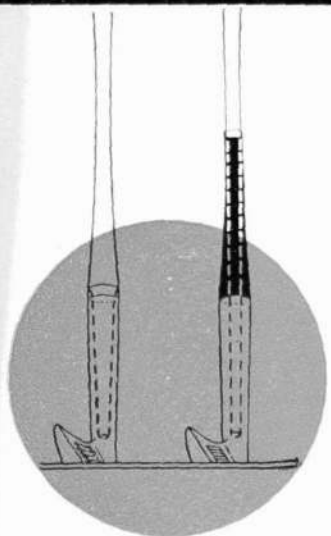


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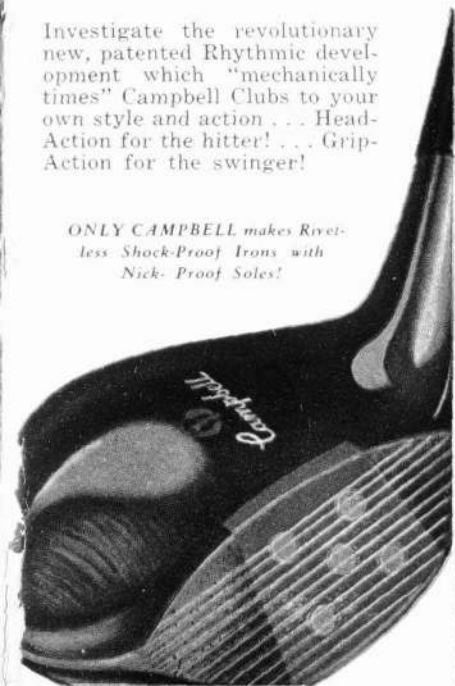
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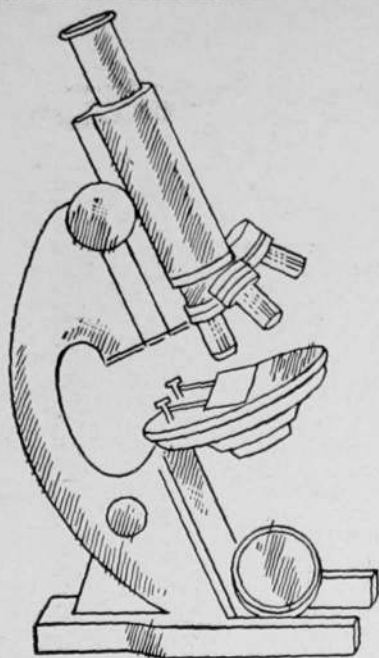
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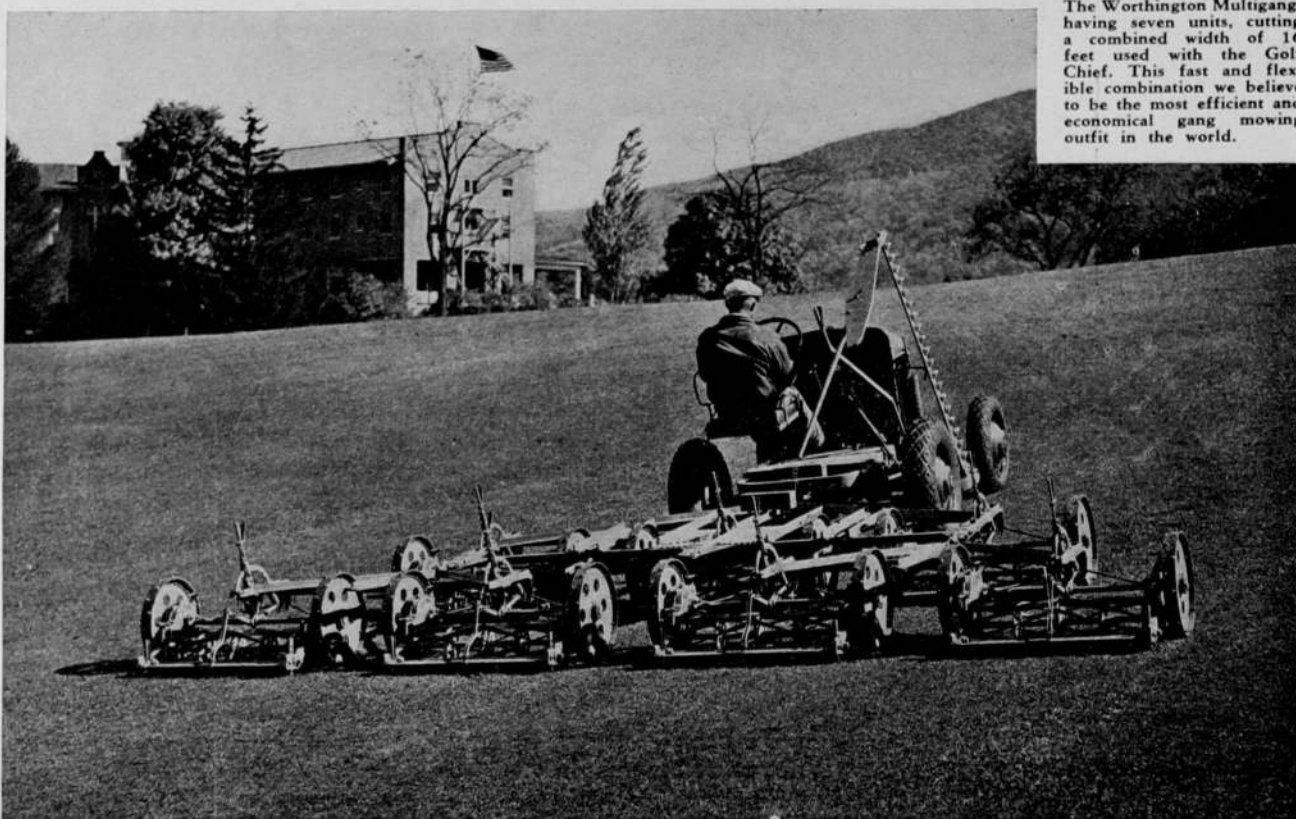
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Your Travelling Editor

of retirement, the effect was not appreciable in his smooth action and picture-book results. Later in the day the Master gave further evidence of his perfect technique as he toured No. 2 course in a cool 69 shots! Jones is not the longest hitter of all time, but as a shotmaker and a perfect swinger he will never be surpassed.

A GLIMPSE OF AN EXTRAORDINARY GOLF MACHINE

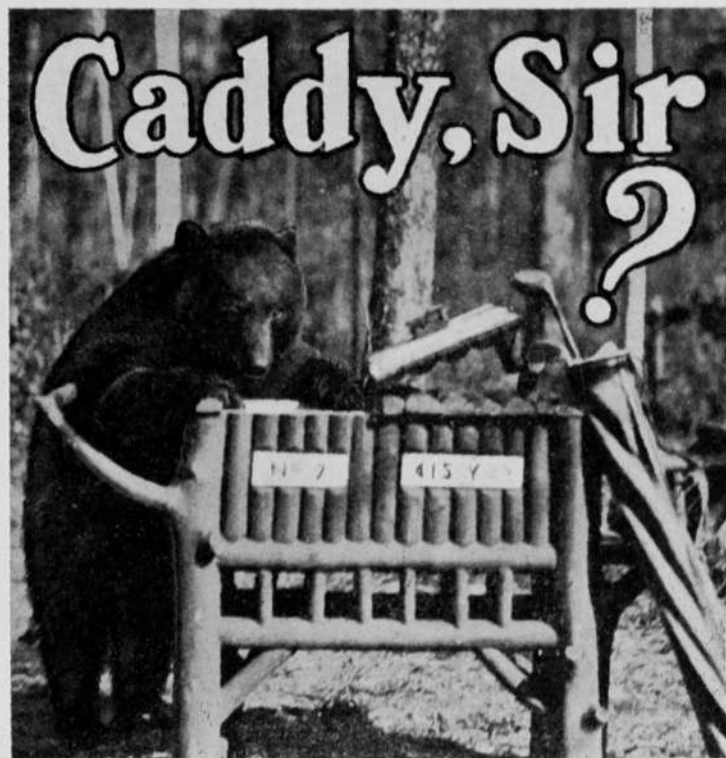
We were also extremely interested in watching little Paul Runyan in action on the same practice tee. His odd, though neat, stroke is a neat bit of control and unerring timing. Paul was hitting the ball close to the 250 yard marker in practice yesterday, but that is far, far short of many of the others.

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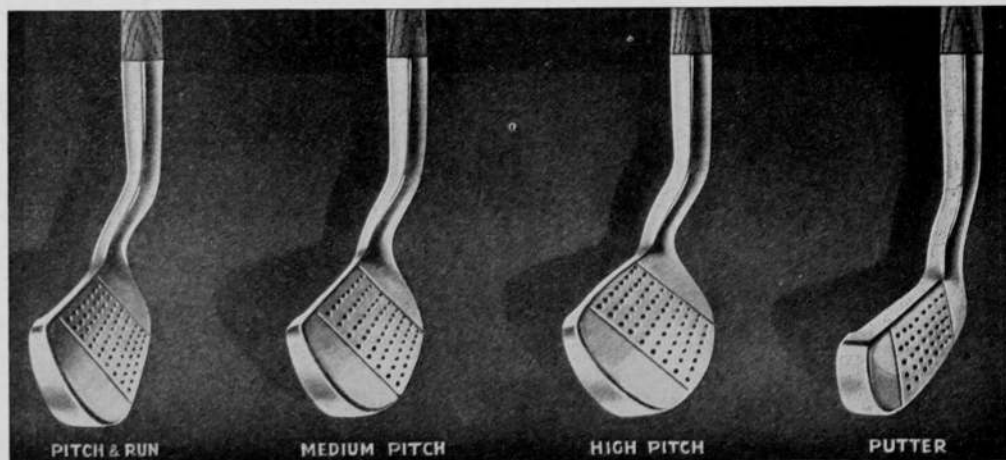
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- May 13 Ontario Spring Tournament, Fort Erie, Ont.
- May 22nd Qualifying rounds, U. S. Open, Entries Close May 8th 1939.
- May 25-27 Metropolitan Open, Metropolis Club, White Plains N. Y.
- May 27th. St. Andrews Tournament, St. Andrews East, Que.
- June 6-9 U.S. Seniors G. A. Championship, Apawamis Club Rye, N. Y.
- June 7 O.C.A. Field Day—Thornhill G. C. Toronto.
- June 7th Manitoba Inter-Club Championship at Niakwa Country Club.
- June 10th. Quebec Spring Tournament, Beaconsfield Golf Club.
- June 17th. Sixth Annual Invitation Tournament and play for Duke of Kent Trophy, Kent Golf Club, Que.
- June 20 Geo. S. Lyon Trophy Competition, Mississauga G. C. Toronto.
- June 20-25 Lucifer Golfing Society Matches Stoke Pages, Moor Park, Archy & Walton Heath.
- June 21st. Field Day, Rosemere Golf Club.
- June 21st. Field Day, Levis Golf Club, Levis, Que.
- June 21st Winnipeg and District Championship at Pine Ridge Golf Club.
- June 21st. London Hunt Club, Invitation Tournament London, Ont.
- June 24th. Intersectional Matches—(1) Marlborough (2) Royal Montreal (3) Islesmere (4) Hampstead (6) Royal Quebec (7) Eastern Townships.
- June 27 Western Ontario Parent, Child Sunningdale, London.
- June 28th. Quebec Mixed Foursomes Championship, Le Club Laval sur-le-Lac.
- June 30 Ontario Junior Championship, Brantford Golf Club, Brantford.
- July 5th. Quebec Junior Championship, Marlborough Golf & Country Club.
- July 5th. Intersectional Matches, (Group No. 5) Ottawa Hunt & Golf Club, Ottawa.
- July 6th-8th. Quebec Amateur Championship, Montreal, Kent Golf Club, Quebec.
- July 11-13 International Triangular Seniors Matches Muirfield, England.
- July 12th. Field Day, Elm Ridge Country Club, Summerlea Golf Club.
- July 12-15 Manitoba Amateur Championship at St. Charles Country Club.
- July 15th. Manoir Richelleu Golf Club Invitation Tournament, Murray Bay, Que.
- July 19th Finals Free Press District Tournament at Elmhurst Golf Links.
- July 22nd. Knowlton Tournament, Knowlton Que.
- July 24-29 New England Amateur Championship, Wannamoisett Country Club., Providence R. I.
- Aug. 2nd. Handicap Competition—10 and over—Illesmere Golf & Country Club.
- August 3-4 Ontario Open Championship Burlington Golf Club, Burlington.
- August 4th-6th. Metropolitan Trophy Competition Kanawaki Golf Club.
- August 11th. Quebec Open Championship, Senneville Country Club.
- August 12th. St. Jerome Tournament, St. Jerome, Que.
- August 13th. Val Morin Tournament, Val Morin, Que.
- August 16th. Field Day, Royal Montreal Golf Club, Montreal and Royal Quebec G. C., Quebec
- August 18th O.G.A Field Day Islington G. C. Toronto.
- August 24th. Pro-Amateur Best Ball Tournament, Whitlock Golf Club.
- August 26th. Intersectional Play-off—Quebec, Ottawa, Townships and Montreal Districts.
- Aug. 26th Manitoba Junior Championship at Assiniboine Golf Club.
- August 30th. Quebec Senior's Championship, Le Club Laval sur-le-Lac.
- Sept 1st Ontario Parent, Child, Rosedale G. C. Toronto.
- Sept. 9 Ontario Fall Tournament, Kitchener, Ont.
- September 9th. Quebec Father and Son Championship, Country Club of Montreal.
- Sept. 13th Manitoba Open Championship at Southwood Country Club.
- September 16th-17th. Seignior Club 8th Annual Invitation Tournament, Montebello, Que.
- Sept. 29 Ontario Senior Championship Toronto G. C. Toronto.
- September 29th-30th. Lesley Cup Matches.
- Sept. 29-30 C.L.G.U. Interprovincial Matches, Toronto, G. C.
- Oct. 2-7th Canadian Ladies Open, Toronto Golf Club, Toronto.
- Nov. 18-19 Ryder Club Matches, British Professional Golfers vs United States Professional Golfers, Ponte Vedra, Jacksonville, Florida.

