

"Golf House" Hums with Stories

"Golf House" is filled with so many legends and anecdotes that it sometimes seems not big enough to hold them. Every old club, old ball, badge, and other curio whispers its own personal tale in the new headquarters of the USGA and its Golf Museum and Library, in New York.

Sometimes there is a story within a story, such as the one told us at the recent Open Championship by J. Victor East, club designer, former professional, and now an executive of a sporting goods company. Mr. East assisted in the contribution of a "wind-jammer" club, in our "Clubs of Champions" exhibit, that represents Olin Dutra and was used by him in winning the 1934 Open at Merion.

"When I finally got that club," Mr. East related, "I took it to the Longmeadow Country Club in Longmeadow, Mass., and stood it beside a locker until

I could get a chance to send it to the USGA. The next day, when I went to get it, I couldn't find it.

"I asked the attendants and others about it, but nobody knew what had become of it. There was nothing for me to do but report that somebody apparently had picked it up and taken it away.

"That was the last of it—until spring cleaning months later. Then, when they moved the lockers out from the wall, there lay the club; it had fallen behind them. And now you have it."

"Golf House" is being purchased and equipped by lovers of the game, and thus far \$84,178.77 has been contributed toward the goal of \$100,000, donated by 4,599 individuals, clubs and associations. Contributions of any amount are welcome. Following are Founders not previously recorded in the JOURNAL:

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A MODEL JUNIOR PROGRAM

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as well as the Father-Junior Son Tournament.

One of the projects is the first California State Junior Championship. This is being worked out with Joey Rey, professional of the Pasatiempo Club in Santa Cruz. A week-long series of tournaments is being planned in Northern California to culminate in both individual championship play and a team contest between Northern and Southern California, patterned on the Walker Cup Match.

Membership: Members in the Junior Association will be required to enter the aforementioned tournaments and, we hope, will also be required to enter junior events sponsored by others. We expect to maintain a high level membership and require each applicant to be approved by the Southern California Section of the PGA, which will certify that the applicant has sufficient skill to play and sufficient knowledge of the Rules and Etiquette to know how to conduct himself or herself properly. Membership may be suspended or canceled for dishonesty, wilful disregard of the Rules or Etiquette, or unsportsmanlike conduct. Dues will be \$2 a calendar year, and memberships will expire December 31 unless terminated previously by the holder reaching the age of 18. We expect about 300 this year but in the future should reach many times that number.

Privileges and Concessions: We hope to obtain practice privileges for members

at driving ranges and playing privileges or concessions where possible. We hope a membership card will immediately identify the holder as a gentleman who can be depended upon to play courteously and not injure the course. This should make privileges easy to obtain.

Playgrounds and Golf: Most cities have playgrounds which provide facilities, equipment and instruction in such sports as football, baseball, basketball and tennis. I see no practical reason why playgrounds cannot provide golf driving nets and employ professionals to give lessons to beginners.

Professionals and the Juniors: The local PGA has been keenly interested in the new Association, and George Lake, Joe Robinson and Bud Oakley, PGA representatives to the Board, have contributed greatly in time and effort. The new organization will bring the juniors into closer contact with the pros, which will be good for both. I realize the pro must budget his time, but time given the juniors is well spent and sure to be followed by sales of equipment and advanced lessons.

Aside from profits, the pro has a great opportunity to make a big contribution to youth. The pro will be respected by the juniors and can be a great help in teaching them the valuable lessons to be learned from the game. It will cost him nothing to show an interest in the boys, even to play an occasional round with them. This has a tremendous effect upon the boys, and gains for the pro something money cannot buy—the esteem and good will of the juniors and their parents.