

Skating, Skiing Do Not Harm Turf

SKIING and tobogganing cause little if any damage to turf provided the areas which are used are kept covered with snow. The injury which does occur is usually due to someone's shuffling across a piece of exposed turf when the surface soil is thawed. Occasionally small areas which have only a thin covering of snow in the morning become bare or nearly so during the middle of the day. If a thin layer of snow is immediately shoveled over such areas it will protect the turf and greatly improve the slide.

For skiing, a long hill sloping towards the north or northeast is ideal. Skiing usually results in more injury to young trees and shrubby than to the turf on a golf course. Therefore, any low trees and shrubs which are near the principal skiing areas and are likely to be largely covered with snow should be marked as clearly as possible.

Turf Unaffected by Ice

Where winters are mild to severe it is possible to use turfed areas for winter sports without any serious injury to the grass, provided proper drainage precautions are taken. It is frequently believed that a sheet of ice will kill turf and that therefore the idea of a skating rink on a turfed area should be tabooed at the outset. Actually, grass is seldom injured merely by a cover of ice. The injury that is sometimes observed associated with ice sheets is usually caused by standing water rather than by the ice and is particularly likely to occur in low-pocketed areas.

The growth of snowmold fungi is encouraged by water and thrives on heavily fertilized grass that is kept covered and wet in the winter. It is therefore important that ample provision is made for the draining of flooded areas when thaws take place. During the warmer periods in winter these fungi may develop on the grass under the ice. To prevent such disease attacks it is well to avoid the application of fertilizer in late summer or fall on areas which are to be flooded.

An application of corrosive sublimate or calomel at the rate of 3 or 4 ounces to 1,000 square feet would furnish additional insurance against possible injury from snowmold. The fungicide may be mixed with sand or screened topdressing and applied uniformly over the area just before

starting to build up the ice sheet. This latter step is not necessary on well-drained areas or where the turf is composed of disease-resistant types of grasses which have not been over-fertilized. Any slight injury to the turf can usually be taken care of by spring seedings.

Any reasonably flat area on golf courses, lawns or parks where water is readily available may be flooded to make a skating rink. The ground should be well frozen before starting to build up the sheet of ice. Not only does this protect the grass but it increases the chances of getting good ice without the formation of troublesome air pockets or shell ice. If there is snow on the ground it should be removed before the area is flooded. Boards 8 to 10 inches wide make a sufficiently high outer wall to the rink to build the ice against, and are easily removed when the ice begins to melt. Packed wet snow may also be used as an outer wall against which to build the rink.

Spray Lightly and Often

Better skating ice is made by frequent light spraying than by heavy flooding. Each successive layer of water should be sufficiently thin to freeze rapidly and not run off the area, since it is this process which causes "shell ice." Every effort should be made to keep the ice free from leaves, cigarette butts, sticks or other dark objects since they absorb the light and heat from the sun and may "burn" holes through the ice.

When such skating rinks are established in public areas such as golf courses and parks it is well, when possible, to have separate rinks for hockey and general skating. Where those who are using the rinks are sufficiently interested in figure skating to justify special consideration, special hours may be reserved for figure skaters or one section of the rink may be set aside for their use.

The establishment of skating rinks on golf courses and parks will do much to stimulate off-season interest in the clubs and parks. In order to continue to attract the skaters, however, the ice must be kept in good condition. Imperfections in the ice due to cracks, "warts," "blisters," etc., should be remedied by filling, planing, spraying or any other satisfactory method.—*Timely Turf Topics of the USGA Green Section.*

Here Are Turf Short-Course Dates

GOLFDOM urges club officials to arrange for the attendance of the club greenkeeper at one or another of the greenkeeping short courses and conferences to be held before the 1941 season begins. Expense of your greenkeeper's attendance should be considered an investment which will be more than repaid in better operating knowledge—and consequent improved course condition—in the months ahead.

Massachusetts

The fifteenth annual winter school for greenkeepers at Massachusetts State College was scheduled to get under way January 6, and to continue through the recreational conference and golf course maintenance exhibition, March 14-16. For the convenience of those who cannot take the full 10 weeks' instruction in one year, the course is divided into two terms—the first from Jan. 6 through Feb. 7, and the second from Feb. 8 through March 14. A certificate is given only at the completion of the full 10 weeks' course, and no one is permitted to take the second term if the first has not been completed. The two terms need not be taken consecutively, however.

