

## East Aurora Junior Invitation Tournament



Ron Righter, of Cheverly, Md., center, was medalist and winner of the Seventh Annual East Aurora, N. Y., Junior Invitation Tournament. George Stokes, St. Catherines, Ontario, Canada, right, was runner-up and tied for second lowest qualifying score with Brownie Kopra, Jr., of Buffalo, N. Y., shown on the left.

In our issue of November, 1954 we described the three day Junior Invitation Tournament which the Junior Committee of the East Aurora Country Club, East Aurora, N. Y., had inaugurated in 1953 to promote Junior Golf.

Starting with a \$100 contribution from the Club, the committee raised enough money to run the tournament the first year and to start a small account for future tournaments. Invitations were extended to boys from the surrounding area. With the all-out backing of the Buffalo newspapers and the full cooperation and efforts of the junior and adult Club members the annual tournament got off to a good start.

Now in its seventh year its growth and success are assured. The seventh annual tournament was held recently with a field of sixty-four, invited from distant Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Washington, D. C., and Ontario, Canada, as well as from the nearby area. Transportation, lodging and entertainment were no problem — all were provided by the enthusiastic Club

members at no charge to the youngsters.

The tournament was again successful and provided a real atmosphere for the promotion of good sportsmanship and good golf. Ron Righter, the Maryland Junior Champion from Cheverly was the tournament winner, defeating George Stokes of St. Catherines, Ontario, Canada, 3 and 2. Righter was also medalist with a one over par 73.

Defeated in the semi-final round was Leon Kantor of Utica, N. Y., the 1958 New York State Junior Champion. Doug Lindsay, Bethesda, Md., runner-up in the 1958 USGA Junior Championship was winner of the first flight.

The East Aurora event has been a stepping stone for at least two of its previous winners: Ward Wettlaufer, Buffalo, N. Y., the first winner, was a member of the 1959 Walker Cup Team; John Konsek, Buffalo, N. Y., winner in 1954-55-57 recently won the New York State Amateur Championship for the second successive year.