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News of the Golf World in Brief

By HERB GRAFFIS

FRONT COVER

You can't always depend on the weather to tell if spring has arrived, so maybe the best tipoff is a golf show. Or, at least, people in New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Chicago must have thought that in recent weeks when they visited downtown hotels and exhibition halls and found that the golfers had taken over. On the cover you see Harlan Will, pro at Overbrook GC in the Philly area, helping a show visitor fight his way out of the sand.

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The Broadmoor GC in Colorado Springs, Colo. starts off the summer resort season with an intercollegiate tourney, May 15-16 . . . Seven more golf events are scheduled through August . . . Other events at the Broadmoor include theater, beauty contests, rodeos, ice revues, ski and hockey events . . . The Dixie Amateur at Palmetto CC in Miami, Fla, was won by Dave Smith of Gastonia, N.C. with a 72-hole total of 286, two-over-par . . . Held in mid-Feb., the Dixie provided early comment on the new USGA rules . . . Reaction was mixed, as could be expected . . . Most of the discussion centered on Rule 34, covering a ball striking an unattended flagstick . . . Feeling seemed to be that this rule will slow play on the green.

The next big Miami event is the Pan American Golf championship at Doral CC, April 13-19 . . . Sponsored by the newly-organized International Amateur Golf Association, invitations have been sent to leading amateurs in all Latin American countries, the Bahamas, Jamaica and the Netherland Antilles . . . The 108hole medal-play tourney is expected to draw over 200 players who will compete for the championship crown at 72 holes and for the Smathers Cup at 36.

All hazards on a course are not designed and planned to add interest to the game... A recent PGA report shows golf accidents up from 15,000 in 1961 to 18,000 in 1962... The majority, 10,000 mishaps, were caused by golf balls hitting golfers and nine per cent were caused by carelessly swung clubs ... Heat prostration felled 10 per cent and over-exertion disabled seven per cent ... Golf cars caused seven per cent of the accidents ... In terms of number of rounds played, golf certainly can't be classed as a dangerous sport but still there are the physical hazards to be avoided.

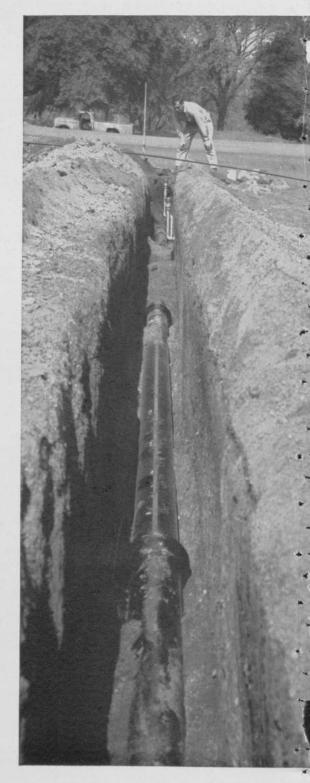
Details of a National Amateur Tournament of Champions were recently announced by Bob Drum in Philadelphia, Pa. . . According to the plan, club champions in four flights will compete

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sometime in May at selected courses in each state . . . State Champions in each flight will be invited to compete at the Doral CC in Miami, Fla. . . . Applications of 1963 club champions should be in Drum's office in the Wellington Hotel, Philadelphia office by mid-April.

The Nevele CC in Ellenville, N.Y., plans weekly hole-in-one tourneys on Saturday afternoons . . . Also in the offing at Nevele is a new 9-hole lavout . . . Ground was broken last month for the new 18-hole course in Clinton, Pa. . . . The Clinton course will be open gratis one day a week to students from the local high school . . . Fees at the Sleepy Hollow and Manakiki courses in Cleveland, O., have been lowered and a new nine-hole beginners' course is being planned . . . Fear of airplane mishaps near MacArthur airport in Islip, N.Y., have led to the purchase of vacant 287-acres from a realty development firm . . . Planned for the site is an 18-hole course plus playground, picnic and recreation facilities.

Another winter-season assistant of Claude Harmon at Thunderbird CC in Palm Springs, Calif., is Don Callahan . . . Don won't be returning to Echo Lake CC in Westfield, N.J. this spring . . . He's decided to join Harmon as assistant at Winged Foot in Mamaroneck, N.Y. . . . It still looks as if the 1964 Tournament of Champions at Desert Inn CC in Las Vegas, Nev. April 30-May 1, will have a record number of tourney winners to start . . . Lack of title claims in 1963-64 by any single circuit member has spread the starting field.

The 1964 Florida Intercollegiate Invitational and the 1964 Intercollegiate Championship were both scheduled at Cape Coral (Fla.) CC April 2-4 to attract the largest possible number of collegiate stars during the spring layoff . . . John Derr, Jack Whitaker and Chris Schenkel will handle announcing duties for the CBS telecasts of the Masters at Augusta (Ga.) National CC April 11-12 . . . Cameras will be located at the 15th through 18th holes.