The course is under the personal direction of Prof. Lawrence S. Dickinson, chief of the MSC section of agrostology. He is assisted by members of the college staff, and Carleton E. Treat, superintendent at the Montclair (N. J.) CC. The total matriculation fee for the course is \$16.50. For further information address R. H. Verbeck, short course division, MSC, Amherst, Mass., or Prof. Lawrence S. Dickinson, care of the college.

Maryland

The third annual short course for greenkeepers at the University of Maryland will be held January 27-28. Further information and application blanks can be had by writing Prof. Ernest N. Cory, state entomologist, U. of Md., College Park, Md., or by writing the secretary of the Mid-Atlantic Greenkeepers Assn.

Rutgers

Rutgers University's 13th annual one-week course in turf management will be held February 17-21. The 1941 program is different from any presented at a Rutgers greens short course heretofore. A new set of topics is listed for discussion, and several new speakers have been added.

The method of conducting the course will also be different in that the speaker will present his subject in an hour period and this will be followed by 30 minutes of open discussion between the speaker and the audience.

There will be only two topics presented each half day, which gives considerable opportunity for applying the subject matter presented, to practical problems which the various men may have in mind. Tuition for the course is free but a charge of \$5.00 is made for registration. A fee of \$1.00 is also charged for outline of lectures.

Speakers for the course include Howard B. Sprague, J. S. Joffe, E. R. Gross, S. J. Toth, F. E. Bear, H. R. Cox, S. A. Waksman, R. L. Starkey, J. W. Shive, Miss J. G. Fiske, E. R. Biel, T. C. Longnecker, C. C. Hamilton and P. P. Pirone. Applications for registration in this course should be sent as soon as possible to F. G. Helyar, director of resident instruction, College of Agriculture, New Brunswick, N. J.

Penn State

Pennsylvania State College's 13th annual Fine Turf Conference will be held Feb. 19-21. General chairman of the course is Prof. H. B. Musser, associate professor in experimental agronomy at the college. Fred Grau, of Penn State's department of agronomy, will assist Prof. Musser in conducting the course. Further information regarding the conference may be obtained by writing either Prof. Musser or Grau at PSC, State College, Pa.

Iowa State

Dr. S. W. Edgecombe of Iowa State College has announced the ISC short course for greenkeepers will be held March 4-5. The course will again be held in cooperation with the Iowa Greenkeepers Assn. Further information may be had by writing Dr. Edgecombe, ISC department of agriculture, Ames, Iowa.

Michigan State

Michigan State College has scheduled its annual greenkeeping conference for March 13-14. The conference is designed to give instruction in the classification, nature and properties of soils, and the suitability of various soils for greens construction and maintenance. Director of the course is Prof. James Tyson; registration fee is \$1.00. For further information write Prof. Tyson, care of Michigan State College, East Lansing, Mich.

Purdue

Annual greenkeepers short course at Purdue University will be held Feb. 25-26. All educational sessions will be held in the field house, with the annual greenkeepers banquet to be held on the 25th (7 p. m.) in the Memorial Union building. A program somewhat similar to other years is being arranged, and the list of speakers is expected to include Dr. John Monteith, USGA Green Section; O. J. Noer, Milwaukee Sewerage Commission; A. L. Brandon, secy., GSA and editor, The Greenkeepers Reporter; plus several members from Purdue's agricultural and horticultural staff. Complete details on the Purdue conference may be obtained from M. L. Clevett, Recreation Dir., Purdue U., West Lafayette, Ind.

Denver

Greenkeepers short course in the Denver (Colo.) district will be held February 18-20 at the Park Lane Hotel in Denver. The conference is being held in conjunction with the florists and nurserymen's annual short course. Speakers tentatively lined up for the session include O. J. Noer of the Milwaukee Sewerage Commission, and Dr. John Monteith, Jr., USGA Green Section. Further information on the Denver conference may be obtained by writing J. L. Haines, supt., Denver (Colo.) CC.