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Personality in *Achievement*

GEORGE L. ROBINSON, TORONTO



Of recent years Mr. George L. Robinson of Toronto, has been quite one of the dominant figures in the Tournaments and Matches of The Canadian Senior's Golf Association alike in Canada, Great Britain and the United States. He joined the Seniors in 1927 and was elected a Governor of the Association, the following year. In 1933 he was appointed Captain succeeding the late revered George S. Lyon who had held that important position ever since the organization of the Seniors in 1918. "And a right good Captain too" to use a Gilbertism, has Mr. Robinson proved himself to be, devoting much time and attention to the selecting and "tuning-up" of the teams who participate in the International Matches against the Seniors of the United States and in the International Triangular Matches participated in by Great Britain, the United States and Canada. At the present time he is busily engaged in selecting a representative Canadian team to go to Muirfield, Scotland next summer for the Triangular Matches which are always so eagerly anticipated by the Seniors of the three countries and which this year will be played in the Old Country. Last year it will be remembered they took place in Canada at the Toronto Golf Club, the U. S. winning with $27\frac{1}{2}$ points whilst Canada was in second place with 16 points. Mr. Robinson has taken part with one exception in all these Triangular Matches since their inception at the Sunningdale Golf Club in England in 1927, and has also participated for the last ten years in the

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International Matches between the United States and Canada giving a good account of himself on several occasions. He has been a tower of strength to the Canadian team during the past decade.

The year (1927) he joined the Seniors, he promptly showed that he would have to be reckoned with as a Senior's competitor in the Tournaments, when he tied for the Championship at the Royal Montreal Golf Club with the late lamented Fritz

R. Martin of Hamilton (Amateur champion of Canada 1902 and 1910) with the excellent score of 161. In the play-off Martin won the Championship but in 1932 Mr. Robinson was not to be denied and with a score of 163 annexed titular honours and the coveted Shaughnessy Championship cup. He has also many other Senior cups to his credit.

Mr. Robinson was born in Hamilton and for fifteen years was with the important W. E. Sanford Company. He first took up with "gowff" in 1902 under the instruction of that particularly capable golfing Mentor, Nicol Thompson for so many years now the popular professional of the Hamilton Golf & Country Club. That Nicol "made a good job" has been amply demonstrated by his pupil's successes on the golf courses of Canada, Great Britain and the United States.

Removing to Toronto to take up successfully, the Insurance and Brokerage business in that city, Mr. Robinson joined the Lambton Golf & Country Club where he soon became one

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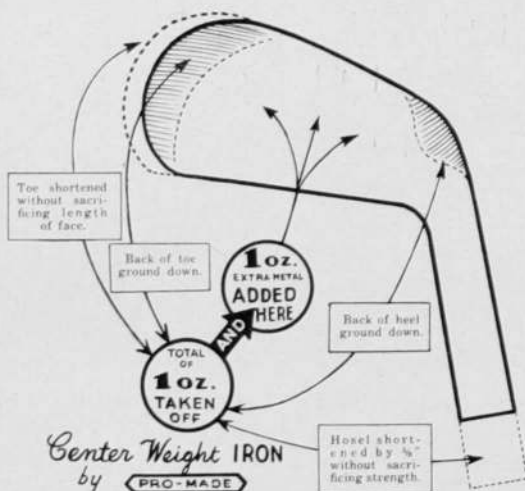
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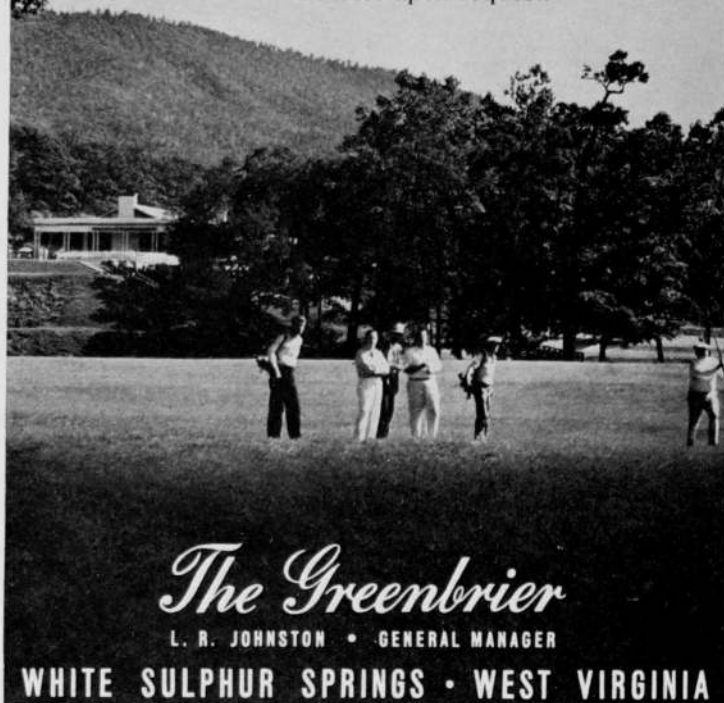


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To Golfers of Ontario: -

Feeling that Golfers of Ontario would be interested in the season's plans of the O.G.A., I give you herewith a few highlights of the current work of the Association.

1939 finds the Association somewhat re-organized with the addition of a number of well known golfers and sportsmen to the Board of Directors and Executive Committee. Among these are such well-known sportsmen as D. D. Carrick, J. H. Chipman, Vice President, E. W. Dixon, Mr. C. M. Jones, Honorary Secretary-Treasurer and W. I. Walker.

These men are already showing a very keen interest in the work of the Association and a number of meetings have been held with a view to arranging a very satisfactory programme of events for the current year.

Our two major tournaments are being held in Kingston and Burlington. After careful consideration it was decided to award the Ontario Amateur to Cataragui Club at Kingston on June 15, 16 & 17. It was felt that the time had arrived to favor the Eastern end of the Province with one of the Association's major events and the fine course of the Cataragui Club is indeed a fitting venue for this fixture in 1939. The Ontario Open Championship goes to Burlington on August 3 & 4, upon which club no comment is required. This fine course is ideally located.

The other fixtures are as follows:-

Spring Tournament, Erie Downs Golf Club, May 13th; Field Day, Thornhill Golf Club, June 7; Western Parent & Child Championship, Sunningdale Golf Club, June 27; Junior Championship, Brantford Golf Club, June 30th; Field Day, Islington Golf Club, Aug. 18; Parent and Child Championship, Rosedale Golf Club, Sept. 1st; Fall Tournament, Westmount Golf Club, Kitchener, Sept. 9; Ontario Seniors' Championship, Toronto Golf Club, September 19th.

It is the intention of the Association to afford considerable attention and support to clubs and districts in the staging of tournaments and to this end the services of Mr. C. W. MacQueen as Tournament Manager will be available to assist in the carrying out of the detail of all tournaments and his services will be available to all member clubs as required.

We are fortunate in the election of Mr. B. L. Anderson, Secretary of the R.C.G.A. as an ex officio member of the Board of the O.G.A. and altogether I feel that Ontario may look forward to an excellent year of golf.

The O.G.A. stands ready to assist Member Clubs in every way possible to advance the interest of golf in the Province.

Yours very truly,

J. Gordon Thompson,
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Official Notice

The 1939 Canadian Ladies' Open Championship will be held at The Toronto Golf Club, commencing on Monday, October 2nd, with final of 36 holes on Saturday, October 7th.

This important event will be preceded by the Annual Inter-Provincial Team Match, which will take place also at The Toronto Golf Club, on Friday, September 29th, and Saturday, September 30th, 36 holes medal play.

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Talking about Golf

EDITORIAL

H. R. Pickens Jr.

OUR FIRST MATCH WITHOUT THE STYMIE--REACTIONS!

In the final round of a championship here in the mid-south recently, your editor had occasion to play in the final of the championship consolation with Mr. Richard Tufts, a member of the United States Golf Association.

There were several other flight matches and the championship itself, taking place the same day. It was an important sectional tournament which will probably have bearing on the selection of the American 1940 Walker Cup team.

At any rate there had been quite a heavy rainfall and the greens were still fairly damp. For that reason it was decided to allow the competitors to lift and clean their balls on the putting surface. However that thought led several to question the action in reference to playing the stymie. "How", asked some, "could one be certain of the balls being placed back exactly as they were under these circumstances? Would it not be fairer to either eliminate cleaning or" — someone paused a moment and then blurted it out, "eliminate the stymie for this last round to see how the players would like it!"

And so the contestants, your editor included, went out and played a round of tournament match golf without the stymie. That's how it came about. Moreover as was seen this writer is glad that it had come about in this way. For some time during this past winter we have been playing the accepted American six inch stymie rule which is generally in force throughout this country. Now this wrinkle in itself is not too bad. It does seem to eliminate a number of the impossible types of stymie shots and when one gets used to it, it does not go against the grain to either pick up your own ball, when it is in the way and too close to the hole, or have your opponent do the same thing.

As a reaction against playing a match round without the stymie altogether, however, we have quite a different story to relate. Moreover Mr. Tufts, one of the leaders in American golf, was likewise at the same time, recording his deductions about the "stymieless" game. Mr. Tufts is naturally interested in the game both from a personal view-

point as well as from the judicial angle. For that reason his opinion of the game played thus merits plenty of respect.

He, like your observer, voted unanimously against match golf without the stymie after the game was over! After one match was over, during which time the balls were picked up and marked just as in a medal round, Mr. Tufts agreed that something had been missing from the sport side of the game—very definitely!

Indeed it was a hollow business — this walking up to put with the other fellow's ball in his pocket. Somehow it struck us like a 19th hole game of card comparison. In fact we had the feeling that with the elimination of the stymie the game had been stripped of its one interesting personal contact angle.

In short, it seems the stymie is perhaps the one phase of golf which makes you really conscious of the other fellow in the "pay-off area" around the hole. Granted it adds chance to the game and that it can sometimes be construed as unfair — still the stymie does something for match golf. Tennis, boxing, billiards and every other competitive game where player meets player, have some grounds where the other man's shots affect your own game. Without the second ball on the green one is reverting to medal play, of which most players have quite enough in the normal scheme of things. Yes, we missed the stymie. So our suggestion to those who cry out against this rule is to play a match without it. See how stupidly emancipated you feel without the second ball around the hole!

