Donohue and Whalen Win Best Ball Event

Wallingford, Aug. 7.—(AP.)—Tom Donohue, professional at the New Haven Municipal Golf Course, and Willie Whalen from the Tumble Brook Country Club, Hartford, teamed up today with a best ball of 32-33—65 to capture a professional one-day tournament at the Wallingford Country Club.

Two pairs, Joel Smith of the home club and Frankie Sarno of Wampanoag, Hartford, and Lou Galby of Mill River, Stratford, and Joe Donato of the Norwich Country Club, finished second with 65.

Donohue also won the individual tournament with a sparkling 68, made up of even 34's. Smith carded a pair of 35's for a 70 and second place.

Golf Tournament Tomorrow

Some of the top-notch professional golfers of the state will tee off at the Wallingford Country Club Sunday afternoon in a Pro-Amateur tournament sponsored by the State P. G. A. The tournament is slated to start at 1 o'clock.

Topping the list of pros who have notified Joel Smith, professional, that they will be present is Harry Nettlebladt of the Avon Country Club, who is regarded as one of the best shot makers in the state and the state and the winner of numerous tournaments since he came here from the Bay State a few years ago.

Others in the list of pros expected to appear here are the popular Willie Whalen of Tumblebrook Country Club, Jack Williams of the New Haven Country Club, Ed Burke of Racebrook Country Club, Tom Donahue of New Haven Country Club, Lou Galby of Mill River Country Club, who is displaying a fine brand of golf this season.

Also to play are Henry Gerardi of Wethersfield Country Club, Joe Donato of Norwich, Bud Geohegan of Rockledge Country Club, Ben Romer of Manchester Country Club and Joel Smith of the home course.

The professionals will team up with members of the Wallingford Country Club who will be assigned to team up with pros as the result

Along The Fairways

Leading professional shotmakers from various parts of the State will gather today at Wampanoag Club for a tournament to be followed by a meeting of the Connecticut Golf Association which will select two members to attend the Professional Golf Association convention at Chicago November 13-15.

President Willie Whalen of Tumble Brook, president of the CGA, said the following will compete in the pre-meeting tourney: Tom Donahue, New Haven; Joe Donato, Norwich; Ben Roman, Manchester; George Ferrier, Danbury; Frank Sarro, Wampanoag; Bud Geoghegan, Rockledge; Eddie Burke, Race Brook; Lou Galvy, New River; Harry Nettlebladt, Avon; Henry Gerardi, Wethersfield; Ernie Doering; unattached; Joel Smith, Wallingford.

Eddie Williams Wins Senior PGA Tournament

Dunedin, Fla., Jan. 18.—(AP.)—Eddie Williams of Bryn Mawr Country Club, Chicago, Ill., the defending champion, today won the annual senior professional golf tournament with a score of 75-73—148 for 36 holes.

Jock Hutchinson of Glenview, Ill., former American and British Open title holder, was second with 75-75—150. Par for the 18 hole course is 72.

The veteran Hutchinson had held the lead most of the afternoon but Williams scored two birdies on the last two holes and overcame Jock's one stroke advantage.

Third place in the lists went to Charles Mayo of Garden City, L. I., who added a 73 to his first round 78 for 151. Charles Lorms of Columbus, Ohio, repeated yesterday's 76 to finish fourth with 152. Wilfred Reid of Savannah, Ga., came next with 79-75—154.

The other finishers:

James Cockburn, St. Louis, Mo., 76-79—155; Smiley Rowland, Fort Worth, Texas, 80-75—155; Joe Donato, Norwich, Conn., 83-75—158; Marshall Crichton, Durham, N. C., 83-78—161; Willie Ogg, Worcester, Mass., 79-82—161; William Livie, Charlotte, N. C., 78-84—162; E. W. Habert, Battle Creek, Mich., 81-82—163; Tom Skipper, Virginia Beach, Va., 82-82—164; George Sergeant, Atlanta, Ga., 83-81—164; H. E. Williams, Reading, Pa., 84-82—166; Tom Pepin, New York, 85-81—166; E. Anderson, Soundview, N. Y., 86-81—167; George Dodge, Boca Grande, Fla., 87-81—168; B. Way, Cleveland, Ohio, 91-84—175; William Crichton, Wilmington, N. C., 84-92—176; William Scott, Baltimore, Md., 89-88—177; D. Cuthbert, Philadelphia, 90-87—177.

Williams has to win the trophy cup once more to gain permanent possession.

Conn. PGA Elects Whalen President

NEW HAVEN (AP)—The Connecticut Professional Golfers' association elected Willie Whalen of Tumble Brook, Bloomfield, president for 1945 at the annual meeting at Race Brook Country club.

The tournament which usually precedes the meeting was called off because of rain.

Other officers chosen were Harry Nettlebladt of Avon, first vice president; Tom Donohue, of New Haven Municipal, second vice president; Lou Galby, Mill River, Stratford, secretary, and Ernie Doering, unattached, treasurer.

