

The Junior Championship

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The Congressional Country Club, scene of the second USGA Junior Amateur Championship late in July, is on the River Road near Potomac, Md., about seven miles from downtown Washington, D.C. It was founded in 1924 and has a large and magnificent clubhouse, an 18-hole golf course with a new nine holes in the making, a beautiful, terraced swimming pool and a most active tennis area.

Its first President was Mr. Herbert Hoover, then Secretary of Commerce, and it was dedicated by President Coolidge. The club originally had 1,500 life members. It now has more than 900 active members. It was used by the Office of Strategic Services during the war as a planning and fatigue center and has been completely rehabilitated.

Many outstanding men in Washington life have served on Congressional's Board of Governors, and the club is fortunate in having one of them, Wash Williams, as its current President.

Tommy Armour was the professional in the early years, followed by his brother, Sandy Armour, and Roland MacKenzie, who has since become an amateur. The present professional is an outstanding example of a club pro, Wiffy Cox. Lew Worsham served on the staff for a year.

Over the years Congressional has entertained more than its share of championships. In 1935 it was host to the Intercollegiate, and it has great plans for the Junior Amateur Championship.

In tune with modern times, the golf course has been revamped from the standpoint of member playing and labor-saving maintenance devices. It can be lengthened to about 6,800 yards for a



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championship. Since the war several greens have been rebuilt, and the future program includes the remainder. The club maintains extensive nurseries from grasses originally obtained from the USGA Green Section at Beltsville, Md., during the war.

The Washington Committee for the Junior Championship, headed by Francis E. McArdle, with Frank Emmet assisting, has arranged interesting sight-seeing trips for the boys. The USGA will have evening programs of Rules discussions, a talk by William P. Turnesa, the Amateur Champion, and motion pictures. Accommodations for players have been arranged at Georgetown University.

As last year, the Junior Championship is open to male amateur golfers who will not reach their 18th birthday by the day of the final, July 30. The 128 players who compete at match play in the Championship proper are determined by 18-hole Sectional Qualifying Rounds at 41 locations.