

WOMEN IN SPORTS

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With Mrs. Josephine Windle Korber, tournament chairman of the Women's Metropolitan Golf Association, representing several thousand tourney golfers, announcing that the schedule of events is heavier than ever despite the war, one wonders what will be the outcome in view of the statement from Washington, that due to the world conflict, the manufacture of golf and tennis balls will be virtually eliminated.

Mark Stuart, newly elected president of the men's metropolitan body, also has announced a complete program for next year and a similar course is expected by the various organizations in other States. Will the wartime stringency put an end, temporarily, to the most healthful sport of all, golf, including as it does miles of walking on greensward where one can forget world troubles?

Hits Proposed Changes

This national emergency will also affect the United States Golf Association, which has been toying with the idea of not only changing the size and weight of the golf ball, but also planned to enforce use of a new style of irons to make the game more difficult, especially for tournament golfers, beginning Jan. 1.

In a release from the U. S. G. A., quoting from the Rules of Golf, under the heading "Form and make of golf clubs and balls," there appears the following provision; "Club faces * * * shall not bear any lines, dots or other markings with sharp or rough edges made for the obvious purpose of putting a cut on the ball."

The U. S. G. A. is informed that in recent months there have been violations of the above provision, and that some violations have been due to players marking the faces of their iron clubs. The penalty for violation is disqualification.

With war-time taxation making it difficult for golfers to purchase new equipment, it might be well for the powers that be to refrain from interfering at this time.

Golf Benefits Reviewed

Miss Alice Burnham, captain of the Gay Blades ice skating team, is one who can testify that golf is the best conditioner of all, even for a champion speed skater. Miss Burnham, who suffered a slight concussion due to an accident that temporarily halted her skating, found that golf was the best exercise of all to keep the muscles for the difficult speed skating in trim during the year's recuperation in Florida, where she played four or five days a week.

The national indoor champion speed skater states that golf is as good as bicycle riding for develop-

ing the muscles for an ice performer. After ten years on the rinks, Miss Burnham has won all the top titles in the game. Besides being national indoor champion, she holds the tri-State and Middle Atlantic titles.

Aids Junior Skaters

As assistant secretary of the Middle Atlantic Skating Association, Miss Burnham devotes her time each Saturday morning in promoting the interests of the younger generation in speed skating. She has organized midget racing classes at the Gay Blades rink for boys and girls up to 12. After winning in this class promotion to the juvenile division, ages 12 to 14, follows, then to the junior class, 14 to 16.

This method produces top-speed skaters for the metropolitan district who eventually take part in all the Middle Atlantic championships held during the season.

Miss Barbara Lloyd, sister of Harold Lloyd, movie star, recently bowled a 251 game in a league match. As Harold can't come anywhere near that figure, he sent out a call to his partners for aid. He should receive plenty of help now as his partners are none other than Hank Marino and Ned Day, champion match play bowler.

Miss Grace Acel of New York, now representing Cornell University, formerly a student at William and Mary College, will compete again in the annual Christmas invitation fencing tournament which gets under way on the strips of Brooklyn College tomorrow morning. Miss Acel won the individual honors in the 1940 event.

More than twelve colleges will send their best fencers to this meet. Most notable among Miss Acel's opponents will be Miss Kathleen Cerra of Brooklyn College and her team-mates, the Misses Charlotte Anker, Lillian Rubino, Helen Brand and Caryl Amsterdam.

Among the other colleges expected to send teams are N. Y. U., Hunter, Hofstra, New Jersey State Teachers, North Carolina, Temple University, Panzer, Swarthmore and Wagner.

This will be a team competition, but individual scores will be tallied and a prize given the winner.

Starting on Jan. 10 with a game against the alumnae, the Savage School for Physical Education will play seven basketball contests this season. All home engagements are scheduled at the Heckscher Foundation, 104th Street and Fifth Avenue.

The schedule:

Jan. 10, alumnae; 13, Brooklyn, away; 17, East Stroudsburg.
Feb. 21, Rhode Island; 28, Wagner, away.
March 4, Hunter, away; 7, N. Y. U., away.