

CONGRESSIONAL ENTERTAINS WOMEN'S AMATEUR

Natural setting for
a true Championship
event

Prospects are high that the 59th Women's Amateur Championship being played at the Congressional Country Club in Washington, D. C., this month will provide a good competition and a friendly gathering.

For the first time in the history of the event, the field has been limited to 128 players, chosen from entries with the lowest handicaps, not exceeding six strokes.

Miss Anne Quast of Marysville, Wash., the current Champion, will be defending the national title which she won last August at the Wee Burn Country Club in Darien, Conn., by defeating Miss Barbara Romack of Sacramento, Cal. 3 and 2 in the 36 hole final. Beyond the defense of her title, Miss Quast will be seeking to duplicate her "double" of 1958, when she was also low amateur scorer in the Women's Open. She already has the first leg of the coveted honor by repeating as low amateur in last month's Open at the Churchill Valley Country Club in Pittsburgh.

The international flavor will be provided by Miss Elizabeth Price of England, the British Ladies' Champion and member of five British Isles Curtis Cup Teams, Mrs. A. D. Spearman of England, a reserve on the 1958 British Isles Curtis Cup Team, Miss Sandra Clifford of Mexico, the Spanish Champion and recent winner of the German Women's Championship, and a big group of Canadians headed by Mrs. J. Douglas Streit (Marlene Stewart) the 1956 USGA Amateur Champion and perennial winner of the Canadian Ladies' Open and Close Championships.

For the American contestants, the possibility of selection to the 1960 Curtis Cup Team should add to the air of excitement. The Team will be selected next January, and although general overall record is considered, performance in the Women's Amateur is given much weight, for it is at this event that practically all the leading players convene.



Miss Anne Quast, the current Champion, holds the Women's Amateur Championship trophy which has been continuously played for since 1896.

The Congressional Country Club is situated near the Potomac River among hills and trees, a natural setting for a friendly gathering.

The Club was founded in 1921 by a small group of Congressmen. During the early years of its existence, it listed as members an abridged Who's Who in America and fulfilled the dreams of the founders who felt the need for a club where members of Congress could meet socially with business and professional men, and with members of the community. In 1943 it was leased to the government for training the OSS, the famed World War II group that specialized in espionage, sabotage and raids behind enemy lines. After the war Congressional was completely transformed from its original purpose, and gradually evolved into a club with attractions for all members of the family.