

### Next Year's Golf Open May Be Colossal Flop

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 MONTREAL, (CP) — The 1954 Canadian Open golf championship may turn out to be the biggest bust in its history, financially and in big-name attractions, if venue plans are left unchanged.

The 1954 Open is scheduled for July 14-17 at the Vancouver Point Grey Club. But it is learned the Royal Canadian Golf Association has been quietly informed there wouldn't be a swing of the big American tournament circuit next summer within 1,800 miles of Vancouver.

This information reached the RCGA from the Professional Golfers Association in the United States.

A highly-placed golf authority told The Canadian Press in Montreal that the suggestion was made to the Point Grey Club there be a switch and the club take the 1955 Open. But, he said, the west coast golfing people insisted on going ahead with the 1954 Open "even if it means holding the tournament with only neighborhood and club pros."

Expected Money Players  
 The RCGA inadvertently got

caught up in the date situation. Awarding the 1954 open to Point Grey was done about two years ago, in accordance with practice. The RCGA acted on the assumption that the circuit of the money players would swing, as usual, into the Pacific northwest, making it easy for the American stars to move on to Vancouver.

Now it turns out the nearest point to Vancouver on the circuit next summer is St. Paul, Minn.

It is learned also that the PGA will honor its obligations to the Canadian PGA and keep the Point Grey date on its tournament schedule. At the same time the PGA feels there will be practically no chance of its top players going to Vancouver.

It is no secret that the Canadian Open relies heavily for its drawing power on the big-name players from the pro circuit. At the same time the RCGA depends upon the open for a major part of its operating revenue.

**Open Revenue**

It is estimated the RCGA was enriched by about \$10,000 from the Canadian Open at Toronto Scarborough last summer. Part of RCGA finances go toward development of young Canadian players.

The venue situation is understood to have brought about a rift in the RCGA. Some feel the Point Grey dates should stand, regardless of the PGA circuit. The dates also precede the British Empire Games in Vancouver by about two weeks.

Others say the tournament would not only lose money but prestige as well. They also say the only redeeming feature would be the likelihood of a Canadian winning the title. They add this would be a hollow victory.

The last time a Canadian won the open was in 1914 when Karl Keiffer of Royal Ottawa won it at Toronto, 10 years after the tournament was inaugurated. Keiffer's win was before the American pro circuit, at least the big-name players, started swinging into Canada. Pat Fletcher of Saskatoon won the last summer, finishing second to Dave Douglas of Newark, Del.

A point being carefully avoided by informants is that the Canadian Open has suddenly found itself in direct competition for customers and prestige with the new \$25,000 Open (Labat) which had its inaugural last summer in Montreal. The Canadian Open is a \$15,000 tournament, but it has continued to draw top-ranking American pros.

**BRACKLEY POINT W. I.**

Mrs. Willard McCallum was hostess to the Brackley Point Institute on Dec. 3. Fourteen members were present and four visitors.

The opening exercises were carried out, roll-call being answered by passing in articles for the annual Christmas auction, which was carried out later in the evening and the sum of \$20.35 realized.

The leader of the newly-organized C.G.I.T. reported good progress, and the sum of \$5 was voted for books for the group also a lectograph re-fill and paper. \$2 was donated to the F. B. League. It was decided to provide the usual Christmas treat for the school children and to make fudge for sale at concert. Nine members renewed subscriptions to Institute News. Visiting committee reported

### Georgetown and Vicinity

Mrs. Mabel Hearn was a visitor to the City on Dec. 8.

Mr. John Dolron was a recent business visitor to the city.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. DeLory motored to Charlottetown on Dec. 8.

Miss Joyce Jenkins was a recent visitor to Charlottetown.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Solomon motored to Charlottetown on Dec. 8th.

Mrs. W. J. Fitzgerald and son Charlie were visitors to the City on Dec. 8.

Mr. John Hemphill of Charlottetown was a recent visitor to Georgetown.

Mrs. Ernest Roche returned home on Dec. 8 from Charlottetown where she visited for a week.

Dr. J. R. McCrea of Montague was a business visitor to Georgetown on Dec. 8.



**LINDY HONORED** — Charles A. Lindbergh is the winner of the 1953 Daniel Guggenheim award for "Pioneering Achievements in Flight and Navigation." He was cited for his flight to Paris in 1927, work in mapping domestic and overseas air routes and his technical contributions to this country's aircraft industry.

### Murray River and Vicinity

Mr. Brant Moore, Murray River, spent the week-end of November 21, in Charlottetown.

Mrs. Katie MacDonald, Flat River, is spending the winter months at the home of her sister, Mrs. Brehaut, Murray River.