Directors elected were Joel Smith, Wallingford; Henry Gerardi, Putnam; Eddie Burke, Race Brook; Ben Roman, Manchester; Joe Donato, Norwich, and Tom Donohue, New Haven.

Whalen Heads State Golf Assn.

New Haven, Conn., April 30 — Willie Whalen of Tumble Brook, Bloomfield, was elected president of the Connecticut Professional Golfers' association at the annual meeting today at the Race Brook Country club. Harry Nettelbladt of Avon, was named first vice-president; Tom Donohue, of New Haven municipal, second vice-president, and Lou Galby, Mill River, Stratford, secretary, and Ernie Doering, unattached, treasurer.

Elected as directors were: Joel Smith, Wallingford; Henry Gerardi, Putnam; Eddie Burke, Race Brook; Ben Roman, Manchester; Joe Donato, Norwich, and Tom Donohue, New Haven municipal.

Fifteen pros attended the meeting and all reported that they are anticipating a good season. Many clubs in the state are preparing to aid in the recovery of wounded war veterans in the rehabilitation centers anr service hospitals in the state.

AVON.

Pro-member tournament, pro scores—Frank Staszowski, Greenwoods, 35-34-69; Frank Sarro, Wampanoag, 35-35-70 Harry Nettlebladt, Avon, 34-38-72; Ben Roman, Manchester, 40-35-75; Joe Donato, Norwich, 38-38-76; Bud Geohegan, Wethersfield, 37-39-76 Henry Gerardi, Putnam, 40-37-77; Stan Staszowski, 40-41-81. Pro-member scores—Sarro and F. F. Ellsworth, 33-32-65; F Staszowski and J. Gantly, 34-32-66; Nettelbladt and Dr. F. W. Phelps, 34-34-68; Roman and W. Kennally, 33-35-68; F. Staszowski and C. W. Mitchie, 35-33-68 F. Staszowski and Sam Crago, 34-34-68; Nettlebladt and R. Ryan, 34-35-69; Sarro and F. E. Christopher, 35-34-69; Sarro and C. F. O'Brien, 35-34-69;; Nettlebladt and T. Gormley, 33-37-70; Geoghegan and F. H. Nauman, 35-35-70. Out of money—Geohegan and H. L. Page, 35-36-71; Donato and H. E. Weiner, 37-34-71; Roman and C. B. Wright, 36-35-71; Roman and E. A. Shannon, 37-34-71; Donato and L. A. Partridge, 35-37-72; Roman and H. L. Viets, 34-38-72; Geoghegan and C. L. Oehler, 37-37-74; Whalen and R. W. Burt, 39-35-74; Gerardi and Ira Rabitoy, 38-36-74; Gerardi and Leo Quinn, 39-35-74; Donato and F. Burns, 37-38-75; Gerardi and R. Currie, 40-36-76; Gerardi and G. E. Patterson, 40-37-77; F. Staszowski and W. E. Smith, phrey, 40-38-78; Whalen and L. B. Hough, 41-37-78; F. Staszowski and C. N. Wilkinson, 39-40-79; F. Staszowski and R. Strubell, 39-40-79.

Club tournament, 18 holes, three-quarter handicap, Class A—J. H. Harding, 75-5-70; Class B—I Eno, 91-16-75; sweepstakes, Class A—Dr T. M. Campion, 87-14-73; Class B—Dr. George Eddy, 87-15-72. Ladies sweepstakes—Mrs. M. D. Smith, 108-28-80.

Mill River Pro Wins Pre-Election Event

BRIDGEPORT (AP)—Lou Galby, pro at the Mill River Country club, shot a brilliant two-under par 69 to win the pre-election tournament of the Connecticut section, Professional Golfers' association on his home course yesterday.

Harry Nettlebladt of Avon finished in second place, two strokes behind and Stan Stowski wound up third, three strokes behind Nettlebladt.

In the election of Officers George Siebert of Wampanoag who resumed his post after serving with the U. S. Marine corps, was named president. Willie Hunter of Willimantic was named vice president; Lou Galby was renamed secretary and Joe Donato of Norwich was elected treasurer.

Capture Pro-Member Tournament Honors At Manchester Club

BY BOB ZAIMAN.

Manchester, Sept. 8.—Alex Hackney, capable Wilbraham, Mass. pro, and Duncan Johnson won the pro-member tournament at the Manchester Country Club today with a best ball handicap total of 32-31-63, edging out Pete Burke, of Naugatuck and Del Ballard by one shot.

A fine turnout of 18 pros competed in the event and Henry Bontempo, of Franconia, Mass., carded the best individual score of the day with a two under par 33-35-68. Ben Roman, home club professional, had a 35-34-69 but the most unusaul round of the tournament was scored by Frankie Sarro, of Tumble Brook, who had a 42-32-74, including an eagle two on the 283 yard eleventh hole.

