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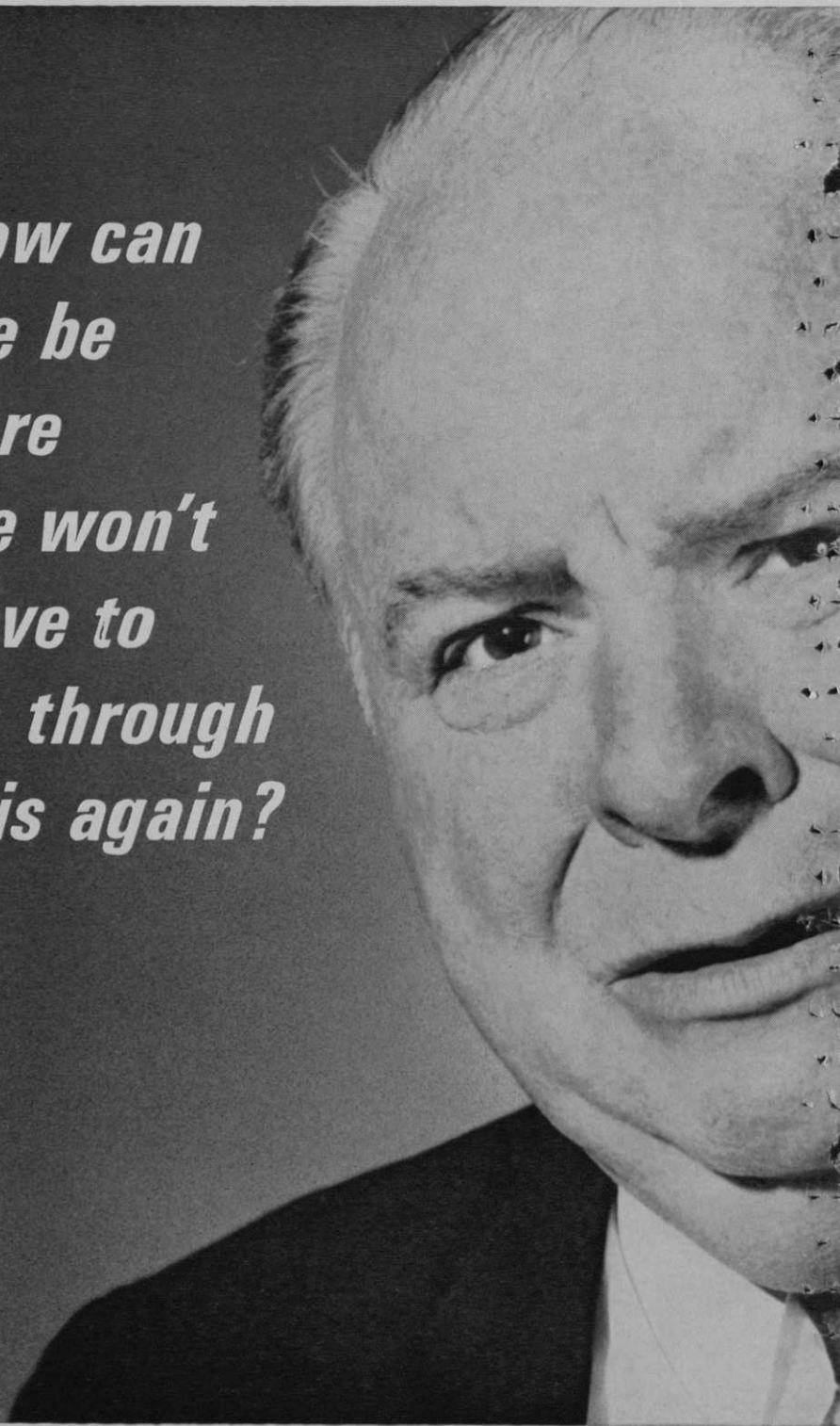
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Swinging around golf

By **HERB GRAFFIS**

News of the Golf World in brief



Tom Crane's retirement as secretary-treasurer and a director of the National Golf Fund ended a service that began in 1952 when the National Golf Fund was formed to appraise requests for money raised by the PGA's National Golf Day and to make grants to qualified operations involved in golf service, education and welfare . . . Crane, for many years Executive Director of the PGA, was the National Golf Fund's legal counsel that kept the Fund and the organizations sharing in it O.K. with tax regulations and other angles . . . The National Golf Fund has distributed over \$1 million . . . Details of that distribution have involved a tremendous amount of added work for Crane and he's been working for no pay for the Fund, as have other directors and members . . . At its Feb. 28 meeting the National Golf Fund allotted \$95,000 as net from National Golf Day 1965 . . . Biggest share, approximately 27 per cent and \$25,000, went to caddie funds . . . Next was the PGA Educational fund and the USGA Green Section and GCSA research and educational funds . . . Golf charities in veteran hospital programs and relief of indigent old pros got about 25 per cent.

National Golf Day performance by the PGA distinguishes the pro golf organization as the only one in pro sports that has raised and given away \$1 million for the benefit of its own sport . . . Rarely do pro sports donate money . . . They take . . . The National Golf Day operation of the PGA involving thousands of professional golfers who certainly aren't publicized as big money-makers is one of the facets of the pro golfers' "image" to be brightened in the public

eye by the public relations plan *Fred Corcoran* has been engaged to handle for the PGA.