On November 21, Mrs. Reuben Moore, Murray River, entertained a number of friends to celebrate Ella May's ninth birthday.

Mrs. Roland Moore, Charlottetown, spent Monday at the home of her mother, Mrs. Sadie MacLeod, Murray River.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Beaton and son, Keith, were Sunday visitors at the home of Mrs. Beaton's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Richards, Gladstone.

Mr. Kell Saunders, Murray River, has left for New Glasgow, N. S., where he has found employment.

Mr. Stephen Alley, Halifax, recently spent a week-end in Murray River, guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Hume.

Miss Beth Brehaut, Murray River, was a recent visitor to Charlottetown.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the husband and son Ivan, of

### Announce U. S. Tennis Rankings

NEW YORK, (AP)—Tony Trabert of Cincinnati, who came back from the navy to win the United States singles title was given a tentative nod by the U. S. Lawn Tennis Association Saturday as the country's No. 1 player.

He takes over the top spot from Gardner Mulloy of Miami, Fla., who was dropped to fourth in the new rankings behind Vic Seixas of Philadelphia and Art Larsen of San Leandro, Calif.

The ranking committee of the USTA emphasized that Saturday's rankings are tentative because Davis Cup results in Australia may make changes necessary.

Trabert, Seixas, Ham Richardson of Baton Rouge, La., Bob Perry, Westwood, Calif., and Bill Talbert of New York are in Australia for the Davis Cup matches.



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Connection for Summerside will be by train leaving Emerald Jct. at 10:55 p.m., arriving Summerside by 11:45 p.m.

**SUMMERSIDE - BORDEN**

Train leaving Summerside at 2:45 p.m. for Emerald Jct. and Borden will be held until 3:00 p.m. on Dec. 17th, 18th, 19th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 24th.

**TIGNISH**

Train leaving Summerside for Tignish at 12:01 p.m. will be held until 4:30 p.m. Dec. 18th, 21st and 23rd, arriving Tignish 10:00 p.m.

A special train will leave Summerside for Tignish at 4:30 p.m., Dec. 19th and 24th, and returning, a special train will leave Tignish on the same dates at 8:30 p.m., arriving Summerside 11:30 p.m.

**SOURIS**

Train leaving Charlottetown for Souris at 2:30 p.m. will be held until 4:00 p.m., Dec. 19th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 24th.

**ELMIRA**

Train leaving Souris at 6:45 p.m. for Elmira will be held until 8:15 p.m. on Dec. 21st.

Train leaving Souris at 5:45 p.m. for Elmira will be held until 7:15 p.m. on Dec. 22nd and 24th.

**GEORGETOWN**

Train leaving Mount Stewart Jct. at 4:00 p.m. for Georgetown will be held until 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 21st and 23rd.

Train leaving Mount Stewart Jct. at 3:45 p.m. for Georgetown will be held until 5:15 p.m. on Dec. 19th, 22nd and 24th.

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### Little Sands And Vicinity

Mr. David Carver, Alliston, was in Little Sands on business on Tuesday.

The Little Sands Farm Forum attended the leadership course of the Murray River Farm Forum in Murray River on Tuesday night.

Mr. Malcolm MacLean and Mr. Floyd MacLean, Little Sands, motored to Charlottetown on Tuesday.

Sincere sympathy goes out to Mr. Sydney Munn and family of Murray River, in the loss they have just sustained.

A farewell party was held in the Hopefield Hall on Nov. 26 for Mr. and Mrs. Dannie Munn and family, who are leaving for England on Sunday.

The Charles E. Dunning has been late arriving in Wood Islands the last few mornings, but caught up with its schedule before the day was over and left Wood Islands on its last trip at 3 p.m.

Mr. Raymond MacMillan, accompanied by Miss Grace Panting, Mrs. Malcolm MacPherson, all of Wood Islands East, and Mr. Hugh MacNeill of Little Sands, motored to Charlottetown on Tuesday.

The visibility was poor due to fog in the Strait Wednesday. The mechanical horns at Cariboo and Wood Islands could be heard a large part of the day. These sounding horns, although they have a mournful sound, are an aid to navigation, and both the horns at Cariboo and Wood Islands could be heard quite plainly in Little Sands on Wednesday.

The Wood Island-Cariboo ferry service was at an end for this season on December 1. The ferry boats which have been running since May 1 go, as it were, into hibernation. The people will miss seeing the Prince Nova and the Charles E. Dunning plying their daily trips and they will look wistfully across the Northumberland Strait to the mainland and long for another season to roll around. Many people say, the western ferry continues to run, why should this one stop?

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