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Memphis CC Is Groomed For National Amateur

Jimmy Hamner, supt., Memphis CC and pres., Memphis Greenkeepers' Assn., is ahead of schedule on the work of grooming the course for the National Amateur, Aug. 30-Sept. 4. Hamner laid out his plans after consultation with Fred Grau, USGA Green Section director; O. J. Noer, and club officials.

Some construction work is being done in tightening traps. Several holes presented interesting problems involving the comparative difficulties of recoveries from traps and shooting at greens so large that the risk of three-putting was greater than normal. Memphis CC greens have size to accommodate change-over from Bermuda to rye without taking the greens out of play. The dividing line is about up and down the middle of the greens.

Hamner has made numerous experiments with various strains of bent and maintenance practices but hasn't found a bent or maintenance method that will keep bent greens during the summer.

The course will play about 6670 for the amateur. Some new tees have been constructed and greens size diminished by the tighter trapping. Bermuda will be in excellent condition for putting at the time of the Amateur, Hamner says.

Greens, fairways and tees have been put into good shape by aerifying. Topdressing after aerifying has helped put greens in shape. Three applications of Milarsenite and spraying with arsenic acid completely eliminated the crabgrass last year. Rain and ice this winter may have presented some more maintenance problems but Hamner, who has been with the club 28 years, is set to handle them if they do arise.

The course originally was a 9-hole layout constructed 43 years ago. It was increased to 18 and completely redesigned and rebuilt by Donald Ross in 1913. A few alterations since have been made by W. C. Sherwood, when he was the club's active pro. Changes for the Amateur are mainly dictated by the longer ball and the rye-Bermuda change over influence on size of greens. Frances Ouimet and Richard Tufts of the USGA visited the Memphis CC after the 1947 Amateur and went over the proposed alterations with George Treadwell, veteran official of the club.

PGA Activities Illustrated In Chart Form For Members

PGA secretary, Joe Novak, has prepared a chart showing the aims, purposes, activities and accomplishments of the Assn. in a form that can be readily portrayed and explained. Dividing the PGA's activities into four general classes, namely, 1.

General association procedure and routine, 2. Aid to members, 3. Promotional activities, and 4. Outside relations, the chart does not attempt to describe in detail, but if studied easily illustrates the history of the PGA, where it came from, where it is today, and where it is going tomorrow.

Presented at the Association's recent annual meeting as the basis of the secretary's report, the convention unanimously voted to provide all members with a copy for study and analysis. Joe is to be commended for this "bird's-eye" view of PGA activities and all members and other interested individuals should have a copy at hand for ready reference.

NORTH HILLS' FIELD DAY

(Continued from page 41)

How well Neu and Gross succeeded at North Hills is reflected in the attendance figures for 1947. Unfortunately, the Weather Man was in an uncompromising mood and unleashed a torrential storm the morning of the Field Day last year, but in spite of the atrocious conditions some 200 members and guests ignored the inclement weather. In spite of the turnout, the party was postponed and when rescheduled more than 350 participated in the five-ring circus, as the affair has become at North Hills.

Joe Gross, known as "Uncle Joe" to bunkerland, passed on to greener pastures on the eve of last year's tournament. Soon after, North Hills decided to perpetuate his memory by donating a Joe Gross Memorial Trophy that will go to the winner of the annual Field Day.

No expense is spared at North Hills' Field Day. There is food fit for royalty, including a clam bar that is well patronized during the day. The inevitable beer barrels decorating the bunkers are still much in evidence and, in addition, there are refreshments at every tee and green for those accurate shooters who don't explore traps.

There is music all day long, with a band on the high terrace back of the green of the 600-yard 18th hole. Many an easy putt is missed at this green when the band strikes up some blue notes just to disconcert the player.

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George Spargo, who was deputy mayor when Bill O'Dwyer moved into City Hall following the La Guardia regime and is at present Chairman of the important Triborough Bridge Authority, summed up the Field Day program at North Hills when he said: "I know business men who declare a holiday when Field Day rolls around."

Eric G. Kock, president of the Club Managers Association of America who is executive manager of North Hills, has been responsible in a large measure for the tremendous strides made by the Field Day at Douglaston.

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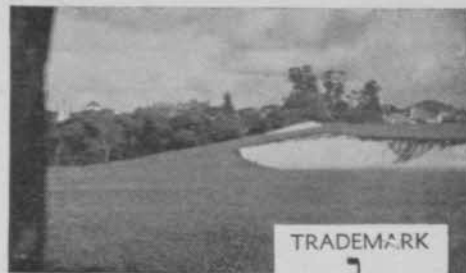
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"I never realized that night out on the Clearview pier that 20 years later, at a different club, we would be still carrying on so gustily," commented Harry Neu the other day when the North Hills tournament committee selected Wednesday, June 16th, for the Field Day jamboree. "It's become like the proverbial snowball and I often wonder if it will ever lose momentum. It doesn't seem to, does it?"

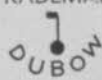
Al Matarazzo, tournament chairman at North Hills, said that in addition to the ambitious Field Day plans, his committee has just about the most diversified tournament schedule in the country. "We'll have the usual member-guest and tournaments every weekend and holiday from mid-April until Thanksgiving."

