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Tournament	Playing Titleist	Nearest Competitive Ball
LOS ANGELES	46	38
SAN DIEGO	50	32
BING CROSBY	135	56
LUCKY OPEN	60	28
PALM SPRINGS	216	90
PHOENIX OPEN	58	28
TUCSON OPEN	81	24
PGA SENIORS	216	42
PENSACOLA	54	25
TOTAL	916	363

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Charlie Burns is back in the golf business after 10 years as a political publicity man . . . Burns made his reappearance handling publicity for the GCSA meeting in Cleveland . . . He had handled that job at many conventions years ago when it was hard to get newspaper space . . . At Cleveland he got a 25 year pin from the GCSA . . . He was the Akron, O., city recreation director and manager of J. Edward Good park and the Rubber Bowl . . . Now he is general manager, Brandywine CC, Peninsula, O. . . Peninsula is 18 designed and built by Earl Yesberger . . . Yesberger, with P. P. Lutz and son, own Brandywine which is in Cuyahoga River valley hills between Cleveland and Akron . . . Earl also owns a course in North Olmsted, O.

Western Seniors championship at Harbor Springs, Mich., June 21-24, may have to turn down entry applications . . . Harbor Springs is in resort area near Petoskey and Seniors and their wives like the place . . . Gino Turchi, opening 18-hole Northway Heights GC, at Elnora, N.Y., this spring . . . Charles Charleson at Cherokee Town & CC, Atlanta, succeeding George Barnhart as supt. . . . Cherokee building its third nine.

Government Small Business loans recent release listed \$100,000 as going to Conewango Forks GC, Inc., Randolph, N.Y. . . . Pleasant View CC, Inc., Gilford, N.H., \$95,200 . . . \$40,000 to Elmbrook, Inc., Traverse City, Mich. . . . \$50,000 to Dunroamin CC, Gilbertsville, Mass.

Paul Erath, pro-supt. at Laurel Valley CC, Ligonier, Pa., where PGA is to be played Aug. 12-15, says 18-hole Saranac GC, Donegal, Pa., which he is building for Dick Groat of the Cardinals and Jerry Lynch of the Pirates, probably will have first nine in play this fall . . . Leonard Schmutte, Findlay (O.) CC pro, Denny Sullivan of Indian Head (Chicago dist.) and Massey Miller of Chemung Hills CC, Howell, Mich., played their annual Triumvirate championship during PGA Seniors week . . . It is a sort of memorial to the



## SWINGING AROUND GOLF

News of the Golf  
World in Brief

By HERB GRAFFIS

### Front Cover

O. J. Noer, who has worked harder and travelled more than he did before he retired a few years ago, took this photo of the 18th green at Royal Kaanapali in Hawaii last fall while the Canada Cup matches were being played. Thereafter, he continued junketing, travelling to the Far East where he inspected a dozen or more courses. For the story of his turf tour, see pages 34-35.



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six Nelson brothers, Indiana professionals, who started Leonard, Massie and Denny and about 50 other Indianapolis kids in golf . . . The majority of the Nelson proteges resided in an Indianapolis area about four blocks square when they made their golf debuts as caddies . . . This is a showing that outshines even the pro production of Carnoustie.

There should be some official PGA recognition of the Nelson brothers but I don't suppose there ever will be . . . It is pathetic the way the PGA continues to blow chances to identify professional golfers as having had more influence on American life than any other group of professional sportsmen . . . This error of neglecting to proclaim the value of Senior professionals to the growth of golf is especially serious in view of the fact that right now, more than ever before, the golfing public needs to be reminded that whatever is good for the professional is better for the golfer and his club . . . A PGA grant of \$25,000 (less than the prize money for a small tournament) would finance the research, writing and publication of U.S. pro golf history . . . Until this job is done nobody can brag about the PGA's official policy of public relations.