Having played now for some three months outside of Canada, under different rules and with a different sized ball upon golf courses which are in many respects different from our lush-turfed Canadian layouts, we have more than once felt pleased to know that we would be returning shortly to another grand golfing season in Canada where there is not the constant cry for change in golf rulings—where the game remains much as it has been handed down.

COMMENTS ON EDITORIAL (of REASONABLE LENGTH) WILL BE WELCOMED BY THE EDITOR

GOLF

THE UNKNOWN

... Uncovering some of the paradoxes and anticlimaxes of the game of golf.

By H. R. PICKENS Jr.

over a hobby. Certainly everybody is familiar with the type who would gladly forego eating to play at, or do, whatever his pastime may be.

Chief, perhaps, among such interests which claim as "nim-wits" a large portion of the American population, and hold them with relentless tentacles, is the dear old game of golf. Of course, there are a few strong-willed folks who can take the game or leave it alone — and always know when they have had enough. But they are so in the minority that I have made a solemn pledge to bring up any children I may ever have with the tocsin cry ringing in their ears, "Beware the mashie-niblick!" Some feel that it is best to get the youngster a set of clubs at an early age and teach him their use in moderation, but after years of personal addiction I can't help feeling the risk is too great. After all, over-indulgence might prove hereditary.

Undoubtedly this frank expose will shock most of my personal friends — that is my brother golfing "nim-wits". Parts of it must strike them as stark heresy, yet the inclination to "tell all" in the interest of humanity far overshadows any position or honor which this group can offer. Naturally I realize that few, if any, will be rescued from the deadly golfing infection through this article. However, in setting down my fifteen years of observation in golf, I may at least rest easy with my own conscience. I have done the humane thing in trying to warn my fellow humans of the lurking peril in the old Scotch game.

Of course, it is no new idea that golf is a stealthy parasite of man's energies. Part of D. R. Forgan's long-established definition of the game states:

"Golf is the study of a lifetime at which you *may* exhaust yourself, but never your subject."

However, this definition misguides in that it should read:

"Golf is the study of a lifetime at which you are *doomed* to exhaust yourself, but never your subject."

For that reason the real purpose of this article is to forewarn the layman with pertinent facts. These are aimed to explain how the insatiable urge to propel a little white ball around 100 acres of manicured pasture land can far outrank in importance such minor affairs as home-making, executive board meetings, personal promptness, and even common sense in caring for one's health once the game gets into the blood. Moreover these facts may cast light on why outstanding and successful men in almost every walk of intellectual society will blushlessly bow before individuals who might be digging ditches except for their one knack of playing par.

It may seem hard to believe, but I have a friend who put off going into the hospital for an operation in order to watch a professional star play in

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AMONG BERMUDA'S CANADIAN COLONY

At top: Mr. & Mrs. F. I. Kerr, Hamilton; Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Thompson of New Canaan, Conn; Mr. & Mrs. Philip S. Fisher, Montreal.

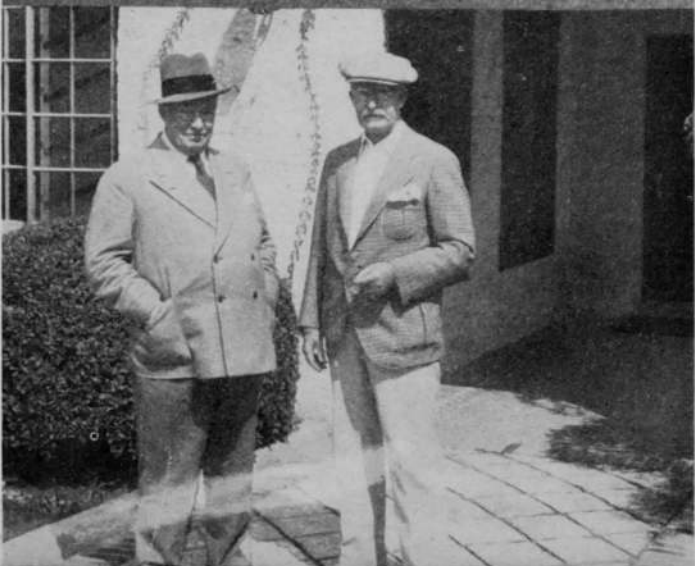
Second row: John Sharp, Montreal; Rod Phelan, Toronto; A. E. Goodherham, III, Toronto; N. T. Phelan, Toronto;

Third row: Mr. & Mrs. G. O. Robinson, Toronto; Miss Nora Hankin, Montreal; 1939 Ladies' champion of Bermuda.

At Bottom: Mr. & Mrs. H. Marsh, Hamilton, Ontario; Col. A. E. Gooderham Toronto; T. W. Seagram Waterloo.

All were snapped during winter golfing holidays while playing at the Belmont Manor course, Bermuda.





a tournament; another, I know, travelled to England to see the coronation ceremonies and then missed this spectacle of a lifetime to play an extra round with the champion of a near-to-London club. Recently an old playing acquaintance of close to 70 nearly took pneumonia as a result of playing out the last nine holes with our club professional despite a cold driving rain which fell the whole way. One could go on listing such commonplacities which condemn the warped judgment of the golfing "nim-wit," but these few above should convince the reader that there is something about the game which upsets one's sense of values to an alarming extent.

Fundamentally, I suppose, the lure of any game is to be found in the illusiveness of its perfection. Most games and hobbies have a standard perfection. Golf has no such thing. For instance one may hit his first drive 250 yards—never having swung a club before. That stroke is perfection for even the top stars of the game. On the next shot, mind you, the same person is likely to miss the ball altogether. But he has hit one shot perfectly.

Anyone who lifts a club figures he can become a champ with a little application. He is told at the beginning that strength is not essential to long hitting. He becomes increasingly confident when that first 50-foot putt drops into the cup. Indeed, ask almost any beginner what there is about golf which is beyond him. And there is the bait of golf—the insidious undeniable "come-on" for apparently there is nothing in the way. Yet 20 years later ask the same "all-conquering" beginner and he will sadly admit that he knows almost nothing about the game. Nevertheless the new player in his exuberance goes happily about buying equipment and joining a club.

It is generally admitted that most people play better in their first season of golf than the second. This paradox amazes many, but in reality it is only one of many which labyrinth the path of the golfer. An endless series of such perplexing facts accounts for the respect which the intelligencia hold for the caddy who can shoot par. The man of high I.Q. rating naturally attacks the game from an analytical viewpoint trying to discover and conform to the physical principles which he feels must govern accurate hitting. Unfortunately those few principles which exist are so inconceivably elastic that they merely serve to stupify and befuddle the player. The theorist's golf is generally atrocious.

Let's delve into a few of golf's boomerangs. For example, I have one partner with whom I have played for years. He is a chronic slicer. All his shots veer to the right. Naturally this has annoyed my friend endlessly but to keep the ball in play, and not over the boundary fence, he commits that most heinous of golfing crimes — he allows for his slice. This is accomplished by aiming out to the left. But the farther he aims to the left the worse becomes his slice. Actually I am told, by those who are supposed to know that if my friend wants his ball to go straight he should try to hit to the right not to the left. This advice could be reversed for a "hooker" whose natural fault it is to curve the ball to the left. If these fellows aim for a spot on the left side of the fairway there is a fair chance that the ball will go straight. So, we may generalize about curing hooks or slices by saying simply "aim in the direction you don't want the ball to curve."

It should be added in passing, however, that there are numerous defects which can creep into a swing causing either a hook or slice. Only certain kinds of hooks and slices respond to the above treatment. This of course, makes it all the more vague. But this is only the beginning.

Most infuriating is the problem of getting "length" on one's shots. The harder one swings the shorter and more miserable the result. There is nothing more galling to the ego of the husky male who, after nearly dis-

AT SEA ISLAND IN GEORGIA

Among the many to enjoy golf at Sea Island's interesting course this winter were the well-known Canadians pictured above. At top; Mr. & Mrs. George Hees, Toronto, practising putting before a round.

Second row: Pictured as they started out for a round of golf at Sea Island's course are Major H. H. Walker, Mrs. Alex. Patterson, Lady Brender Meredith and Mrs. Arnold Wainwright, all of Montreal. Mrs. Wainwright is a member of the Cottage Colony at this Seaside resort, while the others were guests at the Cloister.

Third row: Mr. & Mrs. John Breakey, of Breakeyville, Que., pictured on the 9th green while holidaying at Sea Island.

At Bottom: Two of Toronto's well-known golfers Mr. Frank A. Rolph and F. Wilson Fairman, were snapped in front of the clubhouse at Sea Island where they are annual visitors.

placing a vertebra hitting his shot, is followed by some wisp of a girl who drives ten yards past him with a slow dainty swing.

Most duffers for a time each season find it impossible to lift the ball up in the air. That is, they "top" and "scuff" until one way the ball starts to rise again as if by its own desire for a change. Expert advice informs one, however, that to get the ball up in the air one should hit down on it. Likewise to hit a low ball off a tee peg—tee the ball up high. For a high ball, tee it lower.

To the normal mind all this indicates a "black is white" logic in golf and is one reason why the nineteenth hole is the most popular on any course. Indeed, when one realizes he must swing more slowly to hit further, to keep the ball from curving to the left he must aim to the left; to get the ball up in the air he must hit down on it; to get a high ball he must tee it low and to get a low ball he should tee high — then the dreadful truth begins to dawn upon the aspiring golfer. Almost any veteran will admit that the business of hitting a golf ball is about as natural as the steering apparatus on an amusement park scooter — only about half as dependable.

To go on to more of the irritating phases of golf, one catch phrase which has always arrested my attention is that which concerns the ideal condition for the player's muscles during the swing. This state is quaintly called one of "relaxed firmness." I should like to ask the reader to make firm his forearm, if possible. Now try to combine this state with one of relaxation. If successful, you are either potentially a great golfer or at least you can always find work in a sideshow. A healthy mind proclaims the thing can't be done yet golf requires it. Next when discussing golf with anyone who plays, inquire as to the relative value of extreme distance and accuracy in the golf shot. Your friend will undoubtedly state that accuracy is at least 90 percent more important. Now if you are a golfer yourself this conclusion will probably lead you to concentrate upon keeping the ball straight in your next game. The maddening result will be that in trying to keep the ball straight you will fall into the golfing vice known as "steering." This means, when translated, that by guiding the club too carefully you interrupt and lose the natural rhythm of the swing. The clubface, therefore, comes to the ball more out of line than ever, and your shots not only are shorter, but actually less accurate. It would seem, therefore, to obtain accuracy you must swing with abandon. If watch-making were similar in principle undoubtedly your jeweller would have had early training in a blacksmith's shop.

The set-up of the game itself presents many angles which anyone must question on the basis of good sense. Take for example, the relative scoring importance of the 250-yard drive and the two-inch putt. Though it doesn't seem right both are equally weighty on the score card. Of course, even golfers have long questioned this, but to date no one has yet come forward with a sensible new way of counting. A few fanatics have tried, but invariably they become so involved with fractions that to adopt their plans it would become necessary to hire an accountant to accompany all matches. This, incidentally might not be a bad idea in some cases, even under present conditions.

Roughly speaking the first 20 years of a golfer's life are spent trying to correct the terrible habit of "over-swinging." This means taking the club back too far in "winding up" for the hit. For devious reasons, the authorities claim that this habit causes loss of control in the swing. Naturally such a grave error means that one's score goes on for years barely within the bounds of respectability. The last 20 years of the same player's career finds the authority shaking his now-grizzled head and croaking something about the impossibility of ever getting any distance with only a half swing.

At Top: A. G. Spalding Bros. Co. executives and representatives watch Bobby Jones, the Atlanta master, give the new "personalized" Dot and Dash golf balls their official "playing in" at Pinehurst just before the North and South Open championship.
Second row: A keen group of Montreal golfers pictured as they started out for a round at Pinehurst. N. C. Brock L. Batten, Jack Clifford, Wm. K. Trower and R. H. Robinson.
Third row: Members of Scarboro Golf Club, Toronto, pictured at Pinehurst where they were guests at the Holly Inn. Picture was taken at the Pinehurst Country Club.

