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PGA championship at Miami Valley GC, Dayton, O., was great improvement over previous year's event and has revived interest in the tournament as a major competition . . . PGA learned the value of constructive criticism . . . Hot, humid spell undoubtedly cut down gallery but the gate seemed adequate to cover PGA guarantee and leave some profit.

PGA championship coming each year in July is at a time that may be tough on courses but Supt. A. J. Reynolds had Miami Valley in fine condition . . . Greens were cut under orders to make them lightning fast but these instructions were issued a bit too close to time of the tournament . . . However, a little dye touched up the color and there were no complaints about uniformity and trueness of the greens.

Miami Valley Pres. B. E. Zehner, pro Gene Marchi, Mgr. Wendell Clawson and General Chmn. Lester T. Miller of the tournament committee and the club members can be proud that there hasn't been a PGA tournament in years handled any better than the 1957 event.

Dow Finsterwald, from nearby Athens, practically a neighborhood boy, being runner-up to Lionel Hebert, helped the gate plenty . . . Snead is still the No. 1 gallery favorite but the junior leaguers are beginning to move up fast . . . A fine looking bunch of young men with characters and personalities to match.

PGA has several tentative bids for the



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1958 championship . . . Other things being equal it should place the championship with the club having the best playground facilities for youngsters and the most and best baby-sitters . . . There was an army of pros' youngsters at Miami Valley and a perfectly behaved bunch of kids they were . . . The young pros' wives are stars in handling children on road trips . . . Mrs.

Bill Nary has gone to her parents' home in Utah to greet the stork while Bill stays on the tour.

Ryder Cup matches in 1959 will be at Atlantic City (N.J.) CC where Leo Fraser, one of the most successful pro businessmen, is pres. . . . Harry Schwab, pro at Dayton's Community course, and his son Pat, former collegiate golf star who now is on the pro circuit, differed in their picks to win the PGA . . . Harry favored Ted Kroll and Pat thought the best bets were Chick Harbert or Jay Hebert . . . Lionel and Jay Hebert and Ben and Bob Toski were the tournament's brother acts . . . Eight of the 64 who were in match play in the 1945 PGA at Moraine, Dayton, were in the 128-man field at Miami Valley: Clarence Doser, Claude Harmon, Augi Nordone, Vic Ghezzi, Denny Shute, Terl Johnson, Jim Turnesa and Verl Stinchcomb.

The third at Miami Valley is 598 yds; a par 5 that made the boys grunt . . . Miami Valley for the PGA was 3500 yds. par 36 out and 3273 yds. par 35 in. . . . Bill Parker of Dayton News compiled a

Front
Cover

At Desert Inn Country Club, Las Vegas, a new addition to the 18-hole course is the clubhouse. The course is the site of many important competitions. Soon to be played is the Women's Trans-Mississippi tournament, scheduled for Sept. 16-22; the Nevada Golf Association's Senior tourney will be held Sept. 28-29; this will be followed on Oct. 7-13 by the Nevada state amateur tournaments for men and women. Desert Inn, though, is best known for the Littler tournament, also called the Tournament of Champions, which is a regular spring event.

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best and worst ball card for the first day of PGA play . . . Against the 71 par, best ball was 55 and the worst was 97.

National Junior Chamber of Commerce magazine, Future, for July had story on many course Jaycees are building at Chillicothe, O., where city sold former many course property for factory site about 20 years ago . . . Property for the new course was donated by Miss Mary Townsend who has been helping the Jaycees with their office work for 21 years.

Guido Clerico, prominent in club management as mgr. of Cherry Hills in Denver and Sequoyah and Castlewood clubs in California, has come back into the field to manage the Glendale CC, Seattle, Wash. . . . He "retired" about 4 years ago but couldn't stand taking it easy. . . Maj. Nevin H. Gibson (USAF Ret.) is writing an Encyclopedia of Golf to be published by A. S. Barnes & Co. . . . He would appreciate historical material from veteran pros and amateurs . . . His address is 201 Miles Drive, Forest Heights, Washington 21, D. C.

Alameda (Calif.) second 18 public course opened to public July 1 . . . Decatur, Ill., park board figuring on city's third municipal course . . . Roy B. Gunderson, county

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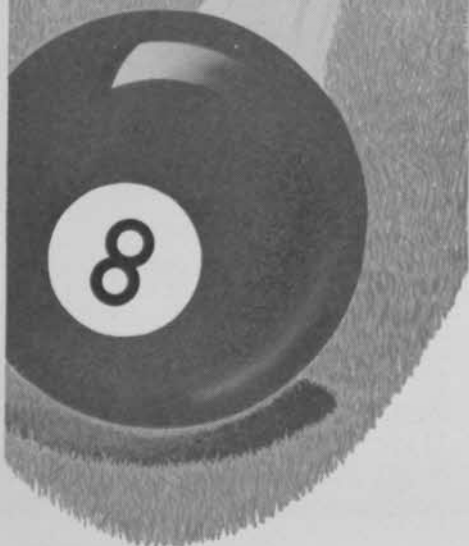
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Twilight leagues of industrial golfers having biggest year . . . Cedar Lake (Ind.) GC, owned by Phil Wince, opens its 9-hole course . . . Nevele CC, Ellenville, N. Y., building course on what was a runt mountain before grading.

Course of Santiam GC, Stayton, Ore., built chiefly by members' labor and loaned equipment, to be seeded in Sept. . . . Bill Tinder from Miami Springs (Fla.) CC to be pro-mgr., Biltmore CC which city of Coral Gables, Fla., has leased from Veterans' Administration . . . Mark Mahannah, supt. of Riviera GC and construction and maintenance supt. of several other Florida courses, has planned remodeling of Biltmore which will be done with John O'Rourke, Biltmore supt., in charge . . . Vince Allen returns to Miami Springs (Fla.) CC as pro.

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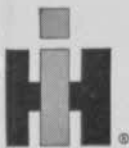
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club will have its 18 in play this fall . . . Club expects to have young circuit pro on MacDowell's staff about 5 months of year . . . Carling Open will be played at Cherokee in Oct., 1958 . . . Corwin W. Gelwick now mgr., CC of Asheville, N. C.

Bob Cambell heads group planning course for Mulvane, Ks. . . . John Cherenega opens his new semi-private course, Rolling Fields, in Pittsburgh, Pa., dist. . . . Harker's Hollow GC, Harmony, Pa., opens new pool . . . Bill Wallace, Miami News golf writer, who says he has been covering golf 60 years, 30 of them in Miami, wrote recently that he's never before listened to as much praise of golf course condition as Southern Amateur championship contestants voiced about LaGorce CC, Miami Beach, where Earnest Felton is supt.

Ed Brady, New York City Park Dept. director of golf and special projects expects to have first 9 of Marine Park eventual 27-hole course ready in 1962 . . . Marine Park is gigantic reclamation job on what once was tidal marshland . . . Garbage, refuse, sand are making the ground.

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