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The New York State Golf Association held three tournaments at Lake Placid in July. The Metropolitan Golf Association completes a ten-tournament schedule in mid-September.

The interest that service men are showing in golf promises to make it more truly than ever a national sport after the war.

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Babe Ruth is on the air every Saturday at 10:30 AM, EWT, over 30 NBC stations in a radio program sponsored by A. G. Spalding & Bros.

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The program is designed to keep the lads' interest hot in baseball and other sports and prevent a wartime sports sag among boys of an impressionable age. Part of the effect of the necessary Victory garden campaigns has been to reduce number of playgrounds for kids, hence the importance of such sports propaganda as Spalding's Babe Ruth broadcasts.

Needs Golf Equipment for Wounded Vets

LIEUT. WILLIAM FROELICH, JR., special service officer at the Finney General Hospital, Thomasville, Ga., writes that the hospital is in great need of golf equipment.

Here's a job that golf clubs and pro and amateur district associations should hop to without delay. The men in the Finney hospital have been through hell for the rest of us, and this is no time to dismiss their plight casually.

Why don't you have a tournament at your club with a used club or used golf balls as the entry fee, and send the equipment thus raised to Lt. Froelich at Finney General hospital, Thomasville, Ga.?

Lt. Froelich's letter:

"I have received permission from the Glen Arven CC to use their 18-hole course six mornings a week at prescribed times with an allotted number of players. These players are patients of our hospital, many

of whom have returned from the African and Sicilian campaign, and who are convalescing with a rest cure before going into further combat. The sunshine, fresh air, and exercise they get from golfing is a great conditioner for them. This golfing program is one of our most important points in rehabilitation, that of getting these men rested and set their minds free again after what they have gone through.

"I would appreciate greatly anything you might do to help us in securing equipment for these soldiers, and their appreciation could never be imagined."

Suggests Golf Tourney for Yanks in England

A GOLF tournament for American forces in England and Scotland has been suggested by "Golf Monthly" of Edinburgh. The magazine proposes that such a tournament be held at Coombe Hill, near London and easily reached by train. By holding the tournament over "a period of time" Golf Monthly is confident it could be made a great success.

The publication printed on the front cover of its September issue a picture of Don Peine (Springfield, Ill.), Dick Austin (Lynn, Mass.), Dick Famlin (Delaware Water Gap, Pa.), and Stanley Remsen (Flushing, N. Y.)—a group which has been playing against British teams Sundays in Red Cross benefit matches. Golf Monthly said the Yanks had lost only one match—that with Muswell Hill.

Basket Cases? No, Basket Lunches—When the Los Angeles CC notified members of the Southern California Seniors GA that the club wouldn't have ration points enough to serve the elders the usual lunch or banquet, the seniors brought their picnic baskets and managed to feed well during their annual championship. The way the sunkist seniors handled the ration point problem tips off other clubs that when points are running low these basket lunches might be used as attractive entertainment features.

The SCSGA president, J. F. Sartori, who helped organize the association in 1897, rated the 1943 picnic lunch and banquet as two of the merriest feeding affairs the organization has had. Oldest player in the field, who like most senior golfers doesn't show signs of his mileage, was 82-year-old E. N. (Superman) Wright.

JERSEY GEARS ITSELF TO WARTIME COURSE MAINTENANCE JOB

THIS season has put state golf associations to a tough test, but it's been one that has been ably met in demonstrating the emergency value of these organizations.

With few exceptions, state amateur associations have had more demands for their services than ever before. Especially by investigative and advisory work have the state association staffs been kept abnormally busy.

In New Jersey, where some clubs were practically knocked out by gas restrictions, the state association has been having one of its most active years.

Dr. M. E. Husted, chairman of the New Jersey State GA Green Section, highlights work of the organization in saying:

"We feel that the New Jersey State GA has served its member clubs to a greater extent this year than ever before. In addition to the green section work, we held all tournaments as scheduled heretofore and a new one called the Triangular Matches. This brought together eight pros, eight amateurs and eight women and a gallery of 1,000 people. All admissions from this and other tournaments have been donated to the Red Cross.

"These matches and the recent PGA Championship in which Emery Thomas beat out Vic Ghezzi, were all played on the rules set down by our green section.