Left to right—back row: W. F. Goforth, C. M. Jones, B. A. Macaulay, Dr. A. S. Elliott, C. S. Robertson, G. Carl Moore.

Fourth row: A Canadian four-baller at Pinehurst which includes A. W. McMasters, J. D. Johnson, Arthur H. Campbell, Montreal, and F. F. Duncan, Toronto.

At Bottom: Baseball Commissioner Judge Landis presenting prizes to the finalists of the North and South Amateur Championship, Frank Strafaci, the winner is on the left, while Bobby Dunkelberger is being congratulated by the Judge for being runner-up.



A GLIMPSE OF --- AND CHAT WITH --- DICK METZ

AMERICA'S MOST PROMISING PROFESSIONAL—By H. R. PICKENS Jr.

A short time ago at one of the major Southern Open tournaments we arrived a day or so in advance of the travelling professionals. Already present was a young player by the name of Dick Metz, Oak Park, Chicago. He had skipped one tourney to come early and practice.

Mr. Metz is a neat, bronzy, good-looking fellow with a level head and one of those profession-like mechanical swings. Not that his game lacks color, what we mean is that he can stand up there on the practice tee and hit one ball after another with identical flight. A great thing, a fine swing, and this young man has one.

Part of the Modern Movement

Metz is 29. He started as a caddy. It is the old story. Becoming a sound hitter was not a tedious development — rather Metz played well from the time he first got a chance to play at all. Like Topsy his game "just grew." Undoubtedly Metz would be classified as part of that "modern movement" among professionals which has done much to give the profession as a whole a new stand. He is of the serious Horton Smith type.

"But I Hit the Ball Pretty Well"

Dick Metz is a golfer in the front rank of the coming group, although at his tender golfing age, he considers himself a veteran. Last year he led Ralph Guldahl going into the last round of the U. S. Open at Denver — led him by four big strokes, but while Guldahl was "getting everything" in a closing 69, things were crumpling under Dick who needed ten more than that. Even then Metz finished as runner-up, six shots behind the champion. When asked what happened in that last round his laconic reply is, "I just took 79 — but I hit the ball pretty well."

Truth About Professionals and Match Play

The important disclosure which Metz made to us was that the recent stir resulting from alleged opinions of the leading American professionals expressing a new and ardent distaste for match play was only the effort of an imaginative newspaper man at San Francisco's match play Open. It seems that after the first couple of rounds of this event, with a number of the "name players" already out of the running, some of the boys expressed themselves that the San Francisco Tournament made a mistake in not seeding the leading players or running the event so that they could keep all the stars in the field a little longer and thus capitalize on the gallery which might have been forthcoming.

Did you know that golf was played in Biblical days? That the Sea of Galilee was actually a water hazard and the Sinai desert a mere sand trap?

Well, look at these quotations from the Bible, picked up by Allan Anderson of Winnipeg.

Yet will not I lift up my head. Job 10:15.

And some fell among thorns. Luke 8:7.

Smite with thine hand and stamp with thy foot and say alas! Ezek. 6:11.

Doth he open and break the clods of his ground? Isaiah 28:24.

No one can know how much weight shifting takes place during the swing. And as it is purely an effect, and therefore cannot be directed, it would be far better for the pupil if it were never mentioned.

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The individual styles of players are infinite; but the fundamental or mathematical principles upon which the game is played never change. This is a matter of cause and effect. A like cause will always produce a like effect.

From this and very little else the writer let go his story which got onto the national press wires as a general professional rebellion against match play. That started the ball rolling and the general golfing world took up the subject — all because one newspaper man needed a feature.

Nothing Official in Report of Changing Tourney

After this bomb had broken, Metz, who had won the San Francisco tourney, wired to Fred Corcoran, P. G. A. tournament bureau manager, and explained the whole thing. Indeed there was nothing official in the report that the U. S. P. G. A. had planned to make their splendid National Pro tournament a medal affair.

Two Hardest Matches Against Amateurs

Asked what he thought about match play, the curly-haired Metz stated that he thought it was great. He would every bit as soon play it as medal golf! When questioned Dick stated that his hardest matches in the San Francisco tournament, strangely enough, were against two amateurs by the names of Bud Ward and Art Doering. Doering was three up on Metz at the 12th in one match. Both are great players according to the latter.

Metz is a stocky fellow with strong, muscled arms. He is working hard on his game right now. Indeed it is no wonder that Metz enters the summer tournament season with the distinction of being a co-favorite with Ralph Guldahl himself to take the 1939 American Open title.

By virtue of a whirlwind finish on the winter tour which saw him place third in the North and South Open, fourth in the Greensboro \$5000 event and then capture the \$1200 first prize money at the Ashville "Land of the Sky Open", Dick has earned \$5,585 since the first of January and thus leads all professionals in this vital business of sharing the profits over the long tour.

While he was in Pinehurst this winter Metz shot a 64 over the par 70 No. 3 course. It was just a practice round in which the stalwart young pro scarcely even bothered to count his score. His friends did it for him. Here it is.

Par	444	433	444—34
	445	434	354—36—70
Metz	435	343	444—34
	343—333—344—30—64		

As will be noted Metz had one great run of scoring on the last nine as he struck off five consecutive three's. His putt on the last hole to tie the record— 63, barely slipped past the cup.

THREE DON'TS

Don't fail to learn the proper grip. The grip is the key to a proper swing, and as you swing the club through the medium of your hands, a proper grip is most essential if the swing is to be controlled and powerful.

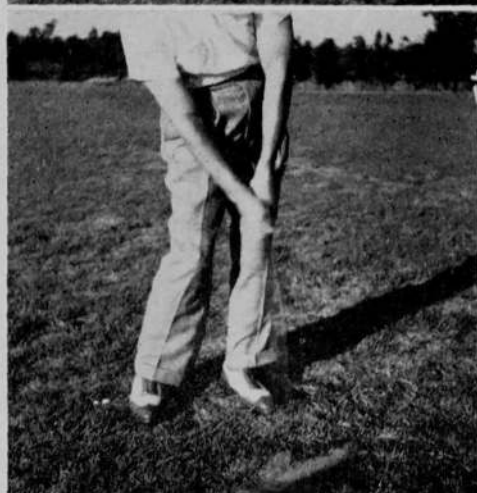
Don't ever loose your grip with the left hand. Control will immediately be lost.

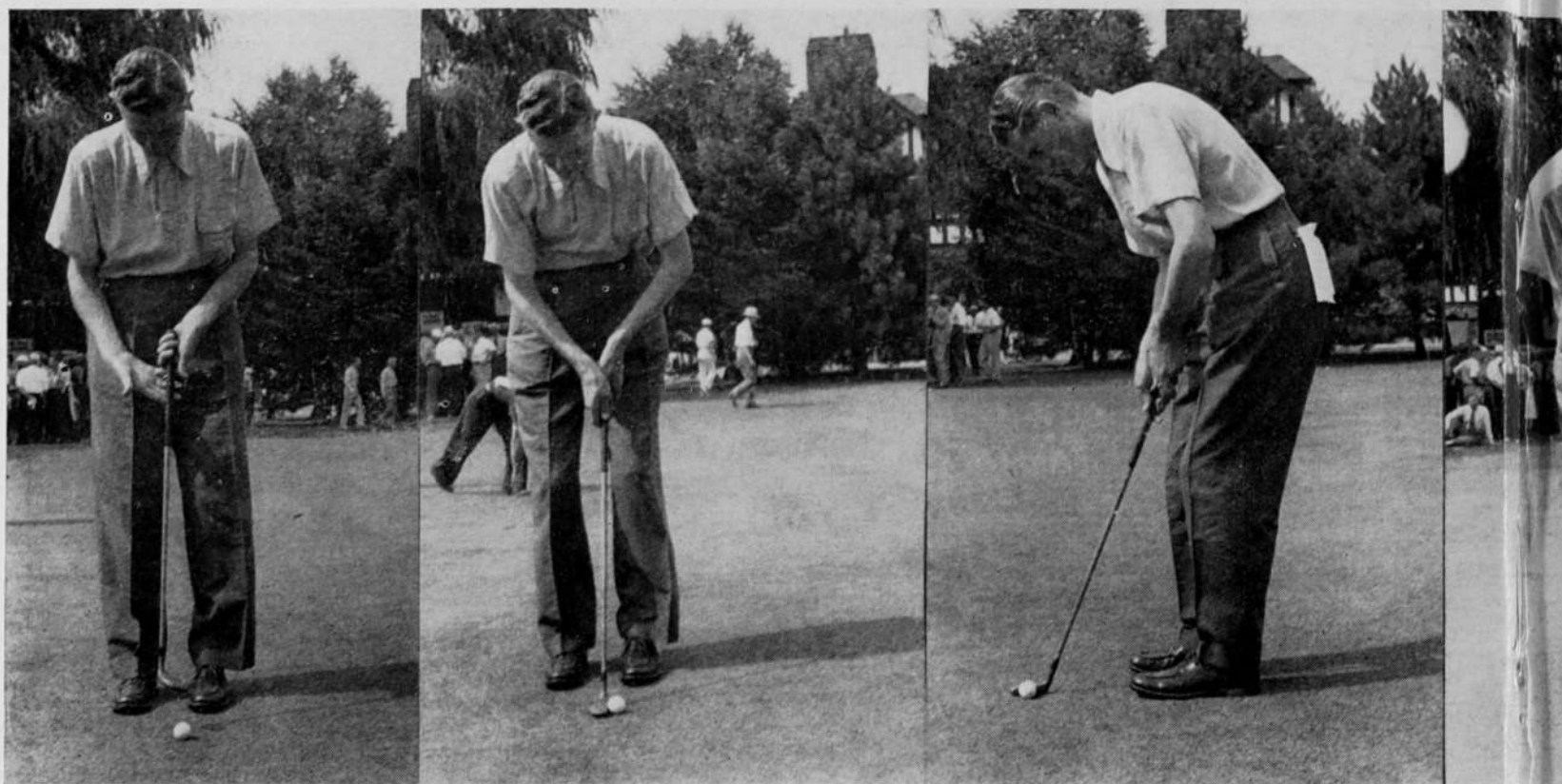
Don't use a stance wider than the width of your shoulders. An abnormally wide stance is sure to restrict your hip and body action. Therefore a great source of power will be lost. —Lawson Little.

DICK METZ IN ACTION

AS CAUGHT BY THE
CAMERAS SEEING EYE

DICK, PROFESSIONAL AT OAK PARK, CHICAGO, FINISHED LEADING MONEY WINNER OF THE SOUTHERN CIRCUIT THIS WINTER. HIS CORRECT ACTION WITH A SEVEN IRON IS THE FORM STUDY PRESENTED HEREWITH.





During the past ten years of campaigning in Open championships, sports writers and those who follow golf have been charitable enough to credit me with better than average performance upon the putting greens. This has probably been the result of the fact that I have always believed that winning and losing is settled by one's ability to get the ball into the cup once it has been propelled unto the cut surface. I must admit that it has been this belief which has inspired what study I have made of the art of putting. Numerous teachers state that a player cannot be taught to putt, but upon his point I disagree, for only by observing sound and studied principles can anyone become consistently effective in this department of the game. Hence it is my contention that most players will benefit by devoting careful practice and thought to their stance, grip and position in making the stroke.

In being asked to set down my methods for the readers of Canadian Golfer I should say that in logical order one must first obtain a mental conception of what he is trying to do. The mechanics of the stroke can be worthwhile only after this is settled. In my own case I try to think of the ball not as a sphere but as a wheel which must be rolled! With this conception I ask myself how best to roll that wheel *straight*! Seeking to do this I have found, and I believe most will agree, that the best way such a result can be accomplished is by contacting the wheel squarely on the back, neither above nor below centre! Contact in either of these latter two points of the ball's cover will not result in a consistent amount of roll and may cause "hopping" or uneven rolling.