USGA To Re-Elect 1940 Officers—The USGA nominating committee, Findlay S. Douglas, chairman, presents for re-election in 1941, the same officers and executive committee who served the association in 1940. The report of the nominating committee thus proposes the election of Harold W. Pierce, The Country Club, Brookline, Mass., for a second one-year term as president. The nominations, which are tantamount to election, will be presented for final action at the USGA annual meeting this month.

John G. Jackson, a former president of the USGA, heads the 1942 nominating committee.

Double Tees Lend Variety to Nine-Hole Course

NINE-HOLE courses that want to increase their member attraction without undue expense should give careful study to the possibilities of two sets of tees. Competent architectural advice frequently will give the 9-hole course with an additional set of tees much of the interest of an 18-hole layout.

One of the most interesting two-tee 9-hole courses in the country is that of the Country Club of New Canaan, Conn. Mike Buckley, pro at the club, tells of the additional tees and their effect in expansion of the course's interest:

"The double set of tees at our course has given us shots that we've never had before, and has had the value of giving our members a mastery of shots that stands them to good advantage when they visit other courses. One of the instruction problems of the pro is that of teaching the member how to study a course and plan shots accordingly and I have found that the emphasis on shot-planning provided by different tees for the same green has been educational, both for the members and myself.

Added Maintenance Cost Is Low

"James Scott, our greenkeeper, says that the additional maintenance cost of the extra tees is not much. He points out that division of tee wear by the addition of an extra set of tees reduces the expense of keeping one hard-used set of tees in the first-class condition our members want—and get.

"We were careful not to place the additional tees too far from the preceding green, so the walks from greens to tees are not tedious, nor do the new tees' locations appear to be merely an afterthought.

"Tees of the first 9 holes have white markers; the second, red.

"We have only one tee for the first and tenth holes. The second green is

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Press book of the LA Open, published and circulated by the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County in cooperation with LA Junior C of C, is the most complete job of compiling pre-tournament information GOLFDOM has seen. Among other information the booklet records that \$193,880.96 has been the total cost of the LA Open, 1926-40 inclusive.

played from 190 and 280 yard tees. The third green is 490 yards from one tee and 458 from the other. The fourth has distances of 300 and 340 yards, with a dog-leg that makes the hole from the different tees two entirely different problems in golf.

"The fifth green has both tees of about 115 yards but at different angles from the green. The sixth has distances of 420 and 475 yards. The seventh is 340 yards from one tee and 373 from the other. The eighth has one straight line 310 distance, and from the other tee a slight dogleg hole of 330 yards.

"At our ninth, from one tee the hole is 300 yards in a bee line and a bit of a dogleg for 350 yards from the other tee.

"It has been our experience that this ingenious arrangement of tees has given us one of the most interesting courses in the smaller cities of the country, and the course, together with our swimming pool and tennis courts, give us a well-balanced country club plant that will more than hold its own with the plants of other clubs in towns of comparable size."

GSA's Indianapolis Rally Goes Over in Big Way

THE GSA sectional educational conference, equipment show and golf tournament held in Indianapolis October 27-29, was an event that long will be remembered by every greenkeeper who attended. The conference was a success from every viewpoint, and just to make sure the event would receive the national attention it deserved, Emil Masciocchi, superintendent at Chicago's Onwentsia Club, shot two record-breaking rounds in the annual GSA championship to post a score of 135, and thereby win the greenkeepers' golf title.

When the first educational session got under way Monday, October 28, within the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, everybody was still talking about Masciocchi's victory the day earlier. ('Mashie's' rounds included a final 64, seven under par for the 6,700 yard championship Speedway course—runnerup was the defending champion, Don Boyd, who was 16 strokes in arrears).

A short talk by GSA President John Gray got the program under way, and he was followed by Dr. George Scarseth of Purdue University who enlivened his talk on general greenkeeper problems with many humorous remarks that put the 'boys' in just the right mood for the first

technical subject of the day, "Present Economic Trends," delivered by Dean M. O. Ross of Butler U. Dean Ross' words proved exceptionally interesting to the greenkeepers, who are generally somewhat unaccustomed at greens educational conferences, to listening to a subject covering national and international general business matters which affect everyone's future life.

Other subjects included a talk on how to express oneself, by Prof. Lee Norvelle, director of speech, Indiana U., and "Fairway Watering," led by Prof. Scarseth, and assisted by John Darrah. The greenkeepers' banquet held Monday evening at Indianapolis' Claypool hotel, was attended by 150. Eugene Pulliam, publisher and radio operator, was master of ceremonies.

