

Harry Obitz Named Vice President and Golf Advisor at Lochland Country Club



Lochland Country Club president J. M. McDonald Jr., left, discusses "the proper club" with newly appointed vice president and golf advisor Harry Obitz of Red Cloud. Obitz, a nationally known golf professional, is showing McDonald and another vice president, Don Henry, a shillelagh, which was made especially for him while at Fred Waring's Shawnee-on-Deleware.

Lochland Country Club president J. M. McDonald Jr., has named well known golf professional Harry Obitz of Red Cloud as a vice president and golf advisor for the new Hastings country club.

Obitz has been working with McDonald's staff since the club's inception in an advisory capacity. The Red Cloud man said, "in my opinion Lochland's facilities are outstanding."

For 25 years Obitz has been directly associated with golf. He served as executive vice president and head golf professional at Fred Waring's Shawnee-on-Deleware in Pennsylvania during the past 15 years.

SHAWNEE ADVISOR NOW

He is still associated with Shawnee, but serves only in an advisory capacity. He resigned his fulltime position there last year in order to devote more time to his family and other business interests.

McDonald said that "Lochland is happy to have a man of Harry Obitz's stature associated with the organization. He is one of America's master golf professionals and for over 25 years has been a member of the National Golf Professional Association."

"His knowledge of golf and the people in it coupled with his experience in country club operations will be invaluable to us," concluded the club president.

Obitz is convinced that Hastings and the entire area can indeed be proud of Lochland. "It will be a tremendous asset to the communities surrounding it, and our only concern now is to select a golf staff that will organize Lochland in such a way as to bring Nebraska higher in the national golf scene," concluded Obitz.

McDonald also named four Grand Island men to the board of governors to fill the remaining vacancies.

They are James B. Beltzer, Dr. George C. Smaha, R. E. Stephens and S. N. Wolbach.

Now that the board has its membership filled an organizational meeting is scheduled for early December.

MEMBERSHIPS DUE

McDonald issued a warning that the charter memberships would definitely close Decem-

ber 1, and anyone wanting to join after that date would receive a general membership with a higher initiation fee.

Charter memberships are now approaching the 250 mark.

Plans are still underway to hold a New Year's Eve party, and all members will be notified soon concerning the details.