The object in putting is, in essence, a very simple one. The blade or face of the putter must meet the ball in the middle travelling straight through to the hole. To do this one must position his hands on the club, his arms and wrist in relation to each other, and his body in a steady posture to allow that stroke to follow the line.

My stance is designed to be a square one. That is, my feet are about 18 inches apart and were a line to be drawn between my toes it would be parallel to a line through the ball to the hole. My feet themselves are placed at right angles to this line.

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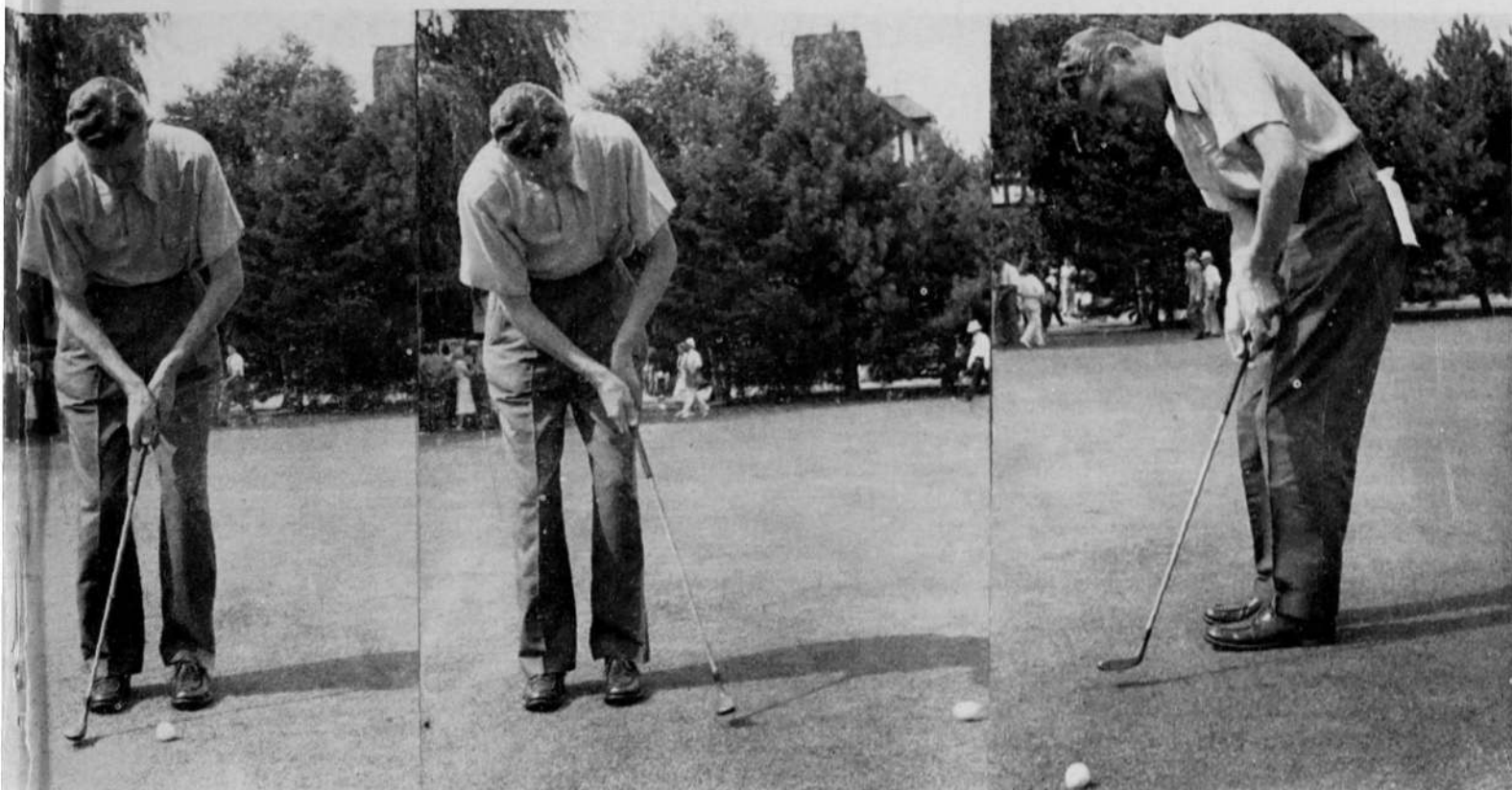
By

HORTON SMITH

I like to have my head over the ball, with the ball itself just a little ahead of the centre point between the two feet. The matter of grip concerns me greatly. I do not "palm" the club, but seek to hold it in my fingers. I employ the reverse overlap with my entire right hand on the club. I believe that best results are obtained by having the shaft of the putter neither sloping back nor forward. This allows something of a pendulum motion.

I have said that the right angle is the basis of my putting position and this is carried out even in the position of my left arm. This I bend at the elbow seeking to form a right angle. Again my left wrist is bent so as to form a right angle between my forearm and the back of my left hand. This will not be easy for many to do inasmuch as probably I am able to flex my wrist considerably more, through practice, than the average person. I allow my right hand and wrist a natural position

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SOUND PUTTING

and rest only the upper part of my arms against my chest and thighs.

In taking my stance I bend both knees very slightly in what might be termed a "saddle" position. This tends to eliminate swaying or turning of the body, two very detrimental elements against good putting. Having attained the above position I think it is rather a good habit to "sight" one's putts the same way every time. Some players turn their heads and raise a little to sight the line with both eyes, level. This I do not do! I expect that the bulk of "lining up" is done by my right eye, using the natural sight instituted by the putting of this member to plan an imaginary course to the hole which the ball will travel.

Returning to note the action of my hands, the whole movement is based upon the presentation of the *back of the left hand and the palm of the right (working together) squarely out toward the hole*. The club is guided by my left hand. The right controls the swing of the club and resultantly the distance which the ball is to travel. This is a good deal different than many so-called "right-hand" putters who use the whole right hand on the club and overlap the left.

Most of these folks make the right hand do the double duty of governing distance and directing the club as well. They use the left only as a steadying influence with no other particular purpose on the shaft at all. Such players will find themselves constantly annoyed by the "parasite passenger" which this left hand then becomes. Trouble generally emanates from a *locked left wrist* when the slightest tension creeps into the hands. For that reason if the left hand is actively engaged in guiding the putter there is not much danger of a locked left wrist.

One phase of the stroke which will improve all putting if observed, is the length of the backswing. I have always felt that the correct putting stroke was a nice combination between a

sweep and a tap. All tap is a jerky affair. All sweep results in a gangling, generally untrue putt. The sweep action is reserved in my way of thinking for longer putts—approach-putting! As one nears the cup the length of the backswing lessens and you crisply tap the short ones home. Remember to keep the club in your fingers, however, on all lengths of putts!

Most golfers, I feel, go through the motions of sighting putts without really concentrating upon what they are observing. When you look down the line to the hole on a 20-footer you must naturally take into consideration the borrows and general conditions of the grass between the ball and the cup. However the place where I feel there should be most observation is in the last five feet of the putt. Here the ball will be slowing down. Hence all bends in the terrain will have double the effect upon the ultimate course of the putt. When one stops to think of the number of putts which he has missed from all distances he will have to admit that the ball generally fails to hold the line over that vital last four feet. Thus we call this area in front of the cup the "scoring area." By observing it and planning for what the ball will probably do there, one may bring his percentage of good strokes on the green up sharply. z

Finally in considering the source of action in a good putting stroke it has been my practice not to try to make the action one of all wrists nor all arms. In my own play I keep "body sway" out of it as far as possible. But the wrists and the arms do have to work together. The backswing is largely wrist for any reasonable length putt, but the forward stroke and its finish imply following the ball with the wrists and then the arms so as to make the finish or follow-through smooth!

There is a good deal of common sense judgement and detecting to be done for anyone to become a consistently fine putter. This part of the game requires study and practice such as would not generally be associated with this apparently simple stroke which anyone can essay with no teaching. But the day you are faced with a six-foot putt for a match which you wish to win greatly — then it is a fine thing to have the fundamentals of a good stroke so engrained that you do not "freeze up" and jab or stub when the pressure comes on!

SUMMERS AGO WE HAD A STARVED SOIL

. . . . Soil Analysis Enabled Us to Produce Healthy Turf

In the articles I have read about the care of greens and the general growing of a good and strong sod, most of the writers give the impression that all soils are alike, and they do not get down to the most essential point of commencement and care, which to me is the analysis of the soil. Unless you know what the constituents of your soil are, and how far short it is of the necessary chemicals for growing Class A plants, which grass is one, you cannot intelligently add just enough of what is required.

No matter how long you have been growing grass, unless you have a soil analysis once each season, you are only guessing as what is best to do.

The Department of Agriculture at Ottawa will supply an analysis of your soil free of charge. You should analyse early in the season, and should fertilize soon after. At the Riverside Golf and Country Club we analyse our own soil, using for that purpose a \$50 outfit manufactured by the LaMotte Chemical Products Co. of Baltimore, U. S. A. We take samples from four places in each green, two places from each tee, and three samples from each hundred yard mark of each fairway. All samples must be free of vegetable matter, must not be touched by hands, steel or metal, but are dug with a wooden spade, and placed in a paper bag. The four samples from a green are about a cupful each, and are placed on a wooden board and carefully stirred together, and about a cupful taken for analysis, which is sufficient for testing.

If your soil reads pH 5 and you know that from 6 to 7 is the best grade for growing ordinary grass, or if you want to grow bent, that 5.6 is right; you can buy a Soil Handbook from LaMotte Products for 50c which will tell you how much lime you need per acre to raise your soil to the proper grade. If your nitrate, phosphorus or potash content is low you must supply chemicals to bring these into Nitrates 60 to 100 lbs. per acre, Phosphorus 75 to 150 lbs. per acre, and Potash to 280 to 400 lbs. per acre. The maximums named are the ideal proportions for growing grass. Under the analysis you are not guessing, you actually know what you must do, and if you do it your soil will grow grass that is strong and well rooted, and which will last. I do not enter into a discussion of different classes of soil, as this is an exhaustive subject.

It might be of interest to my fellow greenskeepers to know what we do when we remake a green or resod tees or other

by
W. R. GILLILAND
Greenkeeper, Riverside, N. B.

work that requires sod handling. At Riverside we have no dread of remaking a green. We cut the sod with a Sodkut, then put it through a Sod Planer to get uniform thickness, and pile it out flat with the grass side up (we do not stack it in piles) and keep it damp. When the necessary changes have been made in the green, we add six inches of analysed screened soil, tramp it out, and rake it smooth and are then ready for the resodding after we have carpeted the sur-

A SHORT WORD PICTURE OF RIVERSIDE.



P. W. THOMPSON

A short, but highly descriptive paragraph about the Riverside Golf Course at Saint John, N. B., where the Canadian Open will be played in August, was included in a recent letter received from Mr. Percy W. Thomson, its owner. It follows:—

"Am sorry that I cannot do much to elaborate the description given to you on the Riverside course. Four years ago it was a mediocre outfit, but after having Donald Ross down twice and my gang doing all the changes and improvements, Riverside now is a swell course and outside of its length, which is on the short side, it compares very favorably with any course I have seen and I have played some 400 of them. If any player thinks that the 6230 yards is a step-up, he will find it far from this, as with some gradual upgrades, greens well guarded, heavy air of the near to the seashore variety, and thick turf, one cannot get the runs that are possible in the interior, and the yardage "plays long" and every yard contains an actual 36 inches. With no two holes alike, every club in the 14 can be profitably used by the "A" class player, and this class is the one that the course has been constructed for. The poor player, so long as the keeps straight, can also enjoy good golf with all fair hazards."

face with bonemeal. Our sods are dunked or soaked in a tank of water to which has been added 10 lbs. of 842 fertilizer to each 100 gallons of water. Each sod is laid carefully and butted up snugly to the next sod. To prevent any marks or depressions, our men work from planks laid on the green. After the sods are laid we roll the surface to set the sods, and then apply a top dressing of screened soil sweetened by 30 lbs. of 842 to the yard, applied by a Toro Spreader, which insures an equal distribution, and then mat it in with the steel mat, up the green and then across the green. After a light sprinkle of water, the green is ready to play upon. We figure on two days to lift and relay a green, so the play is not greatly interrupted.

