patrons of our courses by allowing players to store their clubs free at our clubhouses."



The camera does not do justice to the fine rolling terrain of the Mark Twain layout.

Fine New Muny for Elmira

By Bart J. Scanlon

THE immense growth of popularity of golf as a game for all citizens is demonstrated clearly by its development in Elmira, New York, a medium sized city of 50,000 population. For a number of years there was agitation for a municipal golf course. In 1926 the city constructed a small 9-hole course on a side hill just outside the city limits. It was located just below Quarry Farm where Mark Twain lived and did much of his work.

The course was not well designed. It was a homemade adaptation of a piece of farm land for use as a golf course. But it grew like Topsy in popularity. In spite of its many limitations it had an average of 300 regular players and on Sundays it was over-crowded. The fairways of this first course were straight and narrow. There were no natural hazards except for the side hill on which it was built. The soil had a stony shale rock underlay on which it was hard to keep the turf. For this reason, the course was expensive to maintain.

Old Course Was Popular

Built originally as a municipal course, the city farmed it out and it was operated by the American Legion on a non profit basis during the years 1931-1934, when Elmira was in dire financial straits.

The universal appeal of the ancient game of golf as a recreation for all the

people is shown by the popularity of this inexpensive course in Elmira. By tapping a new group of people, who had never played the game before, it widened the interest in golf and laid the ground work for the construction of the new ideally situated, professionally designed and well equipped Mark Twain Community Golf Course, which will open its first official season in May of this year.

Starting in 1936, there was a spontaneous city wide group movement among the city's golfers to enlarge the old Mark Twain course to 18 holes. However, a study of the situation soon showed that this was impractical because the topography was not favorable, the soil poor and the cost of remaking and regrading the old course would be prohibitive.

Old Course Abandoned

The public discussion of revamping the old Mark Twain course aroused public sentiment sufficiently so that finally a group of leading citizens led by William Tyron urged the city to obtain the services of Donald J. Ross, famous golf course architect, to make a survey of the situation. Ross was retained by Colus C. Hunter, then City Manager, early in 1937. In the meantime, all the interested authorities had agreed to drop the idea of trying to revamp the old course and to build an entirely new municipal course with the assistance of WPA. This would, they felt,

give employment to a large number of Elmira citizens who were unemployed.

After an inspection of several possible sites within a radius of 10 miles, Ross advised the purchase of the present site located just outside the village of Elmira Heights, about 2½ miles from the central part of Elmira.

The site contained 225 acres of land and its topography was well adapted to the development of a golf course. The soil was gravel with a minimum of rock close to the surface. Ross recommended its purchase and the city acquired title through condemnation proceedings in July 1937. While condemnation proceedings were in process, Ross submitted plans and specifications. These were approved by WPA in May 1937. Work got under way immediately.

Construction Cost \$232,000

Funds expended upon the construction of the new course, including the clubhouse and the equipment house, will total \$232,312.00 according to Carlisle Pontius, WPA Field Director of the Elmira district. Of this total, WPA funds allotted to the project made up \$130,402.00 of the total; the city will expend \$101,910.00. For the most part, the funds allotted to the project by WPA go to pay the wages of workers who were removed from the home relief rolls of the city and employed on the project. Some of the Federal funds were expended for material.

The city's share of the cost took the form of purchase of needed material, use of equipment, preparation of the plans and specifications.

Total cost of the project will be divided as follows: construction of course, including a practice green, starter's booth, caddie shelter, entrance road, parking area, a pump house installation of water system and the erection of 1,000 feet of cyclone fence along highway—\$201,913.84, WPA allocation, \$117,193.00. Construction of a golf pavilion to house dressing rooms, shower-rooms, a pro-shop, and living quarters for the pro, total cost, \$23,933.00, WPA allocation, \$9,852.00. Construction of fire-proof brick building to house mowers, rollers and other maintenance equipment, \$6,656.00, WPA allotment, \$3,356.00.

Unemployed citizens of Elmira, taken from local relief rolls, have been given 1,000 months of employment on the project, Pontius estimated.

On May 27, 1939, WPA turned the

first 9 holes of the course over to the city at a dedication exercise in which Lester W. Herzog, State WPA Administrator, participated. Speaking at the dedication, Herzog said, "Not long ago, golf was regarded as a rich man's pastime. Its play was confined largely to exclusive and expensive country clubs. However, its growth and general popularity during the last two decades has been remarkable. The municipal golf course is rapidly becoming the main-spring in any city recreation program."