Matarazzo said that for genuine fun and good fellowship, the Field Day program can't be duplicated. "It's a sure fire hit at our club," he commented.



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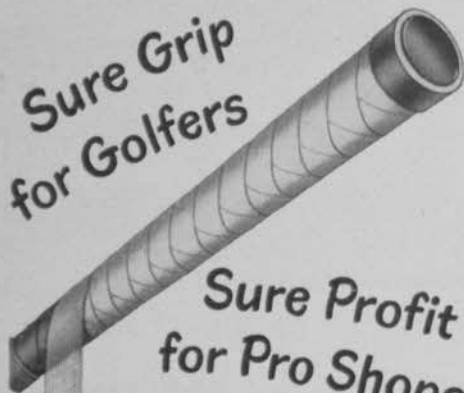
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Sloppiness Grows As a Maintenance Problem

Greenkeepers and chairmen at many private clubs that are proud of the class of their membership are concerned with the problem of litter on finely-maintained courses. Papers, cellophane, bottles and other debris now are tossed around carelessly by members and caddies alike.

The result is to give first class courses somewhat the appearance of a park after a holiday swarm has "pigged up" the landscape. Greenkeepers say that some members are dirtier than the most untidy caddies who toss debris around the courses. But, of course, the greenkeepers and greens force don't say that to the offenders.

A nationally known metropolitan district club at which the debris problem was practically non-existent up to 3 or 4 years ago has tactfully gone after the problem with the following plea in its club bulletin:

"The Grounds and Greens committee ask that 300 men and 100 women (that's ALL of us) police the course by picking up tin foil, oil paper wrapping from candy bars, cigarette packages (empty), and all of the messy stuff that thoughtless people throw down on tees, fairways, rough and traps. Teach your caddie to do that, too."

The problem now seems to be almost as bad at some private clubs as at public courses and makes club officials wonder if the standard of membership is deteriorating. A member who strews his personal garbage around a well-groomed golf course to make his trail look like the backyard of a tenement doesn't identify himself as being much of a bargain to the club.

JUNIOR PROGRAM PAYS

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Arnold's pronounced success in this field shows that quite a little of the job consists of getting the adults interested in the program so they'll give it every possible encouragement.

Jim Noonan, widely known pro who looked to be one of the tournament circuit's potential stars until he dropped out of competition to concentrate on club pro duties, has been doing a notable job of junior promotion at the Mt. Hawley CC, Peoria, Ill. Mt. Hawley is an active golfing club and Noonan's kid program has contributed a great deal to making golfing interest high and thorough around the establishment.

Jim tells briefly of the development of junior golf at his club:

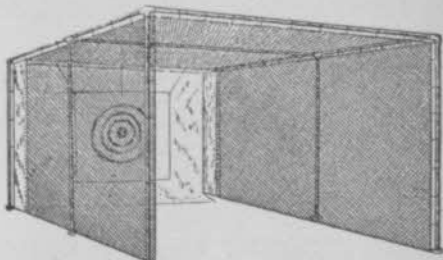
"I have promoted interest in junior golf ever since I have been at Mount Hawley. This was done primarily by giving free group lessons to the children on Tuesdays—Ladies Day—when mothers who played golf brought their children to the club with them.

"Each season there has been a junior club championship tournament for the boys, but there was never any specific organized play for the girls until last year. Much of the credit for this venture is due Mrs. DeForest Wead, Ladies chairman and champion, who started the girls' junior class. The third week in June the girls had an opening luncheon, paid for out of the Women's sports and pastimes fund. Fifty girls, ranging in age from 11 to 20 years, attended. I gave a talk on the rules and etiquette of the game; they appointed a girls' chairman, and drew up a schedule similar to that of

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the women. Later in the day, there was a putting contest on the practice green with prizes for the winners.

"They played every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. Some played nine holes but many of the older girls played 18. The events, however, were all for nine holes and there were prizes every Wednesday. Some of the events were as follows: low net; most 4's, 5's, and 6's; closest to the pin on short par 3 holes; longest drive on certain hole; fewest putts.

"Before the juniors started their play on Wednesday I gave them a free group lesson, and also checked each one's grip. This stimulated a great deal of interest in private lessons, and I gave individual instruction to many of the girls after the group lessons were finished. The group fell off gradually to about 20 girls. This I expected but they all had a decided interest in the game and two or three of them looked like future champions. During the extremely hot weather around August 15 and also the fact that many of the girls were away on vacations, the group dwindled considerably around that time. However, I was not discouraged and we plan to continue this project every year.

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"This same idea could be used in a junior boys' class. Be it either boys or girls, any time the pro is thinking of the "Janies" and "Johnnies" in the club, he is definitely pleasing the adult membership.

"The National Junior Boys' Golf Tournament, sponsored by the National Junior Chamber of Commerce, took place at Mt. Hawley last summer. There were more than 90 entrants among this impressive group of golfers. The way they have mastered the game at such an early age is truly amazing, and I am sure the junior girls, who were faithful followers in the gallery, were happy to observe the technique of youngsters of their own age. This tournament was won for the second consecutive year by Al Mengert of Spokane, Washington."

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