Care of greens and tees does not appear to have any uniform programme. To keep the course always in play, we don't make any violent changes like seeding out bare ground, but prefer to seed each time we topdress, and in time we arrive at the texture and kind of grass we want on each tee and green. In the topdressing soil we add 30 lbs. of 842 to the yard, as this fertilizer takes kindly to our soil requirements determined by the soil analysis. When we need special treatment with chemicals we do this between topdressings.

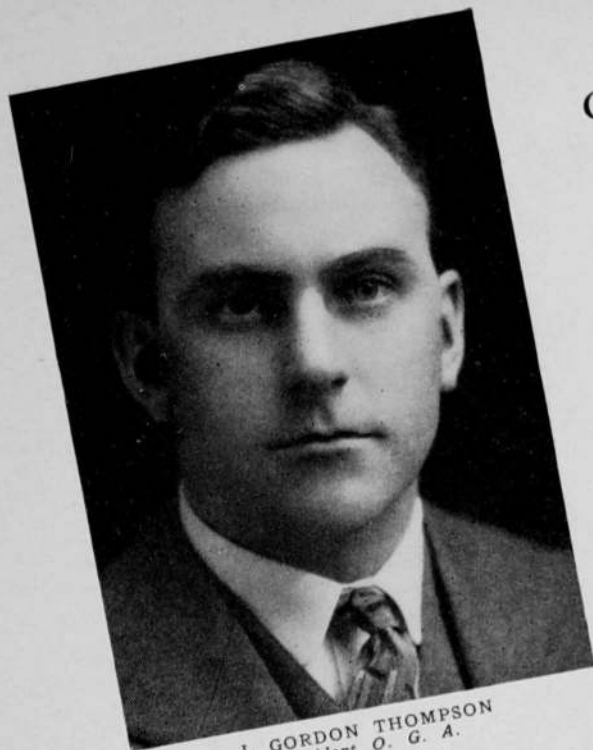
Three summers ago we had a gravely starved soil, poor tees and greens and a sparsely grassed fairway. Had it not of been for the soil analysis we would still be in that condition. Now everything is thickly coated with strong turf. In the new work done we have been most careful to get clear surface drainage, which prevents winterkill and numerous other troubles. We have remade every green and every tee, and attribute the success obtained to the soil analysis and to the application of proper fertilizer and lime. All golf courses should enable the soil bacteria to work for them by putting their soil in a suitable condition for the bacteria to become active.

The average Greens Committee seem to be hard to get to vote for fertilizer. The Department of Agriculture is the authority for this statement, that in five years of rainfall, the average nitrates received from the rain only amounted to an average per season of five pounds per acre. Good grass cannot survive on this quantity of nitrates, and while we apply more than 500 lbs. of nitrates, 180 lbs.

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PROVINCIAL GOLF LEADERS IN MANITOBA AND ONTARIO



J. GORDON THOMPSON
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R. G. MURRAY
Manitoba's Head Man

On page seven of this issue is a message from Mr. Thompson to Golfers of Ontario. From his letter one gets a glimpse of this energetic Londoner whose organizing ability is making history in Ontario golf. As a hobby he has personally developed the Sunningdale Golf Club on his estate just outside of London. His course is one of the most attractive layouts in the country, and already has been the scene of the Ontario Provincial Championship. The problems of the Ontario Golf Association are many and varied due to the vast area embraced, and in molding a closely knit and effective organization, Mr. Thompson's enthusiasm is reflected in the wholehearted support he is receiving from his twenty-three fellow committeemen. Golf in Ontario is most fortunate to have chosen such an effective leader.

The annual meeting of the Manitoba Golf Association was well attended, especially by clubs outside of Winnipeg. All officers were re-elected, no change even was made in the Nominating Committee. Finances are in good shape.—delegates liked the new arrangement with the R.C.G.A.—were satisfied with tournaments last year—and no changes were suggested. The manner of selecting the Manitoba Junior representative was commended. The method used in selection of Willingdom Cup team, was discussed but the meeting was largely in favor the existing method. It was a very enthusiastic meeting and all seemed to be looking forward confidently to a good golf year in Manitoba. In these few words a happy condition in Manitoba is revealed.

CANADIAN SENIORS TO VISIT ENGLAND *by Ralph H. Reville*

Mr. H. P. Baker, Secretary of The Canadian Seniors' Golf Association, announces that the Board of Governors has accepted the kind invitation of the Laval-sur-le-Lac Club, Montreal, to hold the Annual Tournament there. The probable dates are September 4th, 5th and 6th. The course is a very beautiful and sporting one. The President, officers and members of Laval are noted for their unbounded hospitality and the worthy Seniors are assured of a most enjoyable Tournament.

The International Triangular matches between the British United States and Canada will be played in July at Muirfield, Scotland, an invitation having been extended by the Honourable Company of Muirfield Golfers. This is a rare privilege and will be appreciated by Members of the visiting Teams. The matches will commence on July 11th.

Each year many Canadian Seniors visit the Old Country either for business or for pleasure and the following information should be of interest to any of the members contemplating a trip abroad the coming summer: The British Open Championship is to be played at St. Andrews, Scotland, commencing July 3rd and the Triangular Seniors' matches the following week—July 11th to 14th. Immediately following, the visiting Canadian and American Seniors are to play a series of friendly matches in Ireland. An invitation has been extended by the Duke of Montrose. Captain of the British Seniors, who has

built a Golf Course at Buchanan Castle. The visiting Seniors will be entertained by the Duke and will be invited to play over a number of nearby courses. Mr. Baker, Secretary of the Canadian Seniors writes "Any member of the Canadian Seniors' Golf Association, who happens to be abroad at that time and would care to join the pilgrimage to Ireland would be most welcome". There is no doubt that many Seniors who are not on the team will be glad to avail themselves of this delightful invitation.

Mr. G. L. Robinson of Toronto has again been appointed to Captain the Canadian team and "a right good Captain" he will be too. He has been fortunate in receiving acceptances from the following well known Seniors to participate in the tour.

E. C. Gould, Hamilton, Ont.; B. L. Anderson, Toronto; J. I. Rankin, Montreal, Que.; A. G. Fenwick, Montreal, Que.; G. L. Robinson, Toronto; W. H. Despard, Toronto; Norman Jarvis, Toronto; R. C. H. Cassels, Toronto; W. H. Somerville, Waterloo, Ont.; J. M. Lyle, Toronto; Temple Blackwood, Toronto; J. Max Yates, Toronto; J. L. Lewis, Toronto; Wm. H. Yates, Hamilton, Ont. John Mossop, Toronto.

A regrettable absentee will be R. A. "Bob" Gray, reigning Senior Champion. He would have been a tower of strength on the team.

A DOUBLE BIRDIE

We have heard of many odd happenings on a golf course. For instance, we recall a player who got two birdies on one hole — the first was achieved by killing a low-flying robin and followed by holing out in one better than perfect figures. In a recent tournament, however, E. J. Dutch Harrison, leading money winner of the winter circuit up to that point, encountered a circumstance which tops this one.

TWO CONSECUTIVE EAGLES

Speaking of feature shots, Leo Walper showed those who followed him considerably more than they had a right to expect. At the fourth he smashed two which left him well short because of a rather strong headwind. Taking out his niblick he hit a high-arched shot which struck the green and ran a few feet straight into the cup for an eagle three! That would have been enough for most people, but Leo wasn't satisfied so he slammed home two fine shots at the next hole and dropped a good putt for his second consecutive eagle. Walper is an odd little fellow from Washington. He almost won the Master's Open two years ago — placing third — after betting \$100 at 100 to 1 on himself.

McSPADEN RETURNS TO FRAY IN PINEHURST

Harold "Jug" McSpaden, one of the biggest money winners among the professionals since last Christmas and winner of the last Miami Biltmore \$10,000 Open championship, returned to the circuit at the North and South Open championship after a lay-off of 30 days. Harold was called away from the fray because of the birth of his son while playing in California.

NEW GRIP, SHORTER SWING, BEHIND IMPROVED PLAY

McSpaden was the fellow who notched up the 59 in Texas earlier this year. He is the player whose shots have gained the most yardage of any on the circuit in the past year. McSpaden is now one of the longest hitters in the game. Yet he has been working upon shortening his swing. This he has done. His altered grip in the past six months is, according to Harold, the reason for his improved play. He now runs the thumb of his right hand down the shaft.

YOU HAVE TO STOP A "HOT" GOLFER

Recently we watched Mrs. Estelle Lawson Page, 1937 U. S. National

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spoon and brassie shots and be just as accurate as they are with the long irons to the greens. On the shorter courses Paul must use his long irons while the 'power-houses' are confronted with only little, easily-controlled pitches. That accounts, perhaps, for such showings as Runyan's second place here at Pinehurst last year. Clever little fellow is this Paul Runyan!



Robert Harlow, former U.S.P.G.A. Manager and editor H. R. Pickens, Jr., photographed as they strode from the first tee in a match during the North and South Amateur at Pinehurst. The match resulted in a one up win for our side and with it recognition as "champ" among golf writers.

champion play against Miss Dorothy Kirby who is perhaps the finest competitor outside of Patty Berg in American Ladies golf.

Mrs. Page is from Chapel Hill N. C. and she knows the Pinehurst No. 3 course very well. However, the fact that she shoots around it close to 70 to beat men professionals still is most significant.

Mrs. Page and Miss Kirby were meeting in the final of the North and South ladies championship. Both displayed the sort of competitive golf which makes champions. Only a player of Mrs. Page's magnitude could have withstood the withering blast of the inspired Atlanta Miss when she went 3-3-2 over the 14th, 15th and 16th holes. Mrs. Page's superb two shots which carried her to the par five 17th green followed by her hair-breadth putt for an eagle, mark her as one who realizes that in order to stop a "hot" golfer you must go out and shoot a birdie!

REFLECTIONS OF A 59

Talking with the friendly "crasher" about his 59 scored earlier in the winter loop we inquired what it felt like to shoot a 59. "Well," said he, "I got out in seven under par and then just kept shooting birdies. Pretty soon I was nine, ten, 11 under and so on! All I can say, it's a great way to play golf!" When one stops to think the score seems silly! We mere mortals struggle to break 80 or 90 and when we get a few pars in a row we become excited and have a "bad hole." But here is a fellow who could have played most golfer's best ball for an entire season. It doesn't seem possible, but it's true.

BUT THINK OF THE BEE!

On one hole Dutch had a seven footer for a birdie. In his usual calm manner he struck the ball firmly and true for the back of the cup. At the last moment a bee flew down on the line, and was run over, but managed to deflect the last few inches of the ball's course! Dutch got a wasp instead of his birdie! There were several in the gallery who sympathized with the tall Louisiana boy with soothing remarks as "Gee, that's a tough break you got, Mr. Harrison!" However, the lanky one pulled a prize show of philosophy with the dry reply, "Yep, but so did the bee!"

SNEAD HITS SOME EYE-OPENERS

Those who watched saw Snead practice just before the North and South Open championship were treated to an eye-opening display of power and an increasing sense of showmanship which the young West Virginian is developing gradually.

Sam was hitting short irons for goodly distances. However, when he took out his No. two iron and then shouted to his caddy, "go on down toward the 250 yard mark," all sat up to take notice!

FEW AMATEURS DRIVE THAT FAR

Now "Slammin Sam" hadn't said he was going to hit the ball 250 yards with a No. two iron, but everyone became curious of the fact that in using this club Snead had even looked at that distant sign. When the supple Virginian started "banging" the good sized gallery stood aghast. Why? Because shot after shot which he hit at the marker rolled right out to the boy who was standing beside it. Only a few of the foremost amateurs could reach this marker with their best drives!

Golf --- the Unknown

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The cruel and unfair thing about this slow transition in the golfer's physical capabilities is that the millennium never comes as might be expected somewhere about the middle of the player's life. One might imagine the tendency to overswing merging with the joint-stiffening of old age to bring the golfer into a "golden era" of "just right" swinging, but this never happens. In view of the golfer's ceaseless labors this doesn't seem to be cricket. Of course, it isn't. It's just golf.

