

GOLF IN WARTIME

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EIGHTY to eighty-five per cent of club members are in the service, production, Red Cross or other similar war relief societies. Almost every club has put on tournaments for the selling of War Bonds and Stamps or raising money for war benefit organizations. The taxes clubs pay to federal, state and local governments amounts to a huge figure. Golf's primary contribution is that it provides a place for families to gather and keep themselves in good physical condition as well as relieving their minds of constant war strain.

The golf club is an institution in its community. By all means it should continue to operate in order that our men, women and children will be strong and healthy and will weather this storm. There is no better place for exercise and relaxation than at the club. For this reason, and many more, each member should exert his every effort to keep his club in operation.

Naturally, if it wasn't for the members there wouldn't be any clubs. The real and true member will stick. He owes it to his family, his nation and to himself. The club affords him the exercise and relaxation his body demands to keep Home Front production up. There is no question in my mind about his buying War Bonds and Stamps. He is one of the regular purchasers and is doing his share. Then too, he has furnished sons and daughters for both the fighting and home fronts. He pays his bills in a way that keeps the wheels of our nation rolling.

Pro's Duties Are Obvious

The golf pro is well aware of his duties on the home front. He must see that his club and its members are well taken care of. He must get them out on the course in good spirits, to relax and get much-needed exercise. He must run tournaments on the week-ends, sell bonds and stamps and stage exhibition matches for war relief. He canvasses his members for all old golf balls to be reconditioned because he knows if this is done there will be enough balls to play with for the duration. It is the pro's job to see this through and he will do it. Transportation can be arranged with a little thought and effort. Many clubs have found means of getting their

members to the clubs by using horse-drawn vehicles.

Manufacturers have given their plants over to war production. They are doing a big job. Their only golf business left is making old balls over so that there will be enough for the clubs and players. They have also rendered another valuable service—planning an industrial recreation program for plants that are interested in keeping fighters on the home front in good shape to produce.

Associations—The national golf associations along with all of the sectional, local and state organizations must carry-on with their job in helping clubs, Red Cross and other war benefit organizations to keep golf alive and keep this country as it should be for our boys when they return. All associations, no matter how large or small, should do and are doing everything in their power to keep clubs surviving.

The radio and press has helped tremendously and it is our sincere hope that their co-operation and splendid work will continue in the future.

Impressive Fund Total

As close as we can check, golf is in second place as far as raising funds for war effort. Taking into consideration that there are just a few over three million golfers that played last season this shows what can be done and I want to congratulate the golfers of the U. S. Every golfer, association, club, pro and manufacturer pitched in and did his bit. All of our leading players, amateurs, professionals, along with radio and screen stars, helped to make this possible.

Plans are set up for a number of local matches to be staged in the various PGA Sections for War Relief and bond selling. The American Red Cross, USO, and other organizations, will give us their full support. Our star players, amateurs (men and women) and professionals, will find time other than their war work, to play in matches when called upon. Betty Jameson, Patty Berg, Babe Didrickson and a number of other women stars will be glad to play. McSpaden, Armour, Hagen, Sarazen, Wood, Nelson, Kirkwood, Dutra, Dudley, Demaret, Hines, Diegel, Revolta and several others, have done and will do

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Keep turning in those old balls — in hundreds, in thousands so that we can sound the "all clear" for the duration. To give your members an honest picture of the situation, why not tack up this ad on the club bulletin board? A. G. Spalding & Bros., Division of Spalding Sales Corporation.

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GOLF BALL SALVAGE PLAN

a lot more for the war effort by participating in war relief matches. Lieut. Bud Ward and Corp. Pat Abbott have received permission to play in such local matches that are staged for war relief. It is preferable that the matches be staged over the week-end and, of course, at a club which is easily accessible.

Many clubs will invite service men on leave to a round of golf. Likewise, there are a number of USO centers where playing equipment can be had by these service men for the asking. All PGA members are behind this plan 100% and will do everything to see that the boy in uniform is made to feel right at home.

Caddie Program to Start

Our most recent move, which I think is very vital other than "all-out" for the war effort, is the Caddie Welfare program. This phase of golf has been sadly neglected in a good many sections and at clubs throughout the country. Our young boys need training and we feel that the PGA working along with the Western G.A., can help in this picture and aid the youngsters from 12 to 17. Boys in high school and grammar school should keep themselves fit during these times by staying out in the open. Caddying would be to their advantage. During the summer vacation, there are a number of boys who come out to the clubs but may have to wait several hours for a job. The PGA and WGA are working on a plan whereby some form of recreation will be provided at the club for the boy while he is not caddying. There is a big job to be done for the caddie and there is no better time to inaugurate it than at the present.