General chairman of the conference was Carl Bretzlaff, Meridian Hills (Indianapolis district) CC supt. Carl got help, too, from C. W. Harvey and many other Indiana greenkeepers, in putting the show over so successfully.

Phoenix, Denver Awarded Top WGA Tourneys

THEODORE BUTZ was elected president of the Western GA at its annual meeting, Chicago, Dec. 12. The organization's 1941 Open was officially awarded to the Phoenix (Ariz.) CC., and its 1941 amateur to the Broadmoor (Colo.) CC.

The association is planning an energetic publicity campaign to increase the Evans scholarship fund during 1941. Evans scholars at Northwestern University have received more than \$50,000 as a result of the financing begun with Chick's contribution and continued by the WGA.

A remarkable scholastic and post-graduate showing made by the Evans scholars has identified the work as one of the stand-out jobs done by any golf organization. Details of the enterprise are seldom known to golf club officials and members, and it's this condition the WGA resolved to correct.

Nathan Ayers Is Sedgfield President—

Nathan M. Ayers, prominent young executive and sportsman, has been elected president of Sedgfield (N. C.) Club, where the opening rounds of the annual \$5,000 Greater Greensboro Open will be played this spring. The club's newly elected board of directors also named Frederick Johntz, of Winston-Salem (N. C.), as club manager. Mrs. Orville White, wife of Sedgfield's popular pro, was re-elected to serve as club secretary.

Detroit Awaits Annual Turf Show

By Karl Sutphin

Book-Cadillac will be headquarters for superintendents' four-day meet.

GREENKEEPERS will play a return engagement when they move into Detroit, Mich., Feb. 4-7 for the fifteenth annual National Turf Conference and Equipment Show of the Greenkeeping Superintendents Assn. Detroit was the scene of the national greenkeepers first convention 14 years ago.

This No. 1 greens affair is now strictly 'big time'; it's a conference to which many clubs annually send their greenkeepers at the clubs' expense, figuring the investment as a definitely profitable maintenance item.

Because last year's conference and show in New York City was one of the largest in the association's history, Detroit district greenkeepers, who will be convention hosts, know they have a big task ahead if they are to surpass that one in point of numbers. But they're working confidently to that end, and are receiving the 100% cooperation of the Detroit District Golf Assn., and its secretary, Edward L. Warner. The Book-Cadillac hotel in Detroit is convention headquarters; exhibits, meetings, the educational program and the banquet will all be held in the confines of this famous 1,200 room hotel.

General chairman for the conference is Herb Shave, silver-haired veteran of the famous Oakland Hills CC, site of the 1937 National Open. Assisting Shave, of course, is John Gray, GSA president, who resides right across the Detroit River in Windsor, Ontario. Members of the educational commission in addition to Shave are: Bruce Matthews, Green Ridge CC, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Jim Provan, Red Cedar GC, Lansing, Mich.; Ben Bertrand, Burroughs Farms GC, Detroit, and Hiram Godwin, noted turf expert of Detroit.

The conference and equipment show will be opened Tuesday, Feb. 4, at 10 a.m. by the Hon. Mayor Jeffries of Detroit, and

the balance of the day will be devoted to inspection of the displays. Exhibit space sold to date equals that of last year's show in New York, and a new all-time high is expected to be set in number of exhibitors. GSA officials are also planning a contest this year that requires attendance at each of the display booths in order to qualify for a shot at the prizes.

Program Features Listed

Educational program begins Wednesday, Feb. 5, with lectures each day thereafter starting at 2 p. m. The following program is purely a listing, as the order of appearance has not yet been determined:

"Weed Control in Fairways and Rough," by Fred V. Grau, agronomist, Penn State College, and H. C. Purdy, supt, Toronto GC, Toronto, Ont.; "Rates of Seeding and Fertilizing," by J. W. Bengston, agronomist, USGA Green Section; "Insect Pests and their Control," by Ray Hutson, entomologist, Michigan State College; "Top-dressing Greens," by James Tyson, Michigan State College; "Soil Germs—Their Role in Compost and Special Fertilizers for the Golf Course," by M. L. Turk, Michigan State College; "Qualifications of a Golf Course Supt.," by C. H. Smith, green-chairman, Essex G&CC, Windsor, Ont., and Willie Smith, supt., Red Run GC, Royal Oak, Mich.