Having scratched the surface of puzzlement which characterizes the technique of golf, it should no longer be difficult to understand the extent of hero-worship which exudes from the golf "nim-wit" at the mention of such names as Jones, Hagen, Little and Cooper. To the frustrated soul who has played the game badly all his life these men who have scored in the 60's stand on a pedestal just a notch below the angels.

Golfing expressions include some startling terms, but these are easy for the beginner to master compared with the difficulty he will encounter trying to interpret correctly various answers to the age-old first tee question of, "What's your game?"

These simple words couch a complete study in complex psychology aside from other aspects of the game. The catch is to be found in the fact that no golfer can be very certain of what he is going to shoot before a round anyway. Unfortunately the few who may have a fair idea often deliberately under or over-rate themselves depending upon the nature of the individual or the match to be played.

Suppose you have just met a stranger on the first tee. You wish to play a round and make a little friendly match of it. So you ask, "What's your game?" Now the player may be one of two general types. He may fancy himself as a coming star. In this case, he is anxious to be known by his best scores. He wants a reputation. He will, therefore, probably tell you that his usual score is around 80. Never accept this fellow as a partner on the assumption that he will produce such a game. Count on him for something around 94. Especially if there is any competitive pressure going to be put on him.

On the other hand beware of the old-timer who has played the game for years or at least long enough to realize the futility of hoping to become top-notch at it. This sort of fellow is likely to have evolved his own method for belaboring the ball with quite a degree of accuracy—albeit he looks like he is wrangling a steer as he swings. Naturally this sort of golfer can estimate rather closely what his score

Canadians snapped during a round at the sporty Belmont Manor course Bermuda. Left to right, A. F. Zimmerman, Hamilton; C. A. Seagram, Waterloo; T. W. Seagram, Waterloo; Henry Barrett, Toronto. Miss Cicely Zimmerman, of Hamilton.



is going to be. He will probably answer the "What's your game question?" by telling you his handicap rating and explaining this means he shoots between 95 and 100.

On this basis you will be inveigled into giving him a few strokes for handicap and he will proceed to manufacture a studied, unorthodox round close to the 80-mark. You will then owe him about \$1.30 at ten cents a hole and go home kicking yourself at the amazing bad luck which led you into the toils of a duffer who has just shot the best game of his life. His best game indeed! Check his scores with others and you will kick yourself still harder for that maddening round of 80 is just about his average.

There are thousands of such mix-ups on golf courses all over the world every day, simply because some golfers are vain; some shamelessly without pride or principle. Some seek a reputation; others prefer a chance to chuckle up their sleeves after the round rather than impress you beforehand.

Speaking of being able to chuckle up one's sleeve, golf is a natural outlet for the gloater. What other explanation can one give for the rigid rule which was made by a foursome composed of a senator, a millionaire tooth-paste manufacturer, a justice of the Supreme Court and a railway magnate. These four played together almost daily for several seasons at a southern golfing resort. Their stakes never exceeded ten cents a hole but their unbending rule was that the "pay off" must take place before leaving the last green after each match. To walk off the

course with the other fellow's dimes made the day a success.

Among tournament players, especially, exists one incomprehensible oddness. This has to do with putting. Putting is the tantalizing business of getting the ball into the cup after one has beaten it with successive blows unto the little close-cut circles known as greens which surround each hole. Par, or perfect, putting allows two strokes to each green. Now in all other shots form must be considered, but not so in putting. Strangely enough, though undoubtedly the most delicate department of the game, experts agree that here proficiency can be attained in a natural manner by anyone. Practice and touch are the sole requirements. For this reason the dub might well outshine a star player on the putting-surfaces. Yes, your own Aunt Emma who weighs 260-lbs. might be a wizard on the greens as a throw-back to her championship croquet days.

However, if you inquire of your professional he will tell you that putting is the most vital factor in low scoring. Despite this widely recognized fact at every tournament one hears such mournful chants as:

"I just had a 75 with five three-putt greens."

Indeed, putting, the one part of the game which Aunt Emma might master, is the cause of most of the skilled tournament player's cries. Never do you hear him admitting for example:

"I just had 75 with five missed drives and three dubbed irons."

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If one stops to analyze, it is to be concluded that anyone can become a good putter and should be if he plays the game competitively. Only laziness or stupidity stand in anyone's way of mastering this one conquerable part of the game. Yet in telling of their misadventures on the course most players would rather admit laziness or stupidity by stressing their poor putting, than have anyone know that they missed any of the longer and more difficult shots. Such is the distorted pride bred of golf.

Statisticians tell us that John Q. Public in this country has a surprisingly low mental development. The average is about equivalent of a 14-year-old. Its not hard with this fact at hand to understand why such a game should prove too great a problem for him inasmuch as he is obliged to divide his time with concern for business, occasionally the wife and family, the Monday's luncheon at the Rotary club.

But to go further, even those who have proven themselves by winning a national amateur championship are very likely to give evidence that the game is still beyond their control. Seldom do amateur champions make good showings in open championship play, although the same scores with which they won the crowns in one class would be good enough to bring them in close to the top when competing against the professionals. Playing in this advanced company they simply do not produce their best. Only three men in the United States, Jerry Travers, Bobby Jones and Johnny Goodman have won both the amateur and the open titles, thereby stamping themselves as belonging among the few who have really mastered the game. Likewise including the professionals, only three, Bobby Jones, Gene

Sarazen and Ralph Guldahl have twice won the United States Open Championship in the twenty years following the World War. Even those who make a business of golf find difficulty memorizing the answers to all the problems the game can present.

This brings to mind Walter Hagen's reported quip to Johnny Farrell in 1928 when the latter held the U. S. Open crown. Asked Farrell of the "Haig" who himself had been champion in 1914 and 1919:

"Don't you agree that it takes luck to win the Open?"

"Yes, to win it once," was Sir Walter's sly retort.

Every golfer including the chagrined Farrell should appreciate the truth expressed in this wisecrack. The point, of course, is that all but a handful of the greatest players are confounded by parts of the game some of the time. For instance though it is hard to conceive, Tony Manero, a player who won the 1936 American Open Championship by establishing a new all-time scoring record for the event, fell twenty strokes behind Ralph Guldahl, the 1937 champion. Such facts represent an excuse for the existence of the golfing "nim-wit". Indeed, these poor fellows should be consoled rather than criticized, but the fact that their plight is excusable lessens not their load one iota, nor the thickness of the fog in which they are forever destined to labor.

Soil Analysis

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ONTARIO'S NEW EXECUTIVE MAKING ENERGETIC EFFORT

By C. W. MacQueen

Indications that the Ontario Golf Association is in for a banner season were given at a meeting of the directors on April 14. Not only was there an exceptionally large number of the directors present, but there were lengthy discussions regarding a number of matters of interest to golf clubs and the golfers of the province. As a result of the recent reorganization of the office, whereby there is now a full time staff, the association will be able to give its member clubs a greatly enlarged service program.

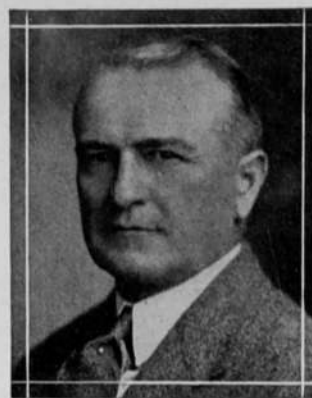
Most of the discussion at the meeting centred around the manner in which the association could be of service to the clubs by assisting and advising in the conduct of tournaments, by giving advice on course maintenance, the rating of courses and other matters of importance to clubs. It was proposed that the O.G.A. institute a bulletin service for clubs whereby the latter will be kept informed of important

rulings, decisions and proved suggestions regarding club activities.

It was reported that the individual handicap card system had proved a great success in the past year and plans were discussed as to how this system could be expanded for the benefit of the member clubs and golfers. It is a great convenience to players at invitation tournaments, and when travelling it is a proof of their identification as golfers and their playing ability.

The directors displayed great interest in the proposed plans and will take an active part in all departments of the association's work. One director will attend each tournament conducted by the O.G.A. and each director will get in touch with each club in his district and present the aims of the O.G.A.

The dates of the various tournaments



B. L. ANDERSON

Mr. B. L. Anderson, Secretary-Treasurer of the Royal Canadian Golf Association, for many years, has been appointed an ex-officio officer of the O.G.A. The appointment further strengthens the ties between the Provincial and National Association and brings to the Ontario executive a wealth of experience and enthusiasm.

and field days were ratified and arrangements were made for the rating of several courses which applied for this new classification.

The method whereby the Willingdon cup team for 1939 will be selected was left to a special committee. Tournament dates will be found in the golf calendar on pages four and seven.

SPEAKING OF MATCH and MEDAL PLAY WITH OLDTIMERS and NEW

We mentioned elsewhere in this issue a word about the fact that "hot" golf can be stopped. This is really something which most experienced players know to be true. It is one of those purely psychological aspects which make the game — and match play in particular — so vitally interesting to its students. One may generalize by saying that no player will shoot any better in match play than you allow him.

For many years C. R. Somerville, London, Ontario, seemed to hold a spell over those whom he met in the finals of the Canadian amateur championship. They might shoot in the 60s in the rounds just preceding their games with "Sandy" but he had a way of beating them with 73s and 74s. Nobody, for many years ever got "hot" against the London iron-master. Why? Well, probably it was because he kept his opponents on the defensive from the first shot to the last. Every putt was a telling one for his adversary. And, when each stroke is vital, there is very little relaxation.

It was this condition of being relaxed of which Somerville robbed his opponents in his march to six National titles. Never, until last year, when the Columbia, Ohio school teacher, 24-year-old Ted Adams, beat Sandy at the 38th hole could anyone break par against him in a final. Even then Somerville missed two putts of three feet to keep from taking his seventh title. Probably this matter of keeping the pressure on one's antagonist is the secret of Jones', Hagen's and other super match golfer's successes.

We had the occasion recently to discuss the difference in the two methods of competition with a "Hagen Worshipper." We, too, have always been an admirer of the inimitable "Sir Walter" but in surveying the golf played by the modern great, it is hard to answer the question; "How would the Hagen of 1924 compare with the present leaders?"

Certainly, it is difficult to imagine anyone, even Hagen in his hey-day, consistently outshining the present traveling troupe of professionals in such a manner as to compile the sort of

reputation which he built up in those earlier days. No player who ever lived could now so constantly overshadow his fellow-competitors in the pencil and card game, but in match play such an achievement seems more plausible. In single combat one occasionally gets a glimpse of the innate superiority which exists between two players who score almost identically in medal play. Hagen's great run of victories in the American P. G. A. championship between 1924-27 is the key for comparing him with today's best. We feel that were Hagen in his prime now he would be able to maintain his match play superiority regardless of the general improvement of the field in modern medal play. He would probably only win a few medal events.

Frankie Strafaci, North and South Amateur Champion now for two years, approached us recently upon this matter of match golf. Frank is a serious young man about the game. He claims that match golf, properly played, is a study. During several tournaments this winter he has been experimenting with various attitudes when he goes out facing a steady opponent. His latest and best idea in this regard is to merely play the first six holes easily, not working himself too hard by concentrating on every stroke.

That sounds odd, but it is Strafaci's conjecture that the average amateur only has so much concentrative ability. That if one starts right in at the first to study every shot, when the closing holes of the game approach one is often both mentally and physically fatigued. In that condition a golfer may look at his shots and the ball all day and not see the most obvious things. In other words, the Strafaci theory is one of conservation of concentration early in the game. Play, if you can, mechanically, at first. But, Frankie warns, that doesn't imply letting the other fellow get two up at the end of the 6th. If you do, he observes, you'll likely find that 18 holes constitutes a very short match pretty quick you'll be running short of holes. Moreover, some players are the willing lambs if they lose the first three holes but two holes up and they become bulldogs

TREES ARE NECESSARY TO LIFE AND CONTENTMENT THEIR TROUBLES CANNOT BE OVERCOME WITHOUT HUMAN HELP

By A. J. LANDBERG

A tree in the middle of a fairway is a hazard — and often a headache. But, whether we stop to realize it or not, trees are certainly a most important part of the well planned golf course. The bleak, sun-swept, treeless pasture has no charm for golfers.