During the past year, golf has been seriously handicapped by an adverse psychological influence, due to the fact that many who wanted to play the game and get beneficial exercise were afraid that they would appear unpatriotic by doing so. This was a stigma that for some reason did not appear to attach to any other game.

The PGA cancelled all tournament play in order not to impede the will to victory in any way. But I have never felt that it was unpatriotic for people to get relaxation and open air exercise. For that reason, I made an effort to get in contact with a representative of the Government in order to find out just what official reaction would be to this situation.

I saw Paul V. McNutt, Chairman of the War Manpower Commission, and explained this matter to him. Mr. McNutt was sur-

prised to learn that this psychology prevailed. He said that he had never before heard that this was the feeling.

Mr. McNutt pointed out that there was a physical fitness division in the Offices of Defense Health and Welfare Services of which he is a Director. He pointed to the emphasis which the armed services place upon physical fitness through recreation and exercise. While certainly professional sports can never expect any kind of favored treatment either in draft deferment or in competition with essential or war-time industries, recreational sport as such, he felt, would be a good thing.

This, of course, does not mean that they should disabuse transportation privileges, for it is of paramount importance that transportation remain primarily for winning the war. But if country clubs can provide horse-drawn vehicles to get their players to the courses, or if people can reach them by public conveyances, there is no reason why they should not play in their spare time. Only in their spare time, of course. The war effort comes first, but don't be afraid to get out and exercise and relax on the golf course at the right time. Our enemies are great believers in physical fitness. And we have always been the most physically fit of nations, as witness our Olympic Games record. Let us remain so, but never forget that our prime aim in life is to win the war—and win it as soon as possible.

Don't feel that it is unpatriotic to play golf.

Chicago Managers Relax—Chicago District Club Managers' Assn. held their annual stag at Medinah Club, Chicago, March 26. The evening gave the managers and their purveyor friends a chance to get together and enjoy a few hours relaxation. That kind of get-together was quite a change from the serious managers meetings to discuss management problems that are getting more acute.

Gardens for Caddies—Remember the caddies in Victory Garden plans. Some of these youngsters may welcome the opportunity to bring home some garden produce as well as earn cash from the golf club. Victory Garden work, will give them a hand in war production while awaiting their call to caddying assignments. The caddie section of a club Victory Garden would have great publicity value for the kids and the club.

"At Ease, Men", at Palm Springs



L. B. Icely, taking a bit of his own advice to men to relax once in a while to be in better shape for tough jobs of wartime, visits Palm Springs, Calif. (Left to right) George Howard, pro at Palm Springs in winter and Canton (O.) CC in summer; L. B. Icely, president, Wilson Sporting Goods Co.; George Shaw, long-time True Temper shaft representative and now of Wilson's Pacific Coast division; Thomas A. O'Donnell, owner of Palm Springs and noted veteran oil magnate.

More rounds of golf have been played at Palm Springs this season than all last year. Considerable of the play was by officers and men of the many army camps near Palm Springs.

Urges Players to Adopt Victory H'cap System

A new method of informal handicap play, called the "Victory Handicap System," is proposed by John A. Topping, well known eastern golfer. It includes a pay-off in War Savings stamps and arranges matters so the losing side in a four-ball match is not likely to be more than six or seven points (or stamps) down, and the loser in two- and three-ball matches will normally ante not to exceed three or four stamps.

Here are Topping's rules for the Victory Handicap system:

For a two- or three-ball match—Players start from scratch on the first tee. No handicap, no strokes are given. When a player is two holes up on an opponent, he gives one stroke on the next hole, regardless of distance. So long as he has the opponent two or more down, he continues to give him one stroke a hole. If the opponent reverses the situation and goes two up, then he gives a stroke a hole so long as he maintains a lead of two or more holes.

For a four-ball match—The principle is the same, but the method of scoring is different. Foursomes should play high and low (best and worst), whereby the best ball wins one point and the worst

Lads in war camps are eager for sports movies. There's a great chance for the PGA to hunt up those instruction pictures it took last year at the Tam O'Shanter Open, and previously, get them edited and make copies available for projection at camps.

Baseball movies are going over in swell shape. Golf now has an opportunity to keep interest of its unformed players keen and to make converts by giving wide distribution to a PGA instruction film. It would be about the most effective wartime propaganda the PGA could put out for pro golf.

There's money in the PGA treasury that could be devoted to editing and making prints of this picture, and with that energetic Instruction committee headed by Joe Novak to get the picture under way, nothing should delay action on the tip that GOLFDOM passes on to the pro organization.

How about it, pros? Many of your own members and your sons are in the service and they can tell you what a welcome reception a golf instruction film, brightly edited, would have.

ball loses one point. If one side goes four points up, the opponents are given one stroke on the next hole. The stroke is given only on the low (best) ball. So long as one side is four or more points up, it continues to give at the next hole one stroke on the best ball throughout the game.