"Turf Diseases and their Control," by John Monteith, Jr., USGA Green Section; "Landscaping of Golf Courses," by Bruce Matthews, supt., Green Ridge CC, Grand Rapids, Mich.; "Public Golf Courses," by H. L. Bancroft, supt., City Parks, Lansing, Mich., and Reuben Scott, supt., Detroit municipal golf courses.

Educational chairman will be Dr. James Tyson, Michigan State College; honorary educational chairman will be M. E. Farnham of the Philadelphia (Pa.) CC.

Annual greenkeepers banquet will be held Thursday evening, Feb. 6. Harvey Campbell, vice-president of the Detroit Board of Trade, will perform as master of ceremonies. Among the speakers scheduled for the banquet session are



Herb Shave

One of the most elaborate and largest American golf club publications was the 50th anniversary number of the Tee Leaf of the Ridgewood (NJ) CC. The book had 104 pages and cover. Much historical data was presented, together with many views of club facilities and events.

Edgar A. Guest, of "Heap O'Livin'" and "Just Folks" fame, and Herb Graffis, editor of GOLFDOM.

In charge of the banquet and general entertainment is Dave Kennedy, Birmingham (Mich.) CC, assisted by Hugh Murray, Bloomfield Hills CC, Detroit. The welcoming committee is headed up by the president of the Michigan-Border Cities Golf Supts.' Ass'n.—Clarence Wolfrom, Maple Lane GC, Warren, Mich.; Reuben Scott, Detroit many courses; Ward Cornwell, Walnut Hills CC, Lansing, Mich.; and Roy Jones, Lansing CC, Lansing, Mich.

Reuben Scott (on the welcoming committee) has been with the City of Detroit for 22 years, built 4 of their 5 courses and promises to tell how they play better than 200,000 rounds of golf per year over them.

Business sessions of the GSA board of directors will begin Sunday the 2nd and continue through Friday with the annual election of officers slated for Friday morning's session.

Charley Burns, Good Park GC, Akron, who has done such fine work in publicizing recent greenkeepers annual conventions, is again on the job, which is tantamount to saying that what the greensmen do and say in Detroit will be common knowledge throughout the country. Assisting Charley is Willie Smith, supt. at Detroit's Red Run GC.

Burns informs GOLFDOM that for entertainment (the publishing variety), trips through Detroit's famed motor plants, a visit to Ford's noted Greenfield Village, visits to local department stores, and a ferryboat cruise through Hiram Walker's distillery across the river in Maple Leaf Land, are available.

Large Equipment Exhibit Sure

Those who have reserved exhibition space, to date, for the 15th annual equipment show are: Worthington Mower Co.; Toro Mfg. Corp.; Jacobsen Mfg. Co.; Skinner Irrigation Co.; Fate-Root-Heath Co.; Chas. Pfizer & Co.; Soilicide Laboratories; Terminal Sales Co.; McClain Bros. Co.; Buckner Mfg. Co.; O. M. Scott & Sons Co.; Milwaukee Sewerage Commission; GOLFDOM; C. B. Dolge Co.; Ideal Power

Dates and sites for USGA-conducted competitions during 1941 have been announced as follows:

NATIONAL OPEN—June 5-7 at Colonial Club, Fort Worth, Tex.; entries close May 13; sectional qualifying rounds May 26.

NATIONAL PUBLIC LINKS—July 14-19, Indian Canyon Golf Course, Spokane, Wash.; entries for sectional qualifying rounds close June 9; sectional tests June 27-30; entries close for qualifiers July 3.

NATIONAL AMATEUR—August 25-30, Omaha (Neb.) Field Club; entries close August 1; sectional qualifying rounds August 14.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL—September 8-13, The Country Club, Brookline, Mass.; entries close August 18.

The USGA also announced the national collegiate golf committee has scheduled the 1941 National Intercollegiate for June 23-28 at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

Lawn Mower Co.; Mallinckrodt Chemical Works; Standard Mfg. Co.; Perfection Sprinkler Co.; L. R. Nelson Mfg. Co.; Bayer-Semesan Co.; Ferguson-Sherman Co.; Roseman Tractor Mower Co.; Sherwin Williams Co.; Grasselli Chemicals Dept.; Agricultural Insecticide Co.

