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News of the Golf World in brief



Colonial Open's 21st annual "National Invitational" tournament had \$150,000 advance ticket sale and record gate sale, too . . . Couldn't have been a smootheroperated event. Tournament Chairman Frank Rogers and the brother and sister committee workers and club staff apparently had every detail covered in their planning . . . Colonial members, some tourney pros and golf writers regard Colonial's 7,132 yd. par 70 the toughest course on the tournament circuit . . . Bruce Devlin's par 280 won . . . Record is 272 set by Clayton Heafner in 1948 . . . Ben Hogan won in 1946, '47, '52, '53 and '59 . . . It's his home course . . . He shares record 65s with Chandler Harper, Mike Souchak, Arnold Palmer and Ken Nagle . . . Hogan one-putted three consecutive holes this year then got back to normal, missing "makeable" ones but tying for fourth at 284 . . . From tee to green Hogan, at 53, is as good as the best of them . . . Maybe he is the best . . . If he isn't, who is? . . . He knocks a lot of long shots from six to ten feet from the pin when the Old Yips grabs his putter.

Marvin Leonard, founder of Colonial and the man who brought major championships to Texas, has in his newer Shady Oaks CC at Fort Worth one of the most beautiful of all club houses and a grand course . . . Ben Hogan gave his annual dinner there and like everything else Hogan does, this was done with top class in every respect . . . Since Leonard got the USGA to put the 1941 National Open at Colonial (Wood won it with 284), there have been the 1952 Open at Northwood in Dallas, the 1963 PGA at Dallas AC CC and there'll be the 1967 Ryder Cup matches at the Champions'

Club in Houston . . . In 1927 when Walter Hagen won his fourth consecutive PGA championship and his fifth over-all, at Cedar Crest CC at Dallas, no campaign was necessary to get the championship for the club . . . The PGA was having difficulty placing its championships . . . PGA records still don't show what the prize money was for that event . . . It was Hagen who brought the PGA championship at match play into the Big Time.

Colonial's President Cecil A. Morgan, has the sort of a staff that club officials want . . . Manager Vergal Bourland, pro Roland Harper and Superintendent Joe Cano are an all-star line-up . . . Bourland presents epicurean meals and name dance bands for the Colonial Invitational . . . Harper and his assistants Bobby Maxwell, John T. Rhodes, Jr., and John Crow run the pro shops, indoors and out, as valuable supply stations, fashion centers and information booths . . . Joe Cano and his force, despite high heat, heavy rains and humidity manage to present a course in perfect condition . . . And with the framing of roses at the fences Colonial becomes a picture course . . . Cano started with the course when it was being built in 1935 . . . He was 14 years old then . . . John Bredemus was architect with Perry Maxwell as associate in the job for Leonard, and Ralph Plummer was doing the construction as John's man.

Bredemus was a good player, competing in the Open around 1919... He was pro at Texas clubs and branched into course architecture... Plummer started with him on the Edinburg, Tex. nine-hole course and was John's builder for

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about nine years . . . Their top early job was Ridgelea CC at Fort Worth that cost about \$100,000 in 1930 when that sum was a tower of money . . . Bredemus had a dispute with the government about income tax . . . John was ag'in it and went to Mexico where he built five or six courses . . . Plummer went in on his own in Texas and has designed and built great courses, among them the two for the Dallas AC, Preston Trail, the new Adamless Eden at Dallas . . . Three 18s for Pollard Simmons at his big deluxe development, a second 18 for Ridgelea, rebuilding Northwood, 18 full-sized and a nine lighted par-3 for the Southwest CC are among Plummer's recent jobs in Texas . . . He's now designed and built 88 courses since he began with Bredemus . . . He recalls one of the toughest jobs being Memorial Park at Houston in 1932 . . . Bredemus got in a tall tree and Ralph walked through the brush with a flag on a long pole spotting green and tee sites . . . Plummer says Bredemus had been a mathematics teacher at an Ivy League university and was very careful about estimates and measurements.

Golf Rules in Pictures, new 1966 edition, an official publication of the USGA, compiled by Joe Dey, published by Grossett and Dunlap, New York, is issued at \$1.95 . . . Every pro shop ought to have a copy of it and every locker room of a first class club ought to have a copy around to officially settle disputes and to educate members in playing golf instead of whatever that game is when they make up their own rules . . . Every adult male and female who claims to be a golfer can get entertainment and enlightenment out of the Dev compilation which is clearly illustrated by George Kraynak . . . Dey has lectured on the rules of golf and diagrammed them more than anybody else, living or dead, and has explained them so some rules dummies, including myself, have rules staying with them.

This year the USGA Seniors is at Tucson National GC Sept. 26-Oct. 1 and next year the event will be played at Shinnecock Hills, Southampton, N. Y., Sept. 25-30—Second Open and Amateur championships of the USGA were played

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