

A Fit Nixon Plays Golf

San Clemente

Former President Nixon, showing no signs of his serious bout with phlebitis last year, played 18 holes of golf yesterday with teamsters union president Frank Fitzsimmons.

Mr. Nixon paid \$650 to play 18 holes with the union leader in the sixth annual Frank Fitzsimmons benefit tournament for the Little City Home for Retarded Children in Palatine, Ill.

"He looked great," said Bob Dachman, executive director of the home. "You wouldn't know anything had been wrong with him."

Dachman said Mr. Nixon "was in full stride" through the 18 holes at the La Costa Country Club, 30 minutes by car south from his San Clemente retreat. He shot a 92.

"He did the normal amount of walking that a cart rider does in a round of golf," Dachman said.

It was the third time this

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week that Mr. Nixon played golf. On Tuesday and Wednesday he played 18-hole rounds with his aide, Jack Brennan, a retired Marine officer, at the Shorecliffs Country Club.

Yesterday's round lasted five hours and teamed Mr. Nixon and Fitzsimmons against Murray Miller, teamster secretary-treasurer, and John Murphy, chairman of the board of Gateway Transportation Corp., LaCrosse, Wis.

Dachman said the conversation between the foursome revolved almost entirely around golf.

A private reception was held following the tournament in the clubhouse where Mr. Nixon spoke informally and told 40 guests "how happy he was to meet old friends again," Dachman said.

The tournament drew 174 persons from around the country and raised \$125,000 for the home.

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Frank Fitzsimmons watched Mr. Nixon tee off at the La Costa Country Club