Following the brief dedication exercises, Walter Hagen, Tom Bonnar, pro of the Elmira CC; Bill Phillips, member of the city advisory golf committee and Jimmie Hunter, former Finger Lakes amateur champ, played an exhibition match witnessed by a gallery of over 2,000 people.

First Nine Opened Year Ago

After playing the first 9 holes and inspecting the last nine, Hagen pronounced it one of the finest municipal courses he had ever seen.

Following the opening of the first 9 holes last May, the response of the city's golfers exceeded the expectations of the Advisory Committee, indicating that with a modern, well-designed and completely equipped course, Elmira is entering a new era of golf enthusiasm. On week-ends and holidays, the first 9 holes were crowded. At times over 100 persons stood patiently in line at the starters booth waiting their turn to tee off. With the full 18 holes open for play, the committee expects the course will be on a self-sustaining basis.

Annual fee for a resident of Elmira is \$15. Non residents pay a \$20 fee. The green fee for residents is 50 cents on week days and \$1.00 on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Non-residents pay a straight \$1.00 green fee.

Work is still continuing on the last 9 holes and the entire course will be open for play on May 15.

The fairways were seeded with a mixture of redtop, colonial bent and Kentucky bluegrass. The turf produced by this mixture, weathered the most severe drought in years remarkably well. The greens were planted with Washington strain bent stolons. The 83 traps on the course are filled with Pennsylvania white silica glass sand.

During the winter of 1937-38, 500 trees, ranging in size from an inch in diameter to 14 inches, were planted on the course.

When the Mark Twain course held its official dedicatory ceremonies last May, to mark the opening of the first nine holes, a bronze plaque was unveiled near the first tee. Grouped around the plaque (l. to r.) are: . Maxwell Beers, mayor of Elmira; William Phillips, chairman of golf advisory comm.; Walter Hagen; Tom Bonnar, pro at Elmira CC; Carlisle Pontius, WPA field director; and L. W. Herzog, state WPA administrator.



During the winter of 1938-39, over 5,000 trees and shrubs were transplanted. Plans call for the planting of 5,000 additional trees and shrubs before the course is finally completed this coming spring.

Last fall the entire course was top-dressed with a layer of sandy loam trucked from the bed of the Chemung river. The dressing was put on in $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. to 1-in. thickness, and 50 lbs. of grass seed to an acre were sowed. All power lines are housed in underground cables.

The water system on the course has sprinkler heads located near the tees, near the greens and at the 200-yard marker approaching the greens. The bayonet type valves with portable sprinklers are used. A small pump house houses the reinforced concrete tank fed by gravity from the city pressure. A booster pump located in the pump house keeps all the sprinkler heads on the course at a minimum pressure of 50 lbs.

Pavilion Houses Pro Shop

A small but completely equipped golf pavilion has just been completed. A two-story brick building, it has a lounge, pro-shop, a large dressing room for men with four showers and a smaller dressing room for women with two showers. The second floor is a modern 4-room apartment for the use of the pro.

Maintenance equipment is housed in a brick fire-proof equipment house. It contains the following equipment: a 7-gang fairway mower, 7 putting green mowers, a power mower, a sod cutter, a hydro spray, five seeders, two tractors, one with cutter bar attachment, and a $\frac{1}{2}$ ton truck.

Other structures include an open shelter for caddies, a small building for use as a starter's booth located opposite Nos. 1 and

10 tees. All buildings are of brick construction and are uniform in design.

Items of work still to be completed include a parking space below the clubhouse to accommodate several hundred cars, and two tennis courts.

Over 5,000 feet of 6 ft. cyclone type fence is being erected along the exposed area of the property bordering the New York State Highway, Route 17, the Buffalo to Elmira route.

Have 7-Man Advisory Committee

The course is operated by a golf course advisory committee of 7 members appointed by City Manager Ralph Klebes. Their function is to make recommendations concerning the course, stimulate interest in the course among the general public and adopt rules of play.

The operating staff consists of Harry Shepard, the pro, and Wilbur Stone, greenkeeper. Shepard was formerly assistant pro at the Elmira Country Club; Stone was greenkeeper on the old Mark Twain course. During construction, Charles L. Harris and Hugh Murray of the Donald Ross staff, acted as construction superintendents, and Thomas S. Supple, engineer, assistant to the City Manager and Coordinator of the WPA projects of the City of Elmira, represented the city.