Chairman of the Show Committee is Don Boyd, Portage CC, Akron, Ohio.

CHICAGO is to have two Open tournaments in 1940. The Chicago District GA Open will be played about the third week in July at a club to be named later. CDGA Open prize money will be \$5,000.

The Tam O'Shanter Open will be played Sept. 4-7 at the Tam O'Shanter club where the Chicago Open of 1940 was won by Dick Metz. With \$11,000 prize money it now stands as 1941's top money event.

CDGA and Tam O'Shanter club officials are cooperating closely on both events.

Keiser Shoots 60 at Portage—Herman Keiser, assistant to Al Espinosa at Portage CC, Akron, O., has set a new course record of 60 over the par 71, 6120 yd. course. No aces were on the Keiser card. There were two 84s and an 89 in the four-some with Herman's 60.

Al had the former record of 62. Espinosa declares that when the Keiser boy gets accustomed to the fire of tourney battle he will be sensational.



Business boomed at this 14-acre pitch and putt golf practice course when 33 1,500-watt floodlights were installed.

Floodlighting Pays!

By John Hollenbach

WITH increasing popularity of night-time sports, installation of floodlighting for country club activities is receiving serious study. Chairmen of entertainment and house committees, pros, and those concerned with dining room patronage and club finances are finding the multitude of amusement centers weaning away members during the evening. On the other hand, golf clubs that pioneered in floodlighting installations are enjoying greatly increased attendance and revenue.

That floodlighting is paying dividends in golf can hardly be questioned. Operators of driving ranges find their investment in floodlighting equipment paying off with astonishing speed. Miniature putting courses are staging a comeback with floodlights. Pitch and putt courses, with their extensive layouts covering many acres of land, successfully use floodlights for night-time attendance.

Quoting from a letter received by a company specializing in floodlighting

equipment, an Eastern operator of a pitch and putt course writes, "Attendance at our Tracydale golf course during the first two months following the installation of your floodlights reached a high of 12,000."

There are many possible applications for floodlights at golf clubs. Putting greens can be illuminated for evening practice or putting contests. Playgrounds set aside for members' children can be well lighted as evening approaches. Outdoor swimming pools become fascinating under the influence of powerful floodlights. Tennis courts can be lighted, golf instruction can be carried into the evening hours at practice tees.

Undoubtedly the underlying reason for the tremendous success of night-time sports is the development of the modern floodlight itself. Previous attempts to light up small areas had been undertaken with limited knowledge of lighting problems and without equipment available for this specific purpose. When big league



Miniature golf staged a comeback after proper floodlighting was applied. Eight floodlights illuminate this large layout.

Chicago District GA has issued a bulletin urging its member clubs to assure drafted employees that their jobs will be given back to them following their military service period.

baseball "turned on the light" for night games the amazing success of the venture caused manufacturers of floodlights made for industrial usage to open their eyes to the sport field for their products.

Not only are modern, efficient floodlights available today, but skilled illuminating engineers have entered the sport arena—engineers who can inform you as to how many floodlights would be required to effectively light certain areas, what light meter readings should be for various sports, how high the mounting poles should be, and other data necessary for proper installations.

Managers Key for '41 Meeting in Buffalo

CLUB Managers Assn. of America is drafting its convention program for the annual session which will be held at Hotel Statler, Buffalo, March 10-13.

The past year the association has enjoyed a record gain in membership, more than 125 having been added to the roster. Activities of the association have been conducted by the national body and local chapters on a most practical basis with the former idea of emphasis on the social gathering angle being virtually restricted to the Monday-off jousts at golf.

During recent administrations the Managers' national conventions have been concerned seriously with club operation problems rather than with demonstrations of perfect club dining affairs, although such events at noons and evenings during convention dates always bring forth sparkling ideas for visiting club managers to apply at their own clubs.

Fred Crawford, manager of Louisville's famed Pendennis Club and president of the CMA, and his administrative associates, are sifting convention program suggestions received from country and city club managers and elected club officials in making assignments and time allotments for convention addresses.