The \$40,000 Texas Open, to be played this month at Oak Hills CC in San Antonio, Tex., originally scheduled a \$2,500 pro-amateur contest to be held on opening day . . . Entry registration requests were greater than officials had expected, so tourney sponsors got an okay from PGA headquarters to add a second \$2,500 pro-am match at the Pecan Valley CC in San Antonio . . . About 50 pros and 150 amateurs will compete in each of the pro-am events.

Marilynn Smith, who finished third on the Ladies' PGA offical money list in 1963, has signed as playing pro at the Trelawny Club in Runaway Bay, Jamaica . . . Marilynn's contract calls for eight weeks a year at the club . . . Five-footthree, 107-pound Sandra Haynie, the "Little Tiger" of the Ladies' PGA tour, finished sixth on the 1963 official money list . . . However, Sandra points out, her roughest shots are the wedge and threequarter nine-iron from 50 to 100 yards in to the green . . . Her performance on these shots tends to be erratic, either too short or too long . . . Sandra hopes to overcome these difficulties by increasing her weight and strengthening her hands and arms.

Copies of the PGA Professional Guide go to graduates of the PGA Business schools and the Ladies' PGA National Golf School . . . Containing some 40 articles covering all phases of the golf profession, copies can be obtained from PGA headquarters or the Ladies' PGA public relations office . . . Cost is \$2.

Fred Bove, president of the South Calif. GCSA, spotlighted a sticky subject in the chapter's March newsletter . . . It would have been easier for Bove to ignore discussion of kickbacks from manufacturers' representatives, but he felt it was a subject that might need airing . . . Probably this sort of thing isn't common, but when it does happen, as Bove points out, it smears the whole profession of course supts.

To condense Bove's thoughts on the matter: The supt. who accepts kickbacks is cheating his club, is guilty of conspiracy and of maintaining improper records of expenditures . . . Such action doesn't go unnoticed for long by alert

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club officials . . . When such legally and morally corrupt practices are uncovered, chances are 10 to 1 the offending supt. will lose his job . . . In replacing such a supt., club officials are likely to deny purchasing responsibilities to the new man . . . When a job loses some of its responsibilities, it is logical that the salary is decreased . . . Kickbacks are an unsavory practice, to use Bove's words, an "ugly business", one that supts. with professional responsibility scrupulously avoid.

Hylbert Hams, formerly manager at Barrington Hills, Sunset Ridge and Park Ridge CCs in Ill. and at Green Meadows Country Inn in Columbus, O., has been appointed manager at the new Long Grove (Ill.) CC . . . The course was designed by Robert Bruce Harris of Chicago . . . Clubhouse facilities alone are said to represent a \$2-million investment.

Women's Western Golf Association championship set for July 20-25 at Oak Park (Ill.) CC . . . Other events on the WWGA schedule include the Junior Invitational at Glen Flora CC, Waukegan, Ill., Aug. 3-7 . . . Gene Borek is set for his first season as head pro at Pine Hollow CC in East Norwich, L.I., N.Y. . . . The new head pro at Bellport (N.Y.) GC is Nick Petrillo . . . The second annual education forum of the Metropolitan Section of the PGA will be held at Westchester CC in Rye, N.Y., April 20 . . . Steve Sinko, former Duquesne University football great, professional star, college coach and athletic director, has joined the Athletic Institute as eastern field representative.

Several spectator improvements have been made at the Augusta (Ga.) National GC for this year's Masters, April 9-12 . . . New and enlarged scoreboards have been placed on the 8th, 10th and 14th while spectator mounds and bleachers have been added or enlarged at the 7th, 14th and 15th . . . The major change in the course affecting players is the elimination of the spectator mound behind the popular 15th green . . . Looking toward the cup, competitors will have an unobstructed view of the 16th hole pond as well as the familiar 15th hole pond . . . In the past, a too-strong shot would have been stopped by spectators on the mound before it went into the 16th hole pond ... Now the green is almost an island and a misplaced shot can easily hit either water hazard.

Tommy Vaughn, for 15 years pro at Hillcrest CC, Indianapolis, resigns to become president, pro and manager at Shady Hills GC, Inc., Marion, Ind. . . . Shady Hills formerly was known as the AJC course . . . Vaughn, Joseph F. Sexton, W. Lawrence Sexton, and Richard Shiel bought the 18-hole course and clubhouse . . . Tommy is one of five brothers who have been pros . . . Bronte, Tex., to have 9-hole course . . . Twin Lakes CC to have two 18s in \$35 million subdivision east of Palm Springs, Calif.