Pros Scores.

Henry Bontempo, Franconia, Mass	33-35—68
Ben Roman, Manchester	35-34—69
Pete Burke, Naugatuck	37-33—70
Alex Hackney, Wilbraham, Mass.	36-34—70
Stan Starzec, Pine Orchard	38-33—71
Jim Nichols, Spalding	36-36—72
Eddie Burke, Race Brook	36-36—72
George Siebert, Wampanoag	37-35—72
Harry Nettlebladt, Avon	36-36—72
Tommy Armour, Rockledge	36-37-73
Stan Staszowski, Green Woods	35-38—73
Frank Sarro, Tumble Brook	42-32—74
Lou Galby, Mill River	38-36—74
Willie Hunter, Willimantis	38-37—75
Tom Fillmore, Springfield	40-36—76
Jack Perkins, Stafford Springs	38-38—76
Joe Donato, Norwich	37-40—77
Al Labutis, Chase	42-38—80

3-County Golf League Proposed

The Manchester Country club was the scene of a discussion Sunday for plans to open a Tri-County Golf league in 1947. Preliminary plans included six clubs, with two members from each club at the meeting.

Plans to have Norwich, Manchester, Shenecosset, Willimantic, New London and Putnam clubs in the league were discussed.

Further plans will be formulated in the near future at a meeting of the presidents of each club.

Before the meeting, the Norwich Golf club team defeated the Manchester club in the final match of the season for the Norwich golfers by a 40-14 score. Low net honors for the play were taken by Joe Donato, professional at the Norwich club, with a 74, followed by Rick Anderson of Manchester with a 76.

McLOUGHLIN GOES TO P.G.A. MEETING

Roy McLoughlin, golf pro at the New London Country club and Joe Donato, pro at the Norwich club, left for Stafford Springs this morning to attend the annual P.G.A. meeting at the Mill River Country club.

A business meeting will be held this evening to elect officers for this section. Lou Galby, pro at Mill River, will be host during a dinner following the meeting.

The New London club will officially open its season by holding a flag tournament Memorial day.

WILLIE HUNTER ELECTED CONN. P. G. A. PRESIDENT

STRATFORD (AP)—Willie Hunter, golf pro at the Willimantic Country club, has been elected president of the Connecticut Professional Golfers' association, it was announced last night. Tom Donohue of New Haven Municipal, was chosen vice president; Stan Staszowski, Green Woods Country club, second vice president and Joe Donato, Norwich C. C., secretary-treasurer.

Two Teams Card 75's To Tie In Pro-Lady Event

Wallingford, Aug. 18.—(Special.)—Harry Nettelbladt and Mrs. D. B. Jacobs came through with a five over par 39-36—75 at the Wallingford Country Club to tie Eddie Burke and Pat O'Sullivan in the pro-lady tournament today.

Burke and O'Sullivan had a 38-37—75 and lost the top award when the cards were matched. Stan Staszowski, of Green Woods, and Mrs. A. L. Rowland, of Indian Hill, took the third gross prize with their 76 after matching cards with Jack Williams and Mrs. William Brewster, of New Haven, and Burke and Mrs. C. C. Clare, of Race Brook.

Low net prizes went to George Siebert and Mrs. C. S. Strike, of Wampanoag, with 83-20—63 and Burke and Mrs. Clare with their 76-9—67.

Harry Nettelbladt and Mrs. D. B. Jacobs, Avon, 39-36—75.

Eddie Burke and Pat O'Sullivan, Race Brook, 38-37—75.

Stan Staszowski, Green Woods and Mrs. A. L. Rowland, Indian Hill, 39-37—76.

Jack Williams and Mrs. William Brewster, New Haven, 38-38—76.

Eddie Burke and Mrs. C. C. Clare, Race Brook, 39-37—76.

Lee Kowalski and Mrs. W. R. Pierson, Edgewood, 36-39—75.

Herry Cerardi, Putnam and Miss Lucille Bonadies, Wethersfield, 40-38—78.

Lee Kowalski and Mrs. A. A. Pierson, Edgewood, 36-43—79.

Bob Schappa, Rockledge and Mrs. C. E. Hubbard, Hartford, 37-42—79.

Frank Sarro and Mrs. S. B. Bernheim, Tumble Brook, 36-43—79.

Joe Sullivan, Yale and Mrs. W. H. Joe Sullivan and Mrs. A. H. Dreier, Southington, 38-43—81.

Joel Smith and Mrs. J. B. Kirby, Wallingford, 42-40—82.

Stan Staszowski and Mrs. L. F. Thibault, Farmington, 40-42—82.

Syd Covington and Mrs. R. S. Patton, Jr., Hartford, 42-41—83.

Willie Whalen and Mrs. C. Andresen, Shuttle Meadow, 39-44—83.