From present indications considerable attention will be given to club patronage development. A general pick-up in industry promises to place more adminis-

trative responsibility on club managers due to inability of elected officials to devote time to club affairs. Consequently problems of club financial operation also are due for clinical treatment at the CMA huddle.

In view of the prospect of club operation under general conditions differing greatly from those of the previous few years, men and women managers in attendance at Buffalo are scheduled to do expert gazing at the crystal ball in determining club operating policies for 1941.

USGA Rules Ex-Champions Can Skip Open Qualifying

FORMER winners of the USGA Open championship will henceforth be exempted from sectional qualifying rounds and will be automatically eligible for the Open championship proper upon filing entry. This decision by the association's executive committee will become effective for the 1941 Open.

Heretofore exemptions have been granted only to the 30 lowest scorers and those tying for thirtieth place in the previous year's championship, and to the professional of the club entertaining the current year's championship if he has been the club's professional at least one year. All such exemptions will again be granted for the 1941 Open.

However, effective as of the 1942 championship, the number of exemptions granted by reason of performance in the previous year's championship will be reduced to the 25 lowest scorers and those tying for twenty-fifth place. This number will include any former champions finishing among the first twenty-five and ties in the 1941 Open.

Recreation Bill Awaits Study.—Apparently resting in peace in the files of the Committee on Education of the House of Representatives is Bill H. R. 10606. This is the National Preparedness Act for Health Education, Physical Education and Recreation in Schools and Summer Camps. It was introduced by Rep. Pius Schwert of New York, a Yankee outfielder "way back when."

The part of the bill that may concern golf pros is that providing for "activities to develop physical and social fitness." This calls for "special instruction and supervision."

Pros Report Smooth Progress in '40

Quiet 24th conclave displays notable teamwork and unity in PGA activities.

ANOTHER PGA convention on the constructive side went into the records as the pro association held its 24th annual meeting at the Morrison hotel, Chicago, early in November.

Tom Walsh was re-elected president. Only change in the official batting order was retirement of Capt. Charles Clarke for Frank Sprogell, Kent CC, Grand Rapids, Mich., as sec. The old political extravaganza was displaced by the themes of how to make a living and how to strengthen the game and the clubs.

The only controversy worthy of note concerned American citizenship as an essential of PGA of America membership, and it was handled calmly and impersonally. The matter was highlighted because some old-timers are partially dependent on British war pensions, therefore an ironclad rule could be an edict unbecoming to sportsmen in passing judgment on unfortunate colleagues whose torsos might be ballasted with slugs, whose lungs might be shrivelled by gas, and whose incomes might be puckered by the vicissitudes of pro golf.

An educational session at which pros and amateurs reviewed pro business and education progress and suggested lines for future work was a feature of the convention's concluding hours.

The President's dinner again was one of the highlights of the meeting, with 309 dinners being served. Master of ceremonies was Frank T. Sprogell, who introduced an impressive list of local and national golf officials, and radio and newspapermen. Tom Kelly's kids put on some swell entertainment as part of a show staged by the Illinois section, with Alex Cunningham acting as chairman of the entertainment committee.

High spots of various reports:

President Tom Walsh—PGA ball deal being ironed out in accord with Federal Trade Commission opinion.

Silver anniversary of the Association to be celebrated at the 1941 PGA Seniors championship.

Recommended cash award to medalist in PGA championship, in addition to Alex Smith memorial medal.

PGA sections have been responsible for approximately \$50,000 to American Red Cross. The Detroit match netted over \$12,-

000. Acting on suggestion from Jack Fox, pres., New Jersey section, PGA of America also contributed a Red Cross ambulance to Britain.

PGA caddie educational program lauded by USGA officials and many club officials and members, and the press.

Educational conferences of PGA in collaboration with various colleges and universities were inaugurated with great success and promise of tremendous potentialities.

Advised planning for PGA members to cooperate in government's physical fitness campaign.

Suggested assistance, when needed, to drafted PGA members.

Senior PGA Committee—Field in 1940 championship 50 per cent larger than 1939. Sarasota, Fla., is to have 1941 Senior PGA championship Jan. 10-12.

Section Boundaries Committee—Propose neutral zones of 40-50 mile width at present boundary lines. Members living within such neutral zones permitted to select section most suitable for him.

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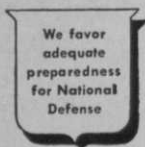
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