Argue "Preferred Lie"

"I cite this because we have had inquiries from as far west as California as to how clubs received the 'preferred lie' ruling. Of course, some clubs will resent a ruling of this kind but with a shortage of labor and equipment together with a bad year on turf, have soon realized its advantages. To those who complain that preferred lies is not golf, might we suggest that we should be very thankful to be able to play the game at all under these wartime conditions. In my travels through New Jersey and New York, I have seen several courses closed entirely; some of which will never open. Some others are just cutting enough to save the grass.

"In general, weather conditions in Jersey have not been too good; we started the season with a cool, wet spring but hit

three weeks of drought in June just at the time to discourage the growth of the good grasses and give the budding weeds a chance. This no doubt accounts for the terrific amount of crabgrass encountered later in the summer. This dry season lasted through the summer and even this fall we had very little moisture. In contrast to this the course I visited in the Eastern New York PGA section from Albany to Oneonta had an abundance of rain even to the extent of having wet places on fairways that could not be cut and with practically no roll on the ball whatsoever."

Plan in Advance

The New Jersey association started early to plan its 1943 work and found that arranging in advance for the inevitable pinches was much better policy for its member clubs than the policy of meeting emergencies as they came up when nature took its course.

Prior to the opening of the season the association's green section, over the signatures of Dr. Husted and Gilbert H. Ahlgren of the agronomy dept., New Jersey State Experiment station, wrote green chairmen and superintendents of every club in the state:

"Perhaps you know by this time that Dr. Howard B. Sprague is temporarily away from Rutgers, serving with the Army Air Corps. John Stephenson is now connected with the Rhode Island State College. In addition to this reduction in personnel, it becomes increasingly difficult to travel in the state by car due to the serious shortage of tires and gasoline. The war has made it necessary that the golf clubs in the state maintain their expenses at a minimum. In view of these changing conditions it appears desirable to place certain suggestions regarding our turf advisory service before you for your consideration.

"The Agronomy Department of the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment station at New Brunswick has maintained the turf advisory work, whereby soil samples were taken from the greens and fairways of each club taking the service, by a specialist from this department. Chemical tests for the various fertilizer elements and for lime



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were made, and recommendations based on the results of these tests were sent to each club by the turf specialist. In addition, advice was given on watering, topdressing, reseeding, disease control and other problems. This service has been maintained in the past by charging a fee of \$50.00 for 18-hole and \$25.00 for 9-hole golf courses, providing said golf clubs were members of the New Jersey State GA. Non-members were charged a higher fee.

"We feel that the service during this period of emergency is more important than ever to the golf courses of the state. Every means whereby expenses can be reduced and yet good golf service maintained should be investigated. For example, limitations on fertilizer and disease control materials for golf course usage are only two of the many problems facing us. Substitutes must be found and the information generally disseminated. You will want to apply only those fertilizers which will give good results based on careful soil tests to reduce expenditures for unnecessary or unwarranted materials.

Hire Soil Analyst

"It is proposed that we maintain the laboratory service by means of the greenkeeper mailing soil samples to this department. Detailed information on the best method of taking soil samples will be sent out. The greenkeeper will take the samples from the greens and fairways, label and forward them to this laboratory for chemical analysis. Recommendations based on the results of the soil test will be mailed back.

"In addition to the soil testing, the Agronomy department will continue to function as a center of general information on lime and fertilizer recommendations, disease control, topdressing, and other problems which confront the greenkeeper. The Agronomy department will also maintain turf tests and experiments at New Brunswick to meet whatever problems arise.

"Carrying on the soil testing laboratory service necessitates the hiring of a qualified worker to run the chemical analysis. Laboratory tests conducted by a trained man are vastly superior to those of the small soil testing kit. Greater accuracy and more uniform results are secured on adapted laboratory equipment by a man specially trained for the purpose. To meet this expense it is suggested that 18-hole golf courses pay a fee of \$25.00 a year, and that 9-hole courses pay \$15.00 yearly,

if they are members of the New Jersey State Golf Association; and that non-members pay \$25.00 for 9-hole courses and \$40.00 for 18-hole courses. Any money collected over and above that needed to pay the soil analyst will be used in the maintenance of turf experiments as related to golf courses here at the Experiment Station.

"May we have your indication of interest in the above proposals as soon as possible?"

Send Economy Tips

Recommendations for general practice in the season's maintenance were made in a bulletin headed "Golf Course Management During Wartime" which the association requested its member clubs to post.