Contests held last year included a match play tournament for both men and women, a hole-in-one tournament and two 4-ball tournaments. So far, no one has equaled par for the course and there has been only one hole-in-one.

Elmira golfers are proud of their new course and look forward to the year when the Mark Twain Community Golf Course will be the scene of a National Public Links Championship.

Jock and Otto Fight It Out at PGA Seniors Tournament

VETERAN golfers who long have been taking full ladles of enjoyment from the grand game that has been their life, had the cup running over, often, as they took in the joys and delights that the third annual tournament of the PGA Seniors had in over-abundance. Tradition is something this relatively new tournament has never had to seek. These pro kids, whose golf games, and antics belie their 50 odd years and more, bring the tradition right there with them, and what they've got to give and what they've given to golf and their associates, makes these yearly gatherings a living shrine to what golf has contributed to the enjoyment of living.

More than 60 of those qualified for PGA Seniors membership attended the organization's annual tournament held in Sarasota, Fla., and the brand of golf that was shot over the Bobby Jones and the North Shore courses by these pro veterans on January 13-14, and by Jock Hutchison and Otto Hackbarth in their two 18-hole play-offs on the two days following, was generally of the kind you would only expect from the 'hot boys' on the winter tour. Hutchison and Hackbarth tied at 36 holes with 146, and had rounds of 74 on the first playoff, before Hackbarth, Cincinnati CC pro, won the title in the second playoff with a 74 to Jock's 75. Hackbarth lost the Seniors title last year to Freddie McLeod in a playoff at Augusta, Ga.

Dave Ogilvie, of Augusta (Ga.) CC, was elected president of the Seniors, succeeding George Sargent of Atlanta. W. C. Sherwood, Memphis G&CC, was elected vice-pres., succeeding Ogilvie, and Capt. Charles Clarke, Willoughby, Ohio, was re-elected secretary.

At the Seniors annual banquet, jovial word and action, and *singing*, surpassed even those great times the two preceding banquets have produced. In the words of Tom Walsh, PGA president, who attended the banquet, "the Scotch have the Irish backed off the board when it comes to singing." The great singing this group of honor golfers put out was strictly grade A, according to competent observers.

President Walsh paid high tribute to the Seniors and what they have done for the game, and told that what the PGA

stands for today and what it is doing for the pros, is largely due to what the early pro leaders did in establishing the game on such a high plane. The PGA dedication, which Walsh read to the Seniors, best tells the thought: "Believing that the growth of the game of golf and its high standing in this country is largely due to the efforts of its early professional exponents, and because of their ideals of sportsmanship and ethical practices, the Professional Golfers' Association of America is dedicated to the perpetuation of those ideals."

Walsh told of plans for the better education of pro golfers and asked that the Seniors give the matter all possible cooperation. The new pro plan for education desires, if not demands, that pros in the future be well grounded in business and general education, and proposes a series of golf clinics, affiliated with colleges, in which extra-curricular courses would be offered in public speaking, accounting, and other business.

One of those on hand for the annual Seniors meeting was Willie Hoare, ill for more than 5 years, and who made the trip from Chicago to Sarasota to be with the 'boys' and to play over past triumphs with them. Hoare spoke briefly at a dinner held Friday evening at the North Shore club, on the eve of first round play.

The Sarasota chamber of commerce did their part to make the Seniors stay in Sarasota a pleasant one, and presented each Senior with a crate of oranges.

Leading scores for the 36-hole tournament, in addition to those of Hutchison and Hackbarth, were: Fred Miley and Charles Mayo, tie for third with 148; Jim Barnes and Jack Campbell, 149; Mike Brady, Milton Theobald and George Morris, 151; Fred McLeod and Willie McGuire, 152; E. W. Harbert and Dave McKay, 153. W. H. Way nosed out Val Flood for first honors in the "A" division for players more than 60 years old. Way shot 179, and Flood, at 75, the oldest player in the tournament, took 185 for the 36 holes.

In a practice round held the day prior to the start of the tournament, Willie McGuire, Houston, Texas, PGA treasurer, shot a hole-in-one on the short 4th hole at the Bobby Jones layout.