George Siebert and Mrs. C. S. Strike, Wampanoag, 40-43—83.

George Siebert and Miss Kathryn Haven, Wampanoag, 41-42—83.

Stan Starrzs and Miss Sibyl Kirby, Pine Orchard, 43-40—83.

Henry Gerardi and Mrs. R. M. Grant, Wethersfield, 41-42—83.

Don Grader and Mrs. John McBride, Manchester, 39-45—84.

Bob Schappa and Mrs. J. J. Clancy, Rockledge, 40-45—85.

Frank Sarro and Mrs. Eddie Sussman, Tumble Brook, 39-46—85.

Harry Nettelbladt and Mrs. S. S. Ellsworth, Avon, 38-47—85.

Don Grauer and Mrs. S. O. Johnson, Manchester, 45-41—86.

Syd Covington and Mrs. W. L. Fenn, Hartford, 43-43—86.

Joe Donato and Mrs. H. Farr, Norwich, 47—86.

Joe Sullivan and Miss Phoebe Tucker, Pine Orchard, 41-46—87.

Willie Whalen and Mrs. B. Allen, Ehuittie Meadow, 46-42—88.

Jack Williams and Mrs. Ogden White, New Haven, 42-46—88.

Rain Delays Start Of Conn. PGA Tourney

NORWICH (AP) — Intermittent showers delayed the start of the Connecticut PGA golf tourney and also cut into the starting field here this morning but at 11 a. m. 20 of the state's top pros headed out over the rain-soaked course of the Norwich Golf club in quest of the title now held by Eddie Burke, the defending champion.

The golfers who braved the rain included Burke, Frankie Sarro of Tumble Brook, Frankie Stazzozwski and Joe Donato of Norwich.

AVON PRO CARDS 144 TO SUCCEED BURKE AS CHAMP

Leo Mallory Turns in 148 in Rain Storm to Place Third.

NORWICH, Sept. 22—(AP) Harry Nettelbladt of Avon put together rounds of 73-71—144 to capture the Connecticut PGA championship over the rain swept par 71 Norwich Golf club course here today. Nettelbladt succeeds Eddie Burke of Race Brook who withdrew from the 36-hole competition after playing one round. Leo Mallory, of Wheeler park, was third with 74-74-148.

Stan Staszowski of Green Woods, who held the lead until Nettelbladt came in in the last foursome early in the evening, took second honors with 146. Staszowski covered the first round in par figures and the second in 75 for his 146 total.

Because of the bad weather the field was cut to 21 contestants and play did not get underway until 11 a. m.

For his two rounds Nettelbladt dropped five birdies, four of them coming in the second trip over the hilly layout. He wound up his play by sinking a 20-foot putt for a birdie three on the last green.

Nettelbladt's card:

First Round

Par out..434 441 544—36
Nettelbladt
out .... 434 545 434—36
Par in ...434 453 534—35-71
Nettelbladt
in .....435 453 535—37-73

Second Round

Nettelbladt
out .... 434 544 643—37
Nettelbladt
in ..... 435 353 443—34-71-73—144

The scores:
Harry Nettelbladt, Avon 73-71—144
Stan Starzek, Pine Orchard, 76-79—155
Leo Mallory, Wheeler Park, 74-74—148
Frank Sarro, Tumble Brook, 77-72—149
Del Kinney, Shennecossett 79-73—152
George Siebert, Wampanoag 76-76—152
Willie Whalen, Shuttle Meadows 77-76—153
Al Lahtis, Chase 77-76—153
Willie Hunter, Willimantic, 80-74—154
Stan Starzek, Pine Orchard 76-79—155
Bob Schappa, Rockledge 79-76—155
Bob Smith, Indian Hill 81-75—156
Joel Smith, Wallingford 78-78—156
Joe Donato, Norwich 78-80—158
Charles "Cap" Perkins, Suffield 83-79—162
Stan Fisk, Stanley 81-81—162
Eddie Burke, Race Brook, withdrew
Henry Gerardi, Putnam, withdrew
Lou Galby, Mill River, 76—NC
Leo Chizinski, Chippanee, 77—NC

Norwich Man Elected To PGA Office

Revolution Put Down As Ed Dudley Retains Presidency

Chicago, Nov. 18.—(AP.)—The latest insurrection against the "old guard" in the Professional Golfers' Association was quelched today as genial Ed Dudley unanimously was reelected president for his seventh straight term.

The solid sweep in the ballotting of some 70 delegates and officers from all sections of the country crushed the behind-the-scenes candidacy of Horton Smith and an alleged "smear campaign" against Dudley.

That left as the annual meeting's only controversial item the protest of golfer Vic Ghezzi of Deal, N. J., against his omission from the 1947 American Ryder Cup squad which the executive committee planned to hear tonight.

Smith, veteran player from Detroit, was boomed by an unidentified faction said to be at odds with the Dudley regime, but he never got a call in the voting.

