



Sally Gives Mexico City Links a Whirl

A special three-month course this winter at Mexico City university gave Sally Sharpe, Birmingham amateur golf star, an opportunity to try the fine course at Mexico City country club. The course's clubhouse is in the background as Sally, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Sharpe, 114 Fair-

fax, trees off. With the putter, at left, is Ruben Silva, the club's professional. Sally is a junior at Michigan State university, majoring in child psychology. The 1956 state women's amateur champion, she will play in the USGA Women's Open June 26-29 at Forest Lake country club, her home course.

Crane Hurlers Petitions, Letter Ask Pool Efforts Ambrose to Reconsider For No-Hitter

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—Cranebrook moundmen Andy Billeston and Larry Demerick combined their talents for a no-hitter here Saturday afternoon as the Cranes blanked Assumption, 3 to 2, on Cranebrook's field.

It was the second win in two diamond outings for Coach Fred Cammelle's Crane hurlers. Billeston started and pitched three innings, fanning three and walking two. Demerick came in at the start of the fourth, striking out four and issuing four free passes.

THE WALKS and three Cranebrook hurlers accounted for the Assumption runs in the third and fifth innings. The Cranes, who garnered four hits, all singles, in the Woodland school's hurler, Frank Flanagan, scored in the second, fifth and sixth frames.

John Pless scored the winning run. He reached first on a hit, advanced to third on two infield grounders and came home on a missed ball.

Flanagan fanned six times, walking three. Assumption was charged with two misplays.

Lathrup Police Consider Youth Baseball Program

LATHRUP—The Lathrup police youth recreation department will sponsor a baseball league for boys 13 through 15 if enough boys are available in this age group to form three teams.

The boys may register Saturday at 10 a.m. at Lathrup drive and Southfield.

MANAGERS and coaches for these teams are urgently needed. Any fathers, who can help, are asked to report at the field on Saturday.

Plan Practices For Franklin Little League

FRANKLIN—Wing Lake school field will be the site of Franklin Little League's first practice session for new players Saturday at 10 a.m.

Boys who have registered before and experienced players will practice at Franklin Community church field April 26, also at 10 a.m.

MAY 1 is the league's opening date. More than 100 registrations have been received by the league.

Southern Tour No Pros' Paradise

By LES LINE
Sports Editor

Take it from Wally Burkemo, the winter golf circuit isn't the paradise many might believe it to be for the pros.

While spending January, February and March doing nothing but playing golf—and in such vacation hotspots as Los Angeles, Tijuana, Palm Springs, Phoenix, Houston, New Orleans and St. Petersburg—would seem like the next thing to heaven to some, the Franklin Hills country club professional has an entirely different view of the southland tour.

A veteran of several years of play-for-pay golf and considered one of Michigan's outstanding tournament competitors, Burkemo returned home last week from a highly successful 36 winter swing. He

so far this year took \$7,000 and he is third in the Ryder Cup standings. Burkemo was a member of the 1953 Ryder Cup team, the same year he won the PGA, and the little doubt he would like to play in 1956's cup matches.

Wally finished in the money in nine of the 13 PGA tour outings this winter. He failed to qualify for the final 35 holes in just three meets—the Texas Open at San Antonio, the Houston Invitational and the Azules Open at Wilmington, N.C.

A tie for second in the Phoenix Open was his best showing. He finished third in the Greater New Orleans Open, seventh in the Pensacola Open and eighth in the Tucson Open.

A second-round 89 kept him out of the finals of the Masters, the winter wrap-up April 3-6 at Augusta, Ga.

BURKEMO ISN'T sour on the tour. It's just that he feels the more weekend golfers have the opinion the winter swing is just one big picnic.

He states, "and it's generally bad." "For instance, it may be beautiful out when play opens in the morning, but if you're one of the late starters, say around noon, you may find yourself playing in strong winds, a downpour or even snow."