Winner takes all—in War Stamps—one for each point up at the end of the game. For the duration, take your winnings in war stamps. Paste them in your stamp book each time you win. When the book is full, trade it in for a war bond. Bonds pay interest and also buy planes, tanks, ships, guns, etc.

Do not penalize your patriotism. Play the new Victory System. Play for stamps and help stamp out the Axis.

You may obtain War Savings Stamps from your club secretary.

Forecast of the Season

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WE have been asked many times recently what 1943 holds in store for golf in general and golf clubs in particular. While no definite answer appears available until we know the duration of the present ban on using automobiles for pleasure purposes, we believe that most clubs can and should continue to operate. Plans for clubhouse upkeep and course maintenance naturally should be kept on the conservative side for the time being. Later, if the gasoline situation is eased, more expansive programs can be undertaken.

Our opinion is based on the belief that it will be less costly for a club to remain open this year with reduced facilities and lowered maintenance than to cease operations and attempt to partially maintain the course. Partial maintenance is essential; it is well known that to bring back a course that has been abandoned will cost between 70% and 75% of its original construction costs.

Continued operations with reduced facilities and lowered maintenance will be accepted and expected by a majority of club members. Given the opportunity to play again this year, they will be willing to face tees that have had little attention, longer fairways with "winter rules," greens that may be mowed only for weekend play, traps that have had but infrequent raking, and rough that may be longer and harder to get out of. They undoubtedly will be contented with nine holes instead of eighteen if such a reduction is absolutely necessary. They also will be willing to carry their own bags much of the time.

Golf is a game that cannot die irrespective of conditions. Think back 25 or 30 years and recall the conditions under which golf was played. Transportation was none too good; automobiles were

available only to the very well-to-do; course conditions were decidedly inferior to what they can be today; and clubhouse facilities were next to nothing. Yet golf thrived and grew up to be one of the most popular sports of all times. There were only a few golf "bugs" then; think of the millions of them today.

Club officials should emphasize, particularly to those members who are considering resigning for the duration of the war, that the continued support of clubs is essential if they want any golf course left to play on when the war is over. There can be no doubt that if enough members resign, their community clubs must dissolve, and their golfing activities after the war will have to be undertaken at clubs perhaps ten or more miles farther away from their homes. Impress upon them the inconveniences to which they will be put.

We believe, however, there is a will on the part of most golfers to play the game this year in spite of current difficulties. They enjoy the game and need the health-giving qualities of it. If they cannot play at your club, the chances are very good that they will play at some other club. This nation needs now more than ever before citizens of healthy body and mind. Golf can further this need and it is up to the clubs to help as much as possible.

It is possible that some private clubs may have to convert to public or semi-public clubs. Others may have to offer reduced dues to their members to offset reduced facilities. If such is the case it might be well to consider an Equitable Dues plan that has recently come to our attention. Such a plan could be combined with Special Service or War Worker memberships or with special Duration memberships for people living within a limited distance of the club. These special memberships might ease the financial burden during current difficulties and might also be the source of additional regular members after the war has come to a close.

The Equitable Dues plan is based upon low monthly dues plus a sliding scale of dues for golf playing privileges depending upon the number of rounds played by the

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home-fronter needs to keep fit to do
his bit.
—Amarillo (Tex.) C.C.



Tractor plowing six acres of property at Wykagyl CC (New Rochelle, N. Y.), for member V-gardens. By April 1, over 50 families had reserved plots, some as large as 10,000 sq. ft., under the strict requirement that all plots neglected by the members will be maintained by the club and the cost assessed against the members. (N. Y. Times Photo).

member. It results in a low cost for members who do not use the club very much and higher costs for those who play a lot of golf.

As a means of offsetting a lot of resignations, we recommend that your club immediately appoint a Transportation Committee whose duties will be to draw up a map of the principal localities in which your members live and work and to find out all means of public transportation—trains, street cars, buses, taxis, etc.—between said localities and the clubhouse. A summary of this information, together with timetables of the various local transportation services available, should be placed in the hands of your members as soon as possible. The Transportation Committee should also look ahead to the possibilities of a little gasoline being available for pleasure driving and arrange car pools so that all members can reach the club regularly and share the burden equally.

As respects gasoline for use in tractors and mowers, the USGA has ascertained that such tractors come under the off-highway classification just as does all farm maintenance equipment and accordingly are entitled to an allotment of gasoline. Coupons are necessary to obtain gasoline for any off-highway use, but your local rationing boards should give you enough of an allotment to maintain your course. An OPA official in Washington has said that he feels confident that there will be no restrictions limiting gasoline

used for the actual maintenance of the course and other club property.