Contacted after the election, Smith said he still thought the presidential tenure should be limited to three years, but extended best wishes to Dudley, who gives both Augusta, Ga., and Colorado Springs, as his addresses.

"The delegates saw fit not to nominate any opponent to the president, but I don't think it was a slam at me or those who supported me," said Smith.

Smith joined Ben Hogan in disclaiming any part of a "poison pen" attack against Dudley, an accusation which Hogan attributed to Freddie Corcoran, PGA tournament bureau manager. Hogan threatened to have a "personal" showdown with Corcoran, if the latter appeared at the meeting which closes tomorrow. Corcoran has denied from New York that he was responsible for any story linking Smith, Hogan and Dick Metz, who punched Corcoran in California last year, with the campaign against Dudley.

Most of the PGA members recently received anonymous postcards critical of Dudley, who has been president since 1942.

The delegates reelected Joe Novak of Los Angeles as secretary and named as new treasurer, William W. Wothespoon of Tulsa, Okla., who replaces Willie MaGuire of Houston, Tex., seriously ill the past several months.

Four new vice-presidents were selected to join nine others who continue in office. The new officers were Joe Donato, Norwich, Conn., district one; Marty Lyons, Upper Darby, Pa., district two; John Watson, South Bend, Ind., district five; and Bill Gordon, Chicago, district six.

Joe Donato Undergoes Operation at Norwich

NORWICH, Oct. 20 (Special) —Joe Donato, pro at the Norwich Golf Club and president of the Connecticut section of the PGA, was reported "more comfortable" tonight in the W. W. Backus Hospital.

Donato was operated on for a gall bladder condition Tuesday night.

Joe Donato Nominated For Golf Award By State PGA As Outstanding Club Pro

By OWEN GRIFFITH

Joe Donato, a little man with an extensive knowledge of golf which he has put into many programs to popularize the game is the choice of the Connecticut PGA as nominee for the Bob Harlow award.

The Norwich Golf Club pro, who is completing his third term as Connecticut section PGA president, has been selected as "the home club pro who has done most for golf," and is a candidate for the national award which will be made at the annual meeting of the Professional Golfers' Association at its annual meeting in Atlantic City, N. J. in December The award is in memory of the former publisher of Golf World, and a noted golf authority.

The 61-year-old Joe Donato, who has held positions in national groups of the PGA, is in his 53rd year of golf, starting as a caddy at the Ardsley, N. Y. Country Club. He has given much time to assisting youngsters in golf, and inauguarating many programs to popularize the sport, among older devotees.

Golf Shows Interesting

Since coming to the Norwich Golf Club as pro in 1944 Joe Donato has been a popular and a prominent figure in Connecticut golf, being elected by the Connecticut PGA section as its president three years ago. Three Spring Golf Shows were staged by the Connecticut section under the supervision of President Donato and these were unqualified successes from the instructive end with outstanding speakers and clinic programs. A junior golf program organized under his direction has proved profitable with the annual tournaments drawing huge fields and interest far beyond expectations with entries showing an increase every year. The promotion work for both these ventures reflect the tremendous effort on part of the section president.



JOE DONATO

In addition to holding the Connecticut PGA presidency, the Dobbs Ferry, N. Y., native served as executive vice president of the National PGA 1948-50 and was president of the PGA Seniors in 1950. In 1949-50 he was chairman of the National PGA Golf Club at Dunedin, Fla.

The popular Norwich pro was selected ti appear on a radio program which marked the inauguration of the first National Golf Day a few years ago, his talk describing the work of the professionals and outlining the nation wide interest in the game.

After caddying at Ardsley, where he started in 1902, Joe Donato went into club making, returning to Ardsley to be second assistant to Pro Willie Tucker. He opened a golf teaching school at Yonkers, N. Y., and at the same time gave private lessons to students at the Mt. St. Vincent's girls school also in Yonkers. Joining the Philadelphia section of the PGA in 1923 he was employed by Daniel Egan and Alan Johnson at the Crumlyne Golf Club until 1927 when he returned to the golf teaching school at Yonkers. From 1932 to 1944 he leased and operated the Amawalk, N. Y. golf Club and in 1937 took over the Gedney Country Club at White Plains. In 1944 he moved into Connecticut to the position at Norwich.

Joe Donato was married in 1916 has two daughters and four grand children.

Joe Donato Nominated For Pro Golf Award

By OWEN GRIFFITH

Joe Donato, who is completing his 56th year in golf has been nominated for the Golf Professional of the Year award, for the fourth time. The nomination follows his announcement to retire as president of the Connecticut section of the PGA.

The Norwich Golf Club pro has held the presidency of the State professionals' organization for six years. The group holds it annual meeting at the Manchester Country Club Monday and a slate officers will be submitted with Harry Nettelbladt, Golf Club of Avon Pro, the man named to succeed Donato.