This bulletin read:

"Many problems are facing golf courses as the 1943 season opens. There is a shortage of labor, equipment, gasoline, fertilizers and fungicides. These shortages are real and unavoidable but they can be partially solved by adopting certain management practices.

"The height of cut on greens can be raised to 5/16 inch. The greens can be cut on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, instead of the usual 5 or 6 times a week. Increasing the height of cut and reducing the number of cuts per week will favor improvement of the grass.

"The fairways can be cut at 1 1/4 inches rather than 1 inch or shorter as in the past. Two cuttings a week in spring and perhaps only one in summer, would be needed if improved lies are established for the entire season. This height of cut not only reduces labor, gasoline usage and wear on machinery, but will result in a healthier, denser turf, which will be more drought-, disease-, and insect-resistant and capable of competing more strongly with weeds. During periods when the grass is dormant, the longer cut will provide a cushion from which to play the ball.

"These suggestions will not only save on current shortages but will give healthier greens and better fairways. Improved lies for playing golf are very strongly recommended for the duration of the war. This means moving the ball with the club head only, on the fairways only, within a distance of twelve inches, not nearer the hole.

"Will you please cooperate with your State Golf Association in this all-out-attempt to conserve manpower and equipment, and to secure uniformity of play?"

PGA's 27th Annual Meeting, Chicago, Nov. 15-17

TWENTY-SEVENTH annual meeting of the PGA of America delegates and executive committee will be held at the Medinah club, 505 N. Michigan ave., Chicago, November 15, 16 and 17.

In addition to the sessions at which the executive committee and delegates will consider matters of organization concern, there will be outside speakers addressing the meeting of the pro's relationship to the general golf situation of wartime.

Reports from various sections of the country indicate that the gathering will be comparatively free from matters of a highly controversial nature, the boys being of the opinion that this is a time for concentrated battle action against the nation's enemies. The arguments slated to come before the convention concern misunderstandings that should be settled to mutual satisfaction and without fiery outbursts.

Pros of several sections express the conviction that the ball situation for 1944 may determine the fate of golf for the duration, and say that they are none too optimistic about the prospects inasmuch as they have had difficulty in getting all PGA members to appreciate the threat and to work continuously in acquiring balls for reconditioning. However, these men doubt that the PGA meeting can do more than to repeat the previous warnings and pleas of PGA officials who are aware that the ball situation looks dark.

PGA leaders of some sections advise GOLFDOM that they hope the matter of postwar planning for pro golf will receive considerable attention at the pros' Chicago sessions. These pros point out that the curtailment of merchandise business at many clubs has already meant a reduction in income below the point that makes pro golf a business at which a man can support a family. Consequently the old basis of pro contracts no longer has equity. Notwithstanding the uncertain prospects of shop income, resourceful pros have managed to continue valuable service to their clubs by maintaining their income, including salary guarantees, by various means.

Discussion and careful study of these means and intense consideration of the factors effecting golf club operations for the duration and after the war, these men believe to be a top item on the agenda of the PGA's annual meeting.

This far there have been no electioneering activities of the sort that preceded prewar PGA conventions. Ed Dudley, whose administrations have been notably tranquil, has not said whether or not he'll be a candidate for reelection to the presidency. Ed has been especially busy in war benefit matches, in which the PGA has done an outstanding job, and in affairs to promote the public's saving and investment of funds in war bonds. Other PGA members and officials also have given unstintingly of their services to these activities. But this persistent effort of the PGA probably will be dismissed by a formal, factual report at the convention, the pros being realists who look at the lengthy list of their members in armed service as pro golf's major contribution to war effort.

Golf Work Is Proposed for Veterans' Rehabilitation

CAPT. CHARLES CLARKE, Cleveland (O.), daily fee course operator and veteran of four wars, recently suggested to the USGA that golf make an organized effort to provide employment on golf courses for partially disabled soldiers and sailors.

Acting on Clarke's suggestion, the USGA has sent a notice to golf clubs and associations throughout the country urging the employment of war veterans. The release reads:

"Golf can do a constructive human service by employing war veterans. Veterans needing rehabilitation can, in many cases, be helped back to normalcy by mild outdoor work, such as that of golf course workers, caddie-masters and caddies.

