

A Busy June for Baltusrol

In its long and distinguished career, the Baltusrol Golf Club at Springfield, N. J., has had an unusual share of big moments in golf—three USGA Open Championships, three Amateurs, and two Women's Amateurs. But its quota for the coming June is notable even for Baltusrol.

The Open is to be played there again, over the lower course, on June 17-18-19, and Ben Hogan is scheduled to try for the unprecedented feat of a fifth Open victory.

Two weeks before that, on Saturday, June 5, the Open Champion takes on the whole world of American golf when he plays an 18-hole round at Baltusrol as the focal point of National Golf Day.

Simultaneously, thousands of golfers will be playing 18-hole tournaments at their home courses and, with the use of handicaps, will match their scores against Hogan's Baltusrol round. Those who surpass Ben will receive medals inscribed "I Beat Ben Hogan", awarded by the Professional Golfers' Association of America and Life Magazine, the co-sponsors of National Golf Day.

There will be a \$1 entry fee for each club event. The total fees, with no deductions for expenses, will be presented in equal shares to the National Golf Fund and the USO, an agency of the United Defense Fund. The National Golf Fund is a non-profit corporation set up to disburse proceeds from National Golf Day tournaments for charitable and worthwhile projects related to golf.

Last year each of the two co-beneficiaries received \$54,501, the sum of \$1 entry fees paid by golfers at 2,650 American clubs who sought to outscore Julius Boros, then Open Champion. Thanks to handicaps, a total of 12,310 beat his score of 70 at Oakmont, near Pittsburgh.

In the last two years the National Golf Fund has allocated an aggregate of \$13,000 from National Golf Day for turf research projects, at the direction of the Green Section of the United States Golf Association. Thus, many entry fees are being plowed back into constructive scientific work for the good of all golf courses.

USGA COMPETITIONS FOR 1955

Walker Cup Match—May 20 and 21 in Great Britain. Men's Amateur Teams—
Great Britain vs. United States.

(Dates entries close mean last dates for applications to reach USGA office, except in the case of the Amateur Public Links Championship. For possible exceptions in dates of Sectional Qualifying Rounds, see entry forms.)

<u>Championship</u>	<u>Entries Close</u>	<u>Sectional Qualifying Rounds</u>	<u>Championship Dates</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Open	May 23	June 6	June 16-17-18	Olympic Country Club, San Francisco, Cal.
Women's Open	June 21	None	June 30, July 1-2	Wichita Country Club, Wichita, Kansas
Amateur Public Links	*June 3	†June 19-25	Team: July 9 Indiv.: July 11-16	Coffin Municipal G. C., Indianapolis, Ind.
Junior Amateur	July 5	July 19	August 3-6	Purdue University, South Course, Lafayette, Ind.
Girls' Junior	August 3	None	August 15-19	to be determined
Women's Amateur	August 8	None	August 22-27	to be determined
Amateur	August 15	August 30	Sept. 12-17	Country Club of Virginia, Richmond, Va.

* Entries close with Sectional Qualifying Chairmen.

† Exact date in each Section to be fixed by Sectional Chairman.