Joe Donato, is nominated again for the award named in memory of Bob Harlow, noted golf figure and publisher of Golf World, through his promotional work for the organization and all round efforts to help promote golf.

The Norwich club pro who started as a caddy in 1902 at Ardsley-On-Hudson, N. Y., has served as president of the PGA Seniors, vice - president of the National PGA and chairman of the National PGA Golf Club at Dunedin, Fla. He was attached to clubs in the New York and New Jersey areas before linking up with Norwich in 1944. The Dobbs Ferry, N. Y. native now 64, started the Spring Golf Shows and the project has grown in popularity every year since the start six years ago.

The Norwich pro was married in 1916 and has two daughters and five grandchildren.

Two Events Listed

Golf champions will have their chances to add additional honors today when men and women winners of club titles compete in the second annual Connecticut Women's Golf Association Champions-



JOE DONATO

Runners - up tournament at the Country Club of Farmington. The runners-up also team up in the unique event which attracted 50 teams last year at the Rockledge Country Club, where Mrs. Arthur Rowland and Bill Frey Jr. of Avon were the winners. Both failed to win the club titles again this year.

The Connecticut PGA Pro-Pro-championship will be decided Monday at the Manchester Country Club and among the pairings the newly crowned champion, Al Labutis of Chase is teamed with Joe Smith, Wallingford, oldest pro in point of service in the State. The tall Wallingford golfer has been a pro for 34 years.

Dot and Bud Funk are staging the Ivoryton Mixed Foursome golf tournament at the Madison Country Club Saturday, Oct. 11 and the event already has attracted 40 teams. The limit is 60 teams and the fee includes golf, dinner and dancing at the Ivoryton Hotel, in Ivoryton. Entries close Oct. 7 . . . "Chip" Reid, Southington club's Scottish-born president has twin sons, 9, Bruce and Kevin, who are potential stars having recorded 57 and 59, respectively, recently. They saw their first big show, the Women's National at Wee Burn, and were "really impressed" . . . Frank Smith was carrying an umbrella playing at Shaker Farms recently. When he walked off the second tee he found himself 100 yards down the fairway absent mindedly carrying a driver. He calls it a "leaky driver" . . . Pro Ed Kowalski got two aces on the 18th, one at his own Edgewood course and the other at Wallingford Thursday. The latter didn't count since it was in one of three warmup holes for the 18 hole round . . . The Goodwin Park golfers hope to stage a tournament for the Schaefer Trophy in midweek, if not this year than in 1959 . . . The Goodwin Park girls will be honored for winning the Southern N.E. Public links title at a dinner dance at the Saengerbund Hall Oct. 18 . . . Leo and Al DellaBianca are hoping to open their course on Welch St. in Southington next year. At present the name for the 18-hole layout is Mountain View, located a half mile from Lake Compounce . . . John DellaBianca, a cousin, is also working on the project.

Donato Gets Golf Award

Joseph Donato, golf pro at the Norwich Golf Club, received the golfer of the year plaque awarded by the Connecticut Section PGA at the annual golf show yesterday at Norwich.

Rep. Robert H. Barnes (D-Montville), retired Navy commander who has won the Sub Base Officers Club championship seven times, was the guest speaker at the dinner which was attended by 300. He spoke on the submarine service as well as golf.

Golf competition for amateurs and professionals was a feature of the day's program. Ted Lenczyk of Indian Hill and Bob Tarrant of Ridgewood tied with

Joe Donato Honored

STRATFORD (Special) — Joe Donato, Norwich pro, who retired as president of the Connecticut PGA last fall, after serving six years was honored by his fellow pros Monday at the Mill River Country Club.

The retiring president was presented a gift, following a dinner, as a mark of appreciation for his many years of work on behalf of golf. Harry Nettelbladt, Avon pro, and president of the PGA presided.

In the pro-pro tournament Al Mackintosh, Wilbraham, and Art House, Ludlow won with a best ball of 68. Other scores: Jack Williams-Joe Goldshinsky, New Haven 70; George Cefaratti, Indian Hill, Mickey Gresh, Wethersfield 71; Bob Bodington, Farmington, Lou Galby, Mill River 71; Del Kinney, Hotchkiss, Harry Nettelbladt, Avon 73; Joe Donato, Norwich, Willie Whalen, Shuttle Meadow 74; Dick Burkhart, Shuttle Meadow, Lee Springer, Old Lyme, 76.

The next State PGA Pro-Am is scheduled for Edgewood, May 25.

Progress toward the Ernie Gerardi goals is evident.

Joe Donato, Norwich pro will have Johnny DelFino back as his assistant this year. . . . The Goodwin Park Ladies Golf Club will meet at The Courant Auditorium, April 6, to plan for the season. . . . "Little Nate" Schine of

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Grist From The Sports Mill

By JIMMY CUNAVELIS

FOR THE BENEFIT of fellow linksmen, duffers and frustrated experts, we're conducting a class in GOLFOLOGY today with the assistance of a large, unique and very cooperative faculty.