Since the beginning of time, no tree has yet died of old age. Unlike people, their living parts do not grow old and wear out; instead each season brings them new leaves and new wood to carry on the life processes.

Why, then, do trees die? The reason is simply because of certain troubles that they cannot overcome without human help. There are a great many things that may injure or kill a tree.

For instance, if the ground is too wet the tree will drown. Or, if the soil becomes too dry it will die of thirst. Often insects will eat part or even all the leaves from a tree. This is a very serious trouble, for the leaves are little factories where the crude sap from the roots is made over into the plant food which feeds the tree.

Boring insects work in the wood or between the wood and the bark. The cutting which these insects do kills thousands of trees each year. Many contagious diseases attack the wood, bark, twigs, leaves or roots of trees. These epidemics are just as real as the scourge of typhoid fever or smallpox. It is the ravages of disease that have killed nearly all of the thousands and millions of chestnut trees that used to grow thriftily in many parts of America.

Trees have many troubles and there are many ways to help them.

Take pruning, for example. Often pruning is thought of merely as a means of beautifying trees. That is just part of its purpose. Pruning helps to save trees from premature death.

As trees grow the inner branches are often enveloped in deep shade. Because of the lack of sunlight many of these inside branches die. Wind injury, insects and diseases kill others. Poor

food supply and various other factors may cause the death of still more.

If these branches are not promptly removed they will soon become decayed. And here is the important point. The decay not only destroys the dead branches but attacks the live wood where these branches join the tree. It does not stop but, like a hungry cancer, it eats its way onward until the heart of the tree is reached. Slowly but surely the disintegration continues until finally all or part of the tree becomes a hollow shell. At the most unexpected moment the entire tree, or part of it, may come crashing to the ground causing damage to property or even death to persons who happen to be below.

An important part of caring for trees is to remove the dead branches before decay from them has entered the rest of the tree. In cutting off the branches, special care should be taken to leave no projecting stubs. Every cut should be made flush with the parent trunk or branch. Then the flowing sap will bathe the edges of the wound, causing the bark to grow in from the sides, eventually covering the exposed wood. During this healing process the cut should, of course, be covered with a special tree wound dressing to keep out moisture and decay.

When a tree has been so long neglected that decay has somewhere set in along the trunk or main branches, only one thing can be done to save it and make it sound again. The decay must be removed. And, if it is not removed the tree is doomed.

When trees are given physical examinations each year the decayed spots can be discovered while they are yet small. Then is the time to cut them out. But, too often there is delay in having the work done. One of two things is then true — the work when finally taken care of will be more extensive than it should have been, or the tree will disintegrate beyond the point where assistance can be given.

Cavity work which involves the removal of decayed areas in trees and the proper installation of a filling in these areas is one of the most interesting parts of tree treatment. The work is very similar to that of the dentist.

Everyone knows that if a tooth starts to decay it will become just a hollow shell if not given proper care. But the dentist saves the tooth — he drills out the decay before it has spread very far. In doing this he is very careful to take out all diseased tissue. If he leaves any, it will continue to spread until the tooth is again badly infected. After all decay is removed the dentist puts in a tight filling. The tooth is once more in good condition.

Tree surgeons do cavity work in much the same way. The decayed spot may be small, or possibly the whole inside of the trunk is eaten away and hollow. With painstaking care the decayed areas are removed. Every trace of diseased wood must be taken out for, otherwise, the bad spots that are left will spread and grow until the tree may finally be in a poorer condition than it was when the first decayed place was discovered. After all decay is removed the inside of the cavity is disinfected, just as a surgeon disinfects a wound of a patient.

The cavity is then painted with a heavy water-proof preparation especially made for tree wounds. Next, it is filled with sectional concrete. This filling is, of course, different from the one that the dentist uses.



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SHORT PUTTS

It has been announced by George R. Jacobus, president of the Professional Golfers Association of America that Walter Hagen has again been selected to captain the 1939 American Ryder Cup team.

Shortly after Hagen's selection came the announcement from England, that Henry Cotton will captain the British side. When Commander R. T. C. Rowe, veteran head of the British Professional Golfers Association, brings his British professionals to America, it is quite likely, Henry Cotton will take advantage of his presence on this side to engage in exhibition competitions with Messrs Snead, Guldahl, and other American golfing greats. The Ryder Cup, International Professional Matches are scheduled to be played in November over Herbert Strong's fine course at Ponte Vedra.

It seems both Ryder Cup sides have decided the players wives must stay at home. The British players and their wives have accepted this decision without criticism. Quite possibly because the British spouse has not become accustomed to travelling long tournament circuits with their husbands. In America it's decidedly different, and it is quite possible the American players and wives will not accept the decision with the same calm.

Canadian Ladies' Golf union have announced, the 1939 Canadian Ladies' Open Championship will be held in Toronto over the course of the Toronto Golf Club from October 2nd to the 7th. On September 29th, just prior to the championship the Annual Ladies' Inter-provincial Team Match will also take place over the Toronto Golf Club course.

Vancouver, one of Canada's most golf conscious cities, recently celebrated the official opening of another new and very beautiful golf course, Capilano Golf Club, which is located within an attractive new residential section of North Vancouver. The course designed by Stanley Thompson, Canada's internationally reputed golf architect, is already recognized as one of the finest layouts in the west. When queried, Stanley Thompson modestly admitted the Capilano course has aroused a great deal of favorable comment. It is natural to expect that North Vancouver's new Capilano course will soon be the scene of many major tournaments. The official opening was enacted by a foursome comprised of, W. C. Woodward, the club's first president, W. G. Murrin, Philip Malkin, and S. P. Rainford. President Woodward opened

club activities, and played himself "in" with the first drive before a very cheerful gathering. In fact, a bit of good natured kidding was evidenced as Major Philip A. Currie handed the new president a trick golf ball which was propelled some hundred and fifty yards yards on its weaving course by the president's lusty wallop. Richard Bell-Irving, S. C. Sweeney, J. S. Eckman and P. E. Gordon were other directors among those present. Jock McKinnon is the club professional. This year he will be assisted by husky young Hughie Morrison. It will be remembered that as a member of the Marine Drive Club, Hugh Morrison was last year's junior champion, and as such, played in the Buckingham Cup matches at London Hunt Club last year. He turned professional after this year's B. C. amateur.

At this time of the year Sandy Somerville's plans are always good for a story, so, as per custom a London Sports writer arranged an interview with Canada's number one golfer. It is revealed that Sandy likes tournament golf, — still intends to compete in major tournaments, is concentrating on the Insurance business—therefore, expects his game to slip a little through lack of practice. These observations although general are typically Sandy. The major tournaments he admitted include; the Canadian Amateur, in Montreal this year, Canadian Open at Saint John, N. B., and the American Amateur at Chicago. With preliminary tournaments and practice rounds Sandy, we predict, will do his share of divot digging during the coming season. Ross commented, "the pace in the Canadian as well as in the American is getting much faster." It looks like there should be some good competition in the Canadian Amateur this year, better than usual." That the Londoner's observation will be fulfilled at Mount Bruno is further supported by Editor Pickens' announcement concerning the American stars which plan to participate.

Our Editor has distinguished himself on Pinehurst's fairways. During the North and South Amateur, Hilles was bracketed against Robert E. Harlow in the championship consolation flight. Mr. Harlow as we knew, was regarded as champion of golf writers — and to substantiate this claim has been the proud possessor of a trophy suitably inscribed. The emblem is a large bottle of Mint Springs which was put into play many years ago. It is still unopened, although it


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A brown-eyed, attractive little southerner sat in the Pinehurst Country Club lounge, smiling and talking with numerous friends and acquaintances. To the casual observer she was poised and calm. We stopped to chat a moment with her for she was Mrs. Byron Nelson, wife of a tall, good-looking Texan who was, at the time, out on the course protecting a lead which he had built up through three wearing rounds of tense tournament golf in the 37th Annual North and South Open championship.

Byron Nelson is no newcomer at the top in big-money tournaments. For that reason, we imagined that this little lady was quite used to the sort of suspense which she must be feeling, with her hubby on the verge of a major victory. After a few minutes conversation we asked her, point blank, how she felt, just waiting for Mr. Nelson to complete his triumph. The pretty brunette with a brave little expression merely replied, "You'd better feel my pulse!" It was racing at an amazing rate!

"But how is it you are so much on edge?" we insisted. "After all, you have been on the tournament trail for five years with Byron, during which time he has won such tournaments as the Master's Open, the Phenix Open, the Belmont Match Play Open. You must have gotten a little used to the strain."

"I don't suppose any wife on the circuit ever gets so hard-

The SILENT PARTNER OF THE MASTERS OPEN

ened to tournament play that she can take this wait during the last round without a queer sinking feeling in the pit of her stomach," was the frank reply. "Moreover, the North and South Open is one of the big ones. All the boys and their wives look with longing eyes at this prestige-carrying crown — to say nothing of the juicy \$1,000 first prize purse!" That was the way the petite Texicana native explained her excitement.

"But don't get me wrong," went on Mrs. Nelson. "I'm not afraid that Byron will 'blowup.' Yesterday, when he led the field at the halfway mark, he told me that he was 'right.' He said he thought he would win for he was playing so well. Only four times has he ever said that — always adding that someone might beat him, but that the man who did would win the tournament. Each time he has made that indirect promise he has won the tournament. So you see it is not really nerves caused by any doubt of Byron."

After that we realized what a great help a loyal little supporter like Mrs. Nelson must be to any travelling professional. Here was a perfect team-mate who played her part in the clubhouse, for just knowing her trust in him must have given Byron a mental boost in his stretch drive. She had been through "thick and thin" with the wiry former wireless operator. Never had she ceased to be interested yet not once had she insisted on trailing about the course, giving vent to her anxiety. That, to us, seems like the major consideration which a clever wife may show a tournament playing husband.

Speaking of the "thick and thin" part of the Nelsons' five years of married life, Mrs. Nelson recounted to us that back in 1935 Byron seemed to have the General Brock Open championship won with a seven stroke lead at the end of three rounds — still, he lost. Manero "nosed him out" by a stroke. Afterward everyone consoled the Nelsons who had so narrowly missed their first big win. Yet so near "bed rock" were the two campaigners, financially, that they sang and wept for joy as they pulled away from the club with the \$600 second place money. "We nearly papered the car with bills, that day," smiled Mrs. Nelson. "It was just about all we had in the world but it gave us our start." Today, four years later, Byron Nelson is undoubtedly one of the greatest golfers of his time. It is not hard to see the part which has been played by the pleasant girl with the misleading calm appearance in this golfer's steady but certain climb to the top.

ANOTHER ONE FOR RIPLEY

For the very reason that no two drives are ever made under similar circumstances, it is difficult to compare the listed accomplishments. But recently word came to us from Winston-Salem, N. C. of a shot which must enter the all-time records as not only the longest shot in recent annals, but also the most accurate. With these two attributes one might call it the greatest shot in the history of golf.

What was it? Merely a 425-yard hole-in-one. There can be no doubt as to its authenticity for it was witnessed by the entire foursome and their caddies. It was made with a normal golf ball, with a quite commonplace club, by a Winston Salem citizen who previously has been known as a long hitter, but one who has never bothered to measure any of his best drives.

Yesterday while playing the 9th hole of the Hillcrest Golf Course in Winston Salem Mr. Campbell let go one of his

particularly long ones. Our dispatch does not say whether there was a following wind, but naturally we assume there was, for the ball carried on and on, coming to earth after its phenomenal flight just 340 yards from the tee. The details state that it hit the ground on a sloping bit of the fairway and ran down to the green. In the distance it appeared to stop, but in that manner of golf balls in the distance continued to "creep" until it disappeared at the base of the flag. The players thought that it might be out of sight because the bottom of the flag-staff was white also, but as they approached all were at a loss to find "hide or hair of the ball."

After a moment of searching, someone looked in the cup and there to the amazement (added to the surprise which all felt at the length of the drive) they found the ball!

Personality—(Continued from page 5)

of the Club's leading players. In addition to Lambton, he is also a member of the Toronto Golf Club, and the Lake Placid Golf