

Eat, drink and be merry

Parties, activities accompany tourney

By ETHEL SIMMONS

Attending the PGA Championship at Oakland Hills is fun for everybody but the participants. For them it's work.

However, there are a few special events planned by the PGA committee for the players, their wives and their children.

PGA planners have also made some preparations that will enable the general public to enjoy the championship with ease and a fair degree of luxury.

The players will be honored Tuesday, July 31, when the Professional Golf Association holds a dinner at Oakland Hills for PGA champions of the last 60 years and for golfers vying in this, the 61st, championship.

THE STAG DINNER will be held in the Gold Room.

Meanwhile, the players' wives will be guests for a dinner in the country club's Blue Room. A connecting bar between

the two rooms may bring husbands and wives together.

On Wednesday, Aug. 1, the Professional Golf Association is holding a cocktail party for official guests of the PGA, the PGA staff and executive committee of PGA and Oakland Hills, as well as for sponsors.

Two other parties have been scheduled in connection with the PGA.

On Monday, July 30, a special cocktail party hosted by Oakland Hills will honor "committee members who have worked so diligently on this for 1½ to two years," according to Kay Healey, who heads the local women's committee for the PGA.

A pre-PGA kickoff party — a dinner-dance with music by Eddie Santini — was July 14. The evening included special Dixieland entertainment on the new front-patio porch at Oakland Hills.

Committee Chairmen for the kickoff party were Mr. and Mrs. William Madalin, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Walt Ebling, Mr.

and Mrs. Ed Livois, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Sarzynski, Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Van Horn, and Dr. and Mrs. John Zieger.

FOR WIVES of PGA players, leisure activities away from the golfing championship will include an outing at Greenfield Village planned by the women's committee.

Before the tourney starts, when the pros are practicing, some 60 to 75 wives and children will be taken to lunch at Lovett Hall in Greenfield Village. A walk through the village, or a carriage ride, will be part of the day's activity.

According to PGA spokesman Bud Erickson, "the players are on their own. A lot of them will probably want to go to the Lions exhibition game Saturday night. We didn't get involved in setting things up for them."

"There are 150 players — all with different likes and dislikes."

For the spectators, special tickets

have been sold that allow use of Oakland Hills' clubhouse for lunch and cocktails. The tickets were sold out as of April 1.

Clubhouse activity is just a respite for spectators, who will roam the golf course to see the actual play. "The action is outside," Erickson said.

Season tickets also have been sold, providing use of the clubhouse and grounds. Books of 10 coupons each, priced at \$135, are good on any of the four days.

"A lot of business people bought coupon books to give coupons away to customers," Erickson said.

Other special events during the PGA include a Past Champions Clinic at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 31. Free for spectators, the event will feature former PGA champs hitting shots. The semifinals of the National Long Drive Championship will be at 5:30 that day.

Finals of the Long Drive Championship are scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 1, at 3:30 p.m.



A view from the 18th green into the clubhouse where fun activities are planned for participants. (Staff photo)

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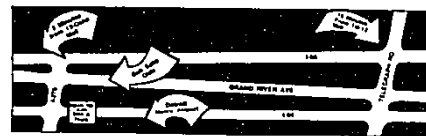
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