We asked some 30 state pros and instructors the same two questions: 1. What do you consider the most important point in teaching? 2. What if anything do you think of yourself as a good executor?

The answers are wonderfully varied and perhaps some golf-minded readers can pick up, for the price of the daily Courant only, an invaluable tip or two.

Here's the report of our faculty:

MAINTAIN A FIRM LEFT HAND GRIP

BOB SCHAPPA, Rockledge: Stressing the correct grip. Body turn and timing on downswing is what I think of.

BOB KAY, Wampanoag: (Away in PGA tourney) Key concentrates on completing his swing both ways, being sure his left shoulder comes under chin point on backswing and that right shoulder circles under chin point to indicate completed follow through.

FRANK SARRO, Tumble Brook: Keep head steady and behind ball throughout swing. Am conscious of a good, firm left hand grip, not rigid.

DAVE CAMPBELL, Wethersfield: To swing the golf club most important and to control the mental attitude. This is a thinking game. I concentrate on playing each hole for what it's worth.

DICK McLEOD: Goodwin Park: Stress hip turn, both on backswing and downswing. There must be a correct pivot. I think of taking the club back with left hand and pulling it through with left. However, the less thinking while you're shooting, the better.



HORTON McLEOD BIESZAD CAMPBELL

DICK BURKARTH, Shuttle Meadow: Probably correct body turn, feel this is very important. I think of club head going through the ball, not stopping at it.

STAN PISK, Stanley: Stress hand action and keeping head on even keel. I try to stay with ball until hands get clubhead through.

DAVE WARD, East Hartford: Holding club firm enough in left hand to offset any possibility of dropping right shoulder. Work on good follow through and weight shift.

SWING, DON'T STEER THE CLUB HEAD

ANDY BIESZAD, Kensey Park: Rhythm, timing and coordination for a smooth, even swing. Keep the ball in what I want it to do.

JACK FORD, Cliffside: Extended left arm at top of swing plus good balance. Like to think of hitting down on iron shots and going thru ball on woods.

WILLIE HUNTER, Willimantic: The proper Vardon grip holding club with a light touch. Am sure of keeping head steady at all times — a must.

LOU GALBY, Grantmoor: Good turn and use of hands making sure pupil hits from inside out. I try to stay in position all the time so I can use those hands.

ALEX HACKNEY, Manchester: Swing the club, not hit at the ball and try to overpower it.

BOB LIVINGSTON, Hartford: Everything I teach is geared toward swinging the clubhead and I try to be relaxed enough to do that myself.

HARRY NETTELBALDT, Avon: Feel of clubhead thru proper hand and wrist action. Concentrate on hitting ball proper distance.

SWING DOWN AND THRU ON IRONS

LEO CHIZINSKI, Chippanee: Consider grip and top of backswing most important. Think of hitting down and thru with irons and not breaking my hands too quickly on woods.

FRANK STASZOWSKI, Torrington: Never let loose with left hand. To complete the swing.

BUD CRISDORF, Old Lyme: One piece swing. I think of pivoting properly.

JIM ORSI, New London: Swing the clubhead. Swinging the club thru the ball.

SEB MELUZZO, Pequabuck: Grip, hand action and backswing. I try to feel relaxed at the address.

VIC PANCIERA, Shennecossett: Hands and control of club. Try to swing with rhythm, uniformity and timing.

JOE CURTIS, Indian Hill: Swinging clubhead freely and thru the ball, turning and tilting of the body on both back and down swings. I think of hitting thru the ball, especially with the irons.



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WALTER LOWELL, Canton: Biggest thing is the correct grip. I let the left hand do the work, starting the backswing and downswing.

ROGER HORTON, Farmington: Swinging the clubhead. That's the thing I teach and think of.

ERNIE GERARDI, Edgewood: Comfortable stance and comfortable, proper grip most important. I strive to be ready and relaxed before hitting.

WALLY CICHON, Elington Ridge: The grip and being relaxed. Mostly my timing and being sure I don't take the club back too fast.

DICK DUNLAP, Cedar Hill: Try to get pupils to take an easy, natural swing. A slow backswing is a must. I try to keep head and shoulders steady.

MIKE WILK, Minnechaug: Grip is most important. I try not to think at all when I'm hitting.

AL LABUTIS, Wallingford: The grip is most important. I concentrate on the follow thru.

JOE DONATO, Norwich: The grip of the club. When I'm playing, I'm hitting for that flag all the time.

JACK WILLIAMS, New Haven: To learn how to correctly shift the weight with the direction of the clubhead. Most top players think of their chief weakness while shooting. This may vary.

BEN KOWALSKI, Pine Valley: The grip. I try to visualize where I want the ball to go, pick out a target.