As far as tournaments are concerned, all two, three and four day events should be abandoned. One day open tournaments will be acceptable provided transportation difficulties can be justifiably overcome. If gasoline is available, we suggest as an inducement that entrance fees be waived for those players who drive three other contestants to the course. Week-end sweepstakes should be continued and large turnouts encouraged for the special USGA sponsored relief tournaments. All prizes should be in war bonds and stamps with total prizes based on a percentage of the entrance fees so that clubs will not stand any chances of a loss.

In general, every attempt should be made to continue operations within a reduced budget and every inducement offered to make members play as often as possible. The health of the community is involved and clubs should feel obligated to do their part. Naturally nothing should be done to interfere with our country's war effort and we know this thought will be uppermost in your minds in whatever you do.

Above all, place the management of your club in the hands of members who can and will devote the time and thought necessary to pull your club successfully through the current difficulties. If golf can still be played in England, and it is being played every day, it can be played in this country.

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Ten Maintenance "Musts" for Your Watering System

AMONG the many economies proposed at courses this season is less lavish use of water. Quite properly, it is felt that golfers will not expect courses to be as well manicured as in former years. Fairways a little on the brown side will not be criticized.

But even if water is to be used more sparingly, course operators should remember that the irrigation system represents a substantial investment—one that should not be allowed to depreciate in operating efficiency, against the time when a full watering program can be reinstated.

Keeping a watering system in good repair is not difficult, providing the proper overhaul is given it at the start of the season. The "ten commandments" of the job are these:

Pumping Unit

1. If oil lubricated bearings are used, drain out all old oil, flush bearings with kerosene, and fill to required level with suitable lubricating oil.

2. If bearings are grease lubricated, do not attempt to force too much grease into the bearings; otherwise they are apt to heat up unduly. Offer too much grease is as bad as too little grease.

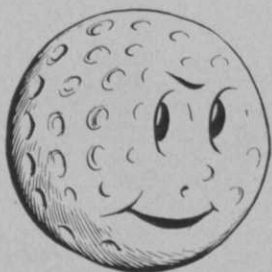
3. Where water is pumped from open channels or lakes, it might be well to remove top half of pump shell and examine impellers. Hickory nuts, small stones, etc., often become lodged here and greatly reduce pump efficiency; they are easily removed with a stiff wire. If shell gasket is damaged when removing top half of pump shell, a new one can readily be made; however, be sure paper used is the same thickness as original gasket.

4. Check packing boxes and renew packing if necessary, tightening all packing box glands evenly. When pump is running, a drip at each gland should be permitted every 5 to 10 seconds; this assures us that lantern ring, or water lubricating device, is working.

5. If footvalve is used, check same and renew leather disc if necessary; if multiple-disc type footvalve is used, check all discs for tightness.

6. Many golf course pumping plant installations are subject to freezing temperatures which often result in a slight frost heaval of concrete foundation. Check by placing spirit level across machined faces of bed plate in numerous directions;

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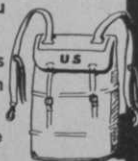
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if bed plate is not level it will be necessary to shim it or shim the pump or motor until they are perfectly level.

7. It is imperative that the two halves of flexible coupling which connect pump and motor be in perfect alignment; check by placing straight edge across top of the two halves of the flexible coupling. Straightedge should be perfectly parallel with both surfaces; if not, pump or motor must be shimmed until this is assured. Clearance of $\frac{1}{8}$ in. to $\frac{1}{4}$ in. must be allowed between both faces of flexible coupling when the unit is running; this clearance can be checked with a thickness gauge and must be equal at all points.

Piping System

8. Before allowing water to enter pipe lines check all drain openings and make sure they are closed. Allow water to enter lines at reduced pressure. Open up all water valves at high points on the system and also at all "dead-ends"; flush these locations until all air is exhausted from piping system.

9. When piping system is thoroughly free of air, increase pressure to working pressure and examine all water valves for leaks. Repair any found, for numerous small leaks are cumulative on any golf course irrigation system and total leakage can be considerable.

Sprinklers

10. All slow-moving, long-range sprinklers should be dismantled each year. Remove old grease thoroughly, wash and clean all moving parts, replace any that are unduly worn, assemble and pack with a suitable grade of grease. Power lawn mower, tractor, or water-pump grease is not usually suitable, for it often congeals at low temperatures and eventually slows down or stops sprinkler. One suitable grade of grease is Texaco 904.

Check all sprinkler nozzle tips for indentures; if any are found, ream out inside of nozzle until they are removed, or replace with new nozzle of suitable size.

Has golf classes—Percy Jarvis, pro at Maplewood (N. J.) CC, is conducting his fifth annual adult golf class at the South Orange-Maplewood Adult School. This year the attendance has been cut by gas rationing to 20 who take the full course of 10 lessons. Class sessions are $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours. Beside the course of golf instruction, water safety and lifesaving courses are the only athletic courses in the school's program of instruction.