The veteran **Jimmy Thompson** is back for his 47th year at Mohawk GC, Schenectady, N.Y., after his 49th winter as a pro in Florida . . . The perennially young Jimmy started in Florida at Belleair-Biltmore, Clearwater, with **Alec Smith** . . . He was at Rocky Point then at Daytona Beach when **John D. (for Dimes) Rockefeller** was there playing, with **Norman Summers** at Fort Lauderdale and with **Ray Daley** at Pompano Beach . . . **Frank Walsh**, after watching **Errie Ball**, pro at Oak Park (Ill.) CC with a 70, lead **Sam Snead** by a stroke in the first round of the PGA Seniors, and then seeing Sam go over to work on his driving, said: "I never thought I'd see the day when Errie, as good as his swing is, would drive Snead to the practice tee."

**Manuel Francis**, supt., Belmont (Mass.) CC, is back in USA after a month in Mexico helping train men for course maintenance work and consulting with supts. . . .



*Bill Mark photo*

Doug Sanders, who had slipped slightly off the pace in the last two years, bounced back with a vengeance in March by winning PGA tournaments in successive weeks. After taking the Pensacola Open and \$10,000 early in the month, he came right back to capture the Doral Open and \$11,000 the following week. He is shown permitting Jackie Gleason to touch his Doral check.

He says several Mexican supts. are doing amazingly good jobs despite heavy handicaps in turf and labor . . . Kuyko grass takes over in spots down there and it's so tough you almost break a wrist hitting into it . . . UCLA is experimenting on Kuyko control . . . Manny declares that golf is becoming one of the ties that bind U.S. and Mexico and forecasts that in a few years Mexico will be a hub of winter tourist golf play . . . Francis repeats what many before him have said about Mexican golfers being the most hospitable guys you ever met.

Talking with Florida veterans about the Nelson brothers, mentioned elsewhere in this column, I have been told that **Chester Nelson** gave **Gene Sarazen** his first job in Fort Wayne in 1920, and that **Lee Nelson**, working for **Carl Fisher**, developer of Miami Beach, put in the first course in that area . . . The brothers were **Lee**, **Chester**, **Dick**, **Chick**, **Ervin** and **Wally**.

**Phil Darbyshire**, pro at Big Cypress CC, Naples, Fla., goes to South Shore CC,



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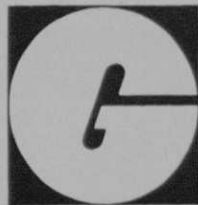
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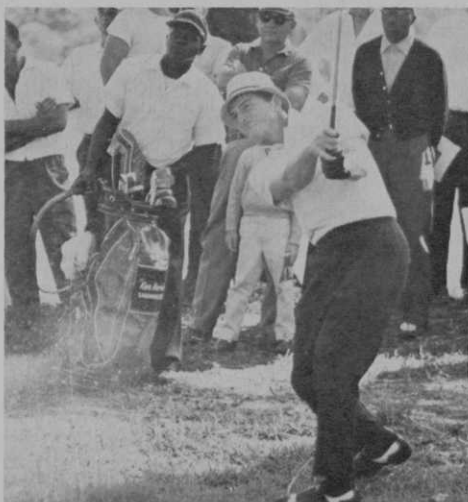
Chicago, as pro . . . Darbyshire, will return to Big Cypress in the winter . . . **Bill Hough**, formerly pro at Lehigh Acres (Fla.) will be on pro job the year around at Big Cypress . . . **Norman Johnson** resigns as supt. at Fort Myers (Fla.) CC . . . **Bob Jones** now supt. at Arizona CC, Phoenix, Ariz. . . . Jones was in the Detroit district, then in southern California as a supt. prior to going to Arizona CC . . . He started in golf business as a pro-supt. at Bob o' Link in Detroit in the early '40s.

The Old Grand-Dad Club (99 Park Ave., N. Y., N. Y.) is interested in arranging tournaments for Grand-Dad's Day, Sunday, Sept. 12. . . . A trophy plaque that features a mounted (but usable) putter is given as first prize . . . **Herman Wedemeyer**, former college and pro football star, captured the 13th annual Hawaiian Invitational amateur tourney, sponsored by the Hawaiian Golf Club.

New players on the Ladies PGA tour this year are **Donna Caponi**, **Rebecca Eismen**, **Claudia Lindor**, **Betsy Cullen** and **Janet Moseley**, the first left hander on the tour . . . Piney Point GC (Norwood, N. C.) claims to be the first in the nation to apply for and secure an FHA loan to build its facility . . . U. S. golfers are supporting college educations this year for 970 young men, all winners of caddieship grants from various golf associations . . . The Sunnehanna Amateur will be held at the Sunnehanna CC in Johnstown, Pa. June 4-6 . . . Defending champion is **Gary Cowan** of Canada.