KEN REID, Madison: Hit the ball easy. Hit the ball down on all shots.

(Sports Editor Bill Lee is on vacation. In his absence other members of The Courant sports staff will contribute columns).

NORWICH INVITATION

Amateur golfers of the area will have one more shot at tournament prizes this week end when an 18-hole invitation tourney will be conducted at the Norwich Golf Club.

Joe Donato, Norwich pro, and his assistant, Johnny Delfino, announced the event will be staged Friday and Saturday. It will be an 18-hole medal competition with prizes going to the golfers with low gross and low net cards.

State or local handicap cards will be necessary to compete for the net awards, and the amateurs will be allowed to use three-quarters of the handicap.

Competitors can register on the day of play, either Friday or Saturday, or they may compete on both days.

Those wishing starting times should call the Norwich Golf Club.

Wendell Ross Is Named Top Pro Golfer



STONINGTON—Wendell Ross, professional at the Pequot Country Club in Stonington, has been named professional golfer of the year in the Connecticut section of the Professional Golfers Association.

Ross, who is completing his first year as president of the section, was named for the honor at a meeting of the unit conducted Thursday.

He is the third golfer with Eastern Connecticut ties to be chosen in the past three years.

Two years ago, Joe Donato of the Norwich Country Club was recognized and last year, the winner was the late Del Kinney, former professional at Shennecossett and New London Country Clubs.

The award is based on service to the section by one of its members. Included in the rating is promotion of golf in general, teaching, competition, promotion of junior golf programs and and other factors.

Ross will be officially recognized with the award at the annual Golf Show and tournament at the Norwich Country Club next April.

Joe Donato Resigns as Norwich Pro

NORWICH — The resignation of Joe Donato as club professional at Norwich Golf Club was announced Saturday.

Donato presented his letter of resignation to John S. Dawson of the Thames Hotel Corp., operator of Norwich Inn and owner of the 18-hole Norwich course.

It will become effective Nov. 15 of this year.

Donato, 69-years old, came to Norwich from White Plains, N.Y., in 1944 as club pro and groundskeeper. During his 20 years here, he served as president of Connecticut Section, PGA, six times and was four times honored by the Section as "pro of the year."

He served as executive vice president of the National PGA from 1948 through 1950, is a former president of the National PGA Senior Association and is a former chairman of the National PGA Club in Dunedin, Fla.

Dawson, on receiving Donato's letter of resignation, said, "We learned with great sorrow of Joe's decision to retire. In our book he is the outstanding pro in New England."

Donato plans to retire to Palm Beach, Fla.

Joe Donato, Norwich Pro, Is Feted

Joe Donato, who is retiring his position as club professional-greenskeeper at Norwich Golf Club at the conclusion of the 1963 season, was feted by 200 members of the Norwich club and others in the golfing world at a testimonial dinner at Longo's Inn, Norwich, Saturday night.

Nelson W. Nitchman of Coast Guard Academy, guest speaker, praised Donato as an "outstanding professional and golfer as well as a gentleman."

Other figures in the golf game called on for remarks or bows included Jimmy Oleska of Brooklyn, N. Y., eight-time winner of the Norwich Invitation Tournament; Cmdr. Robert H. Barnes, many-time champion at Submarine Base; Bud Berberich, dinner committee chairman; Arthur Harris, master of ceremonies, and others.

Berberich presented Donato a gift on behalf of the gathering.

Donato came to Norwich from White Plains, N. Y., in 1944 and has remained there since.



NORWICH GOLF PRO—Donald E. Kay (right) of West Hartford signs contract as new golf professional at Norwich Golf Club. He succeeds Joe Donato who retired in December. Others participating in the signing at Norwich Inn yesterday included Sidney T. Dawson, managing director of Norwich Inn and Golf Club, and G. S. Nicholas-Cooper (standing), club president.

Joseph Donato Dies at Age 74; Was Golf Pro

NORWICH — Joseph Francis Donato, 74, of 775 Northeast 113th St., North Miami, Fla., former golf professional at Norwich Country Club for 21 years, died Friday in Florida.

A past president of the Connecticut Profesional Golfers Association, he was voted "Golf Pro of the Year" six years straight. Mr. Donato also served as vice president of the National PGA for three years.

Wendell Ross, spokesman for the National PGA, said, "The passing of Joe Donato is a great loss to the PGA of America. He was one of the most dedicated men of the PGA and will be missed and dearly remembered. His contribution to the PGA was one of the greatest."

Mr. Donato was born July 12, 1894 in New York. He retired in 1963 from the Norwich Country Club. He had formerly lived at Lucas Park Road, Norwich.

Surviving are his widow, Christina; two daughters, Mrs. Nicholas Torelli with whom he made his home and Mrs. George Leveile Jr. of Great Plains, N. Y. and five grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete. The Joseph Cofer Funeral Home, Miami Shores, is in charge.