Dennis, Mass., to build municipal course to plans of Henry C. Mitchell . . . Lone Palm 18 being built at Lakeland, Fla., is bordered by 300 home sites . . . Bill Markham and Fred Barnard building Ironwood GC at Gainesville, Fla. . . . Macon County Park commission plans to build nine at Lafayette, Tenn. . . . Building muny course at Ontario, Ida. . . . Expect to have municipal 18 at Concord, Calif. in play by summer.

Carson Meadows, Inc., to build 18 in new development at Carson City, Nev. . . . Edward H. Conner, Lafayette, Calif., building 9-hole course . . . Shadow Lake CC, near Littleton, Colo., opens this spring . . . Walter Sikes, Amarillo, Tex., is the architect . . . Erie County (N.Y.) plans new course near Hamburg . . . Placid Lakes Development Co. is planning to build 18 at Lake Placid, Fla.

Gordon Leishman goes from River Road CC, Louisville, Ky., pro post to Idle Hour CC, Lexington, Ky., succeeding the late Alvey Hume . . . Leishman's assistant, Gary Feldman, succeeds him at River Road . . . Pete Grandison returns after about 20 years' absence to pro job at Bowling Green (Ky.) CC . . . Harold Sieg, pro at Golden Valley GC, Minneapolis, in association with a few physicians, has been making interesting use of an electronic "tranquilizer" device in relieving members' tension . . . Hartford (Conn.) GC is altering course to design of Bill and Dave Gordon . . . Work being done

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E. C. Holt of Texas A&M is speaking to a group of supts. attending the Southern Turfgrass Association's annual meeting in Memphis, Tenn. The February meeting had a record attendance of 208. Andy Mortimer of the Lakewood GC, Grand Hotel, Point Clear, Ala. was elected president of STA. Geo. McKay of the U.S. Navy GC in Memphis is vice-president and Reg Perry of Turfaid, Inc., Memphis is secretary-treasurer.

by staff of Supt. Don McKay . . . Pro Bob Bodington at Hartford GC is getting new pro shop as result of clubhouse remodeling . . . Jock Hutchison and Jock Hutchison, Jr., this year were first father-son pair in PGA Seniors . . . Tom Clark, pro emeritus at Blue Hills CC, Kansas City, Mo., was oldest player in the Seniors' field . . . Tom is 86.

Popular feature of Lew Oder's new pro shop at Licking Springs GC, Newark, O., is a two-hole putting course . . . Sime Braio, who has been supt. at Worcester (Mass.) CC for 42 years, has resigned and is succeeded by his son-in-law, John Almonte . . . Almonte has been Braio's assistant since 1955 and graduated from U of Mass. course management school in 1950 . . . Braio was away from Worcester CC 10 years while he was supt. at Wachusett CC, West Boylston, Mass. . . . Stewart L. Sprinkle now pro at Floridan CC, Howey-in-the-Hills, Fla.

High tribute to a golf professional as a community leader was paid at funeral services for Earl Fry who had been pro at the Alameda (Calif.) municipal course since it opened in 1927 . . . Earl is survived by four brothers, all professionals: Mark at Alameda, Fred at Pacific Grove, Dick at Oakland and Tom at San Mateo . . . Earl's widow and a daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Warner, also survive him . . . Edward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fry, was one of the most promising young amateurs in California . . . He was killed at Okinawa, serving in the Marine Corps.

Ronald J. Reiner now pro at Fairmont CC, Chatham, N.J., succeeds the late Ralph Romano . . . V. W. Lee now manager, Hoosier Heights CC, Tell City, Ind., replaced Tom Rittenhouse who now is manager at Mexico (Mo.) CC . . . Stan Dudas now director of golf at Princeton CC, near Trenton, N.J.

A \$10,000 total purse was recently announced for the Northern New Jersey and Staten Island PGA match, May 13-15, at Rockaway River CC in Denville, N.J. . . . Making up the purse is a \$4,000 Dodge Polara and \$6,000 in cash prizes . . . The Rockaway tourney is the richest available to N.J. and Staten Island pros in their home area . . . Cash backer for the match is the North N.J. Dodge Dealers Advertising Association.

Bob Benning, former assistant to Wes Ellis at Mountain Ridge in West Caldwell, N.J., returns from Palm Springs, Calif. to take head pro spot at Plainfield (N.J.) CC . . . While in Calif., Benning was an assistant to Claude Harmon at Thunderbird . . . The Plainfield job was formerly held by Bill Moran, who resigned Jan. 1 . . . The Plainfield pro shop is a new \$60,000 layout and includes a unique indoor teaching room.

Illinois state championship of the annual National Amateur Tournament of Champions will be held at St. Andrews G&CC in West Chicago, Ill., May 18th . . . Supt. Bob Parvin and Pro-Manager