"Clubs which can cooperate should get in touch with the nearest local office of the United States Employment Service. In each office there is a local Veterans' Employment representative.

"There is real merit in this idea for golf to serve men who have served us all, in the view of Mr. O. D. Hollenbeck, Chief, Veterans' Employment Service, War Manpower Commission. He has advised the United States Golf Association:

"You will be interested to know that the Veterans' Employment Service, in co-operation with the U. S. Army and the U. S. Navy, currently is conducting a program whereby disabled members of the armed forces are registered at service hos-

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"The program is now in operation in over 500 Army and Navy hospitals throughout the country. It would seem that member clubs of the United States Golf Association might well inform their nearest local public employment offices of their labor requirements and of their desire to employ handicapped veterans who are in need of outdoor employment for rehabilitation purposes. . . .

"We sincerely appreciate your patriotic interest in the physical and economic rehabilitation of war veterans. Please be assured of our earnest desire to cooperate with you in every way possible."

Yank Golfers Guest of Moroccans in Pro-Am.

Howard Dupont who was in charge of the scoreboard at several USGA and PGA national tournaments and, with his brother, owned the newspaper and magazine store at Pinehurst, writes **GOLFDOM** from "somewhere in Morocco" giving details of a pro-amateur tournament played there Aug. 29.

American pros were paired with members of the club. The prize money of 8,250 francs (\$162) was put up by the Pasha of Marrokech and M. Victor Bellincioni, one of the hosts. The winning team was composed of Herb Johnson, Hinsdale, Ill., U. S. Navy, fireman 1st class, and son of Mel Johnson, veteran pro-supt. at Butterfield CC (Chicago district), and M. Bellincioni. The Pasha and his partner, Lucien Lamourette, a private in the French army, finished last among the eight teams. But apparently the Pasha was pleased as he gave his pro \$100 for the day's work, so Dupont reports.

Dupont writes that the Pasha, S. E. El Glaoui, and his staff came 200 miles to play in the event. Another entrant was the Pasha's son Si Ahmed Glaoui who, paired with A. Stitto of the local club, finished in a tie for fourth. Our good comrade Dupont says that the Pasha's

son plays quite well, speaks good English and is a very right guy, as is the Pasha. Dupont says father and son Glaoui are expecting to come to the states. If Pop Glaoui is in the habit of paying a pro \$100 for being his partner for a couple of rounds he should be met at the incoming boat or plane by a welcoming delegation of hundreds of pros.

Results of the Moroccan tourney:

Herb Johnson, Hinsdale, Ill.-M. Bellincioni—65-62—127 (4,000 francs—\$80).

Sgt. Dugan Aycock, Lexington, N. C.-Sam Ohana, Morocco—66-65—131 (2,000 francs—\$40).

Lieut. Lou Drezek, Avon, Conn.-H. Hajoui, Morocco—66-66—132 (1,500 francs—\$30).

M. Moulieras, Morocco-Chris Allo, Fedala—68-65—133 (750 francs—\$15).

Si Ahmed Glaoui, Morocco-A. Stitte, Morocco—68-65—133 (750 francs—\$15).

Pvt. L. Z. Hoffman, Dallas, Tex.-Hadj Abdallah, Morocco—69-72—141.

Cpl. Ben Banks, Dallas, Tex.-Hadj Idar, Morocco—74-68—142.

S. E. El Glaoui-Pvt. L. Lamourette, France—68-75—143.

Dupont says in his letter that a match play tournament for officers is being played on a Moroccan course. American soldiers and sailors are in need of golf equipment, Dupont reports. The men find that golf is great for giving them recreation between very stiff combat engagements. Reports from other areas to which combat outfits are taken for rest also disclose high popularity of golf but lack of equipment inasmuch as the government has passed up golf in supplying sports equipment to men in armed service.

Dupont writes that he read in Morocco that the Ryder Cup matches at Detroit drew \$30,000 for overseas athletic equipment and adds that Americans in North Africa hope that some of that money will be used to send them golf playing equipment.

As the many who know Dupont will recall, he is a very swell person. A veteran of the Warm-up War, he enlisted as a private early in this one. He is an unusually well informed and conscientious American. At his store in Pinehurst he had a supply of Congressional Records handy in the gents room for leisurely reading by patrons. He maintained that this was about the only way he could get Americans to read up on how their government was run.