Jim Castle expects to have first nine of his course southeast of Richmond, Ind. opened this spring . . . He moved a partially built clubhouse from another site where the building had been intended as an apartment . . . Jim wants golf salesmen to call so he can open with well chosen stock . . . He was assistant at Elks CC in Richmond and before that in Jackson, Miss. . . . Brothers *Chet, John* and *Richard Zukowski* opening first nine of their Terra Green CC near East Stroudsburg, Pa. . . . *Joe Quinzi*, formerly assistant at Tamiment, will be Terra Green pro . . . The Zukowskis have over \$100,000 in their course and clubhouse.

A switch from the homesite-course combination now so general: Near Lexington, Ky., Bluesky Industrial Estates is to build a 110-acre industrial park for factories of non-toxic industries with an 18-hole course surrounding the factories . . . Par-3 building seems to be easing off but there is a higher percentage of better par-3s (with some par-4 holes) being planned or building . . . Summit, N. J., building an \$80,000 munny par-3 nine on 12 acres at Vanderpoel Park . . . El Comino lighted nine in South San Francisco, owned by *Joseph Welch* and *Robert Smith* has one green on the roof of its pro shop and a grass tee on the roof of its clubhouse . . . It is on eight acres of San Francisco Water Dept. land . . . Thunderbird 18 at San Jose, Calif., owned by *Henry Duino* has several par fours . . . It is 4,700 yards . . . Burbank, Calif., opens its munny Par-3 nine, designed by *David Kent*.

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Huntington Beach (Calif.) Co. is building the course part of its conversion of 700 acres of oil production land into residential and recreation areas, in an area where there are screened and sound-proof oil wells on "islands." . . . **Jim Reynolds**, pro at Hermitage CC, Richmond, Va., has designed nine for Emporia, Va. . . . **Wm. Cafaro** buys 115-acre Eastwood GC at Niles, Ohio as shopping center site.

If the PGA Tournament Committee had been able to collect a \$100 fine from every golfer who thought the Committee's fine of Doug Sanders was nonsense, the PGA would be the world's richest sports organization.

That silly case headlined the urgent need of modernizing a rule that might have been O.K. years ago but certainly doesn't fit now with golf as a spectators' game and with press and television reporters distracting newsworthy finishers of a round.

For the entry fee tournament contestants pay they are entitled to get from the PGA and the USGA the same simple, thorough service in finishing a round that the contestants get officially in starting . . . Not collecting a scorecard correctly figured and attested is just as much due to tournament officials' failure to provide businesslike procedure suitable to today's conditions as it is to a player getting diverted (usually in cooperating on publicity to promote the tournament.) . . . There is something wrong when the pencil and not the ball and clubs decide a tournament, and there is no reason to presume the player is the only one that is at fault.

Disqualifying **Jackie Pung** because her card showed a 5 instead of a 6 at the fourth hole of the last round but the correct 18-hole total in the 1957 National Open at Winged Foot was a signal of outmoded procedure that neither the USGA nor the PGA have heeded . . . It does not seem to have occurred to our great and good friends that there might have been somebody innocently and officially cheated by neglect to update golf tournament procedure . . . Jackie didn't get value for her entry money.

In baseball, football, basketball, hockey and fights the contestants are secluded from reporters for a cooling-off period, but in golf the excitement explodes close to the competitors after the last putt is holed . . . Responsibility for protecting the players' interests under such circumstances should be that of the sponsoring organization . . . If all the sponsoring outfit can do when it fails in the simple job of devising procedure to handle this situation is to pass the buck and fine somebody who pops off in protest, the public (from whom all blessings flow) is not going to regard the organization highly for sportsmanship or business . . . You may be fairly sure that the PGA now having Corcoran as its public relations counselor will bring up to date the regulations that made Doug Sanders and the golfing public partners in being short-changed.

Victory of **Freddie Haas, Jr.** in the PGA Seniors was first win of the Teacher's trophy by a senior pro whose father also is a senior pro . . . Freddie, Jr. was just a few weeks over 50 when he beat the largest field of that event; 418 starters . . . He was born Jan. 3, 1916 . . . Freddie, Jr. is the first ex-college star to win the PGA Seniors . . . He won National Collegiate in 1937 . . . In 1934 he won the Southern Amateur and Western Junior . . . He won Canadian Amateur, Southern Amateur and a flock more before turning pro in 1945 . . . He is the first PGA Seniors winner to have been a member of U. S. Walker and Ryder Cup teams . . . Walker Cup in 1938 and Ryder Cup in 1953 . . . **Freddie, Sr.**, and Jr., are two of the finest gentlemen in golf . . . And how proud pro golf can be of its quality when the pro seniors field is viewed! . . . No doubt about it, the high class of gentlemen in pro golf has had a great deal to do with making golf immensely popular in the U. S. . . . There is no substitute for class . . . To see the absolute opposite of pro golf look at pro boxing.

Toledo, Ohio CC talking about moving and building at new site two 18's to plans of **Robert Bruce Harris** . . . Pine Grove GC, Northampton, Mass. adding second nine designed by **Geoffrey Cor-**

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