Burkemo was among the leaders when the final round of Bing Crosby's rich \$50,000 tournament got underway at California's beautiful Pebble Beach country club. He was given a good chance of finishing high among the money-winners or even winning the affair.

BUT WALLY didn't start play until early afternoon. About that time, a fierce, which borders the course, kicked up a 40-mile-per-hour wind. Forced to back the wind the full 18, he wound up tied for 16th. His purse share was \$600.

The circuit's worst weather was encountered in Texas. The touring pros were forced to play in rain and cold in two successive tournaments, the Texas Open and the Houston Invitational. The only thing Burkemo netted was a case

solid gold, is still worth a fabulous sum. Tom Beck of Royal Oak looks over clippings of Sullivan's career at the Varsity shop, 277 Pierce, where the belt is on display through Saturday.

Some 250 golfers follow the southern tour each year, some of them veteran players, others young club assistants playing the tournaments for the first time, says Burkemo.

MOST OF THE youngsters are sent south by their home clubs for "seasoning," he states. "Their clubs feel they might have a chance at

break through into the money. "But most of them never win a cent. Only 150 can qualify for the final 35 holes of the tournament."

In Wally's opinion, the fellows on the summer circuit are the ones who have it best. His reason? They are many. The purses are larger, the weather is good, the courses are in top shape and, since the club pros are home, the competition isn't as great.

Burkemo plans to enter the \$40,000 Tournament of Champions at Las Vegas, Nev., April 26-29, but his summer plans include just four tournaments.

HELL PLAY IN the Western Open at Red Run, set for May 29-June 1; the USGA Open Championship June 12-14 at Tulsa, Okla.; Grand Blanc's Buick Open, a \$50,000 event June 19-22, and the PGA Championship at Haworth, Pa., July 16-20.

Area links fans, meanwhile, will have an opportunity to see Wally on television next fall. He's scheduled for a match before the movie cameras May 8 at Boca Raton, Fla.

Next Month's Western Open First of State's Big Events

By LES LINE
Sports Editor

Golfdom's greats will converge on Red Run golf club next month for the first of nearly two dozen big events on Michigan's 1958 links calendar, the Western Open.

The Decoration day weekend affair, one of a pair of state tournaments on the play-for-pay pros' summer circuit, is set for May 29-June 1.

This is the second straight year the Western has been held in Michigan. Plum Hollow was host to last summer's tourney.

THE OTHER STATE meet to draw national attention and the nation's top professionals will be the rich Buick Open

June 19-22 at Grand Blanc's Warwick Hills. The Buick purse will be \$50,000.

The country's top women golfers, pros and amateurs alike, will also have their fun at the Water Wonderland. The USGA Women's Open is coming to Michigan for the first time June 26-29, with Forest Lake host.

There are 22 major professional and amateur events on Michigan's huge '58 golf schedule, just compiled by Bob Howell, Detroit District Golf association official and president of the Golf Mart here.

SECTIONAL QUALIFYING for the National Open is scheduled for June 2 at Red Run and Plum Hollow, Pontiac country club will host the Michigan Publix championship June 13-15, and sectional qualifying for the National Publix will be held June 16-18 at Oakland Hills and Knollwood.

Charlevoix's Belvedere country club has been selected for the Michigan Amateur championship July 9-13 and the Women's Michigan closed championship will be played July 11-14 at Plum Hollow.

Two outstanding state tournaments are planned for August, the Michigan Senior's Aug. 12-14 at Detroit golf club and the Michigan Open at Atlas Valley near Grand Blanc Aug. 22-24.

SEPTEMBER ALSO has its big events. The Michigan PGA Senior's is set for Sept. 2 at Lansing country club, while Michigan country club will host the Michigan sectional PGA championship Sept. 7.

The season's wrap-up, as far as the state's leading links events go, is the sectional qualifying Sept. 16 for the USGA Senior's. The course is yet to be selected.

All golfers, meanwhile, good, poor or just duffers, will get a chance at a bit of golf on July 7. That's National Golf Day, and everyone gets a chance at "beating" the winner of a match between Lionel Hebert, PGA champion, and Dick Mayer, USGA champion.

