

Off the Fairway

Mrs. Gordon Heads Group She Began

By John M. Brennan

As Mrs. Murray Gordon took over the gavel following her being named president of the influential Women's Metropolitan Golf Association at the annual election-luncheon at Hotel Delmonico, Manhattan, on Thursday, we couldn't help but mentally flashback to the day some 16 years ago that she and Sylva Annenberg Leichner launched the progressive Women's Cross County Golf Association.

Mrs. Gordon, who now plays out of Harbor Hills G&CC, Port Jefferson, was then Mrs. Saul Weinsier. She and Mrs. Leichner, a former New York State, Eastern and Met champion, felt there was a need for another distaff organization on Long Island. The Women's LIGA's roster was filled, with a waiting list.

Al Ciuci, the pro at Fresh Meadow CC, discussed the prospects of another group with Sue and Sylva and the writer. Sylva suggested the name Cross County. Al suggested the pair interest another dozen low-handicap players to call a meeting to organize the WCCGA. The conclave was held, the election of officers was made and a schedule was set up. Now, the WCCGA is one of the better distaff organizations in the East, with a membership filled and waiting list available.



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Sue Gordon's parents, the Charles Stillmans played golf at old Sound View CC, overlooking Little Neck Bay and a rendezvous for stars of the stage and screen of the '20s. Sue learned to play golf at the hilly Sound View layout and later played at old Lakeville CC, now Fresh Meadow. She'll do a great job leading the WMGA.

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SENIOR GOLFERS get reduced rates at the three courses at Salisbury Park and now golfers with artificial legs may rent electric golf cars at reduced fees.

Golf-minded County Executive Gene Nickerson announced the rental reduction, the same discount given senior citizens, is now in effect at the courses built by the late J. J. Lannin, owner of the old Boston Red Sox. WALK, the Westbury Artificial Limb Club, which includes several amputees among its membership, suggested the discount.

The reduced rental fee, made available by the Nassau Car Co., concessionaire at sprawling Salisbury, is \$6 for 18 holes and \$4 for 9. Full rates at \$8 and \$5, respectively. Each car can transport two golfers.

"This is a thoughtful gesture on the part of the Nassau Car Co.," said Nickerson. "I also commend WALK for the interest of its members in expanding recreational opportunities for handicapped residents."

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