

Tee Talk

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 "And its not hard to tell the committee's confidence. Six hundred persons have been hired to be marshals on the course during the tournament."
 "Dean" of Detroit-area sportswriters E. A. Batchelor enjoyed the dinner and business meeting. Batchelor has covered all the Opens held at Oakland Hills, which includes the ones in 1924, 1937 and 1951.

ONE-MAN PRO-AM
 Last week Eldon Briggs of the Detroit Golf Club was the one-man show in the weekly pro-am

tourney. Monday is was Bob Gajda, pro at Forest Lake Country Club in Bloomfield Hills. Gajda shot the individual low score under par 70. He also teamed with Blaine Syron and Len Orr and got two shares of the five-way split for top prize. His two-somes shots 67.

LADY PROPHETS
 Three Birmingham Community House Newcomer golfers predicted their scores on the nose in the Ketchers tournament. Friday at North Hills Country Club. They were Mildred Koto, Barbara Sharp and Margaret Kapala. Friday the women will throw out their three worst holes to compete on scores in the tourney-of-the-day.

ADDITIONAL SPORTS

U.S. Open Creates Its Own Fish Story

(E.A. Note: The following is another in a series of articles The Eccentric is publishing which will be in the U.S. Open Golf Tournament which will be held at Oakland Hills Country Club, Birmingham.)
 Nearly everything has happened in the 1961 United States Open golf championships and now even the Open has a fish story.

The fish that jumped out of the lake by the 18th tee at Cherry Hills last year was Doug Sanders' downfall. It was the first round and Sanders stood at the 18th tee needing only a par to tie Mike Souchak for the lead. Sanders teed up, addressed the ball. Just then the fish flipped out of the water. It so unnerved short-tempered Doug that he almost took a full backswing.

"That fish was big enough to be a whale," said a shaken Sanders. "I thought for a minute somebody was unloading a truckload of empty beer cans. Sanders didn't recover. He took a bogey six."
THE 1959 OPEN had more than its share of oddities. There was Souchak, who set a 36-hole record with a 135 being started when an amateur movie fan started his camera filming at the 18th hole in the first round just as Mike teed off.

Souchak put his drive out of bounds and took a double bogey, cutting his lead from four to two strokes. He finished in a six-way tie for third.
 Cherry Hills also holds the record for most strokes on one hole in an Open. It took Ray Ainsley 19 blows to hole out in the 1938 Open on No. 17.

Ainsley's ball landed in a creek and instead of taking a drop, he kept falling and splashing until he finally got the ball out.
ON THE OTHER END is Ray Maguire, silver-haired pro at Birmingham Country Club. Just a short distance from 1961 Open host Oakland Hills.

Maguire aced the 295-yard fifth and the 163-yard 14th at Plum Hollow during one round of the 1949 sectional qualifying trials. But he failed to qualify.
 And there was Jack Fleck, 1955 champion, who failed to make the 36-hole cut in 1956.

The same fate befell 1928 champion Johnny Farrell who was tied for 117th place after 36 holes in 1929. Farrell's stock market crash came earlier than most.
OAKLAND HILLS has its stories too. In the 1937 Open, winner Ralph Guldahl was met by his wife as he strode toward the 72nd green.

She planted a big kiss on Guldahl. Ralph, noting the photographer and realizing that he had the tournament won, paused and combed his hair before the bus, and that was in the days before television.
 In the same tournament, Sam Snead made his Open debut. Like the others to follow, Sam came

close but couldn't win. He finished second.

When it came time to present the checks, Snead couldn't be found. Judge John P. O'Hara, chairman in 1937 as he was in 1951 and is again this year, finally found Snead talking on the telephone.

O'HARA THOUGHT the "Slammer" was calling a close friend to relate the details of his second place finish. Snead was giving a stroke-by-stroke, hole-by-hole account.

It turned out that Snead was talking to a New York radio announcer who was pirating the interview on the air in violation of the USGA's contract with one network. Should Snead win this time,

Recreation Round-Up

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intervals from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Mondays and Fridays. First series is June 19 to July 14; second series is July 17 to August 14.
 The first four lessons will include fundamentals of play and will be held at Elton Park. The last four lessons are actual play at Springdale Golf Course. Enrollment is limited and registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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SENIOR MEN'S CLUB: The Birmingham Senior Men's Club enjoyed enlightening meeting viewing films on supersonic planes and the great strides being made in this area by our government. Prior to this technical showing the members were conditioned for the heavier subject by pleasing pictures of fishing.

The club is most grateful to the Community House for its deep interest in the welfare of the Club by expanding the Ranch Room to accommodate the growing membership. The discussion group each week provides current topic which gives everyone sitting in an opportunity to offer his ideas on the subject at hand.
 The Club was told of the death of Mr. George E. Carter, 711 Smith, one of its most active members.

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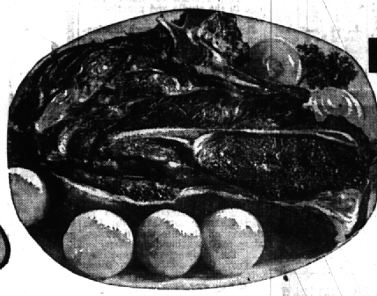
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