Michigan's Top 1958 Golf Meets

May 29-June 1—Western Open at Red Run

June 2—National Open sectional qualifying at Red Run and Plum Hollow

June 7—National Golf Day

June 9-11—Michigan Senior's spring event at Black River country club, Port Huron

June 13-15—Michigan State Publix championship at Pontiac country club

June 16—National Publix sectional qualifying at Oakland Hills and Knollwood

June 19-22—Buick Open at Warwick Hills, Grand Blanc

June 26-29—USGA Women's Open at Forest Lake

July 1—State Pro-Am at Lakepointe, St. Clair Shores

July 9-13—Michigan Amateur championship at Belvedere country club, Charlevoix

July 11-14—Women's Michigan closed championship at Plum Hollow

July 21—Michigan assistant pros' championship at Plum Hollow

July 26-27—Michigan Publix Golf association medal play championship at Sylvan Glen

July 28-29—Nearst National Junior sectional qualifying at North Hills

Aug. 3—Detroit District Golf association championship at Detroit Golf club

Aug. 12-13—Michigan Senior's championship at Detroit golf club

Aug. 18—Michigan Open qualifying at Atlas Valley, Grand Blanc

Aug. 22-24—Michigan Open at Atlas Valley

Aug. 25-29—Women's District Golf association championship at Knollwood

Sept. 2—Michigan PGA Senior's at Lansing country club

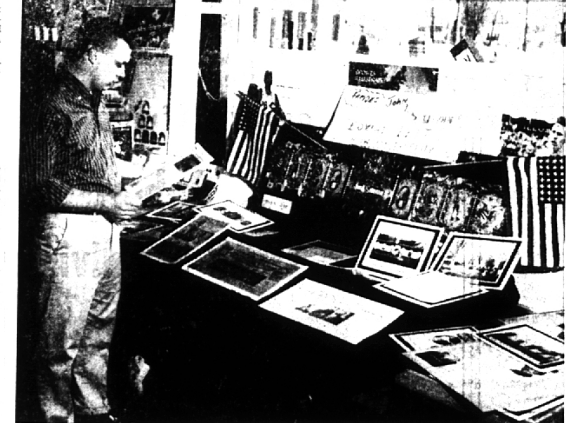
Sept. 6—Considine municipal event at Redford golf club

Sept. 7—Michigan sectional PGA championship at Midland country club

Sept. 16—USGA Senior's sectional qualifying (course not selected)



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Thirteen Pounds of Gold

The diamonds that once studded John L. Sullivan's famous championship belt have long been missing, but the huge trophy, presented to the great heavyweight champion in 1887 and containing 13 pounds of

solid gold, is still worth a fabulous sum. Tom Beck of Royal Oak looks over clippings of Sullivan's career at the Varsity shop, 277 Pierce, where the belt is on display through Saturday.

Soph Sparks Cinder Win

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—Cranebrook's thunders noted all but two firsts Tuesday afternoon as they romped to a lopsided win in their first meet of the season, a triangular with Berkley and Utica on the Crane track here.

Cranebrook tallied 82 points, Berkley and Utica scored 27 each. Several good times were registered. Cranebrook's Gary Grik, scored won the 125-yard high in 3:15, and also was first in the low timbers. Berkley's Jerry Young was the mile winner in 4:53.2.

LARRY DEWITT, a sophomore, was a triple winner for the Cranes, taking the 100-yard dash in 1:06, the 220 in 2:36 on two turns and the broad jump with a 19-foot, 11-inch leap.

Tom Noweare, Cranebrook captain, was another double winner, copping first in the 440 and the high jump.

Utica won the 880-yard relay when Cranebrook was disqualified for passing out of the zone.

Hills Golfers Win

LIVONIA—Bloomfield Hills opened its 156 golf campaign with a 178-21 victory over Clarenceville at Idyl Wyld golf club here Tuesday afternoon.

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