**Charles E. Stewart**, irrigation engineer, Homewood, Ill., reports he has recently finished the design of three complete irrigation systems that will go into operation this month . . . They include Niagara Falls CC in Lewiston, N. Y., Lincolnshire CC (course No. 1), Crete, Ill. and Battle Creek (Mich.) CC . . . The University of North Carolina's third annual turfgrass conference was held Mar 9-10 in conjunction with the March meeting of the Carolinas GCSA . . . The meeting was held at the University's faculty club in Raleigh.

The Chicago Dist. GA has published its 1965 schedule listing 178 tournaments from April through October . . . **Billy G.**



Since Charles O. Finley bought the Kansas City Athletics a few years ago, he hasn't had much to brag about. But there isn't much doubt that he beamed a few weeks ago when he learned that his first baseman, Ken Harrelson (above), had won the National Baseball Players' tournament with a 301. That was two strokes less than Albie Pearson, L. A. Angels outfielder, required.

**Phillips**, pro at Winchester (Va.) GC, sends along news of the club's \$225,000 building and remodeling program . . . A pro shop with club storage facilities will be built and a swimming and tennis complex is planned along with a complete irrigation system for the 18-hole course.

**Herb Wimberly**, coach of the New Mexico State U. golf team, announces that the team has its most ambitious schedule up to this time with six top-flight tourneys and 15 duel matches carded through mid-June . . . Pro **Roy Faber** of Colonia (N. J.) CC says that with all the golf books and television tips, most golfers still can't bring the club down the right way . . . Too many swing from the top . . . To correct this, Faber tries to make them think of leading the downswing with their right knee.

Approximately 200 Boy Scouts will serve on the scoreboards, act as runners, carry standards and help in other ways at 47th PGA Championship at Laurel Valley GC, Ligonier, Pa. . . . **Peter Thompson**, four-time British Open champion, will head the Australian delegation of **Frank Phillips**, **Colin Johnston**, and **Ted**

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Ball to the Carling Open in Sutton, Mass. in Aug.

Rejection has come from the park board regarding the addition of nine holes to the current nine located in Washington park, Racine, Wis. . . . Southeastern Design Assoc. of Wilmington, Del. will design the proposed beach course at Kitty Hawk, N. C. . . . New assistant pro to Ellis Brogan at Fayetteville (Ark.) CC is Jerry Parker . . . Brogan is making plans to leave the club to build and operate an 18-hole public course northeast of Fayetteville.

A country club-golf course are features of the senior citizen community of Cooper City (between Hollywood and Ft. Lauderdale), Fla. . . . Another Fla. planned-community, Killern Estates, with a \$100 million investment program anticipated over the next 15 years has been started northeast of Tallahassee . . . The 9-hole golf course (eventually planned to be expanded to 27) is already underway.

Lakeland, Fla.'s Lone Palm GC course construction moving ahead . . . It is expected that a number of new homes will be built along the course in the next few years . . . A \$10 decrease in the 1965 adult and family season golf tickets for the city of Mishawaka, Ind's. Eberhart-Petro municipal course was approved recently by the recreation board.

Work will begin soon on the Bay County (Mich.) public course . . . Geoffrey Cornish, course architect, has estimated that the city of East Providence, R. I. can build its proposed 18-hole public course on the land it owns for \$100,000 . . . Members of the Elkdale CC (Salamanca, N. Y.) have voted to acquire more land and expand their course from nine to 18 holes . . . Jerry Boykin, is new pro at Lakewood CC in Georgetown, O. . . . George Bigham, pro at Oakwood CC in Cleveland, Heights, O., has a new teaching assistant in Dennis Bradley, formerly at Westwood CC . . . The 32nd Ohio Public Links tourney is slated for Canton's Tam O'Shanter CC, Aug. 2-6. . . . Dave Mayfield is pro at Jefferson CC (Jefferson Borough, Pa.).

The Ponderosa CC, Schenectady, N. Y., formerly opened its new clubhouse early in March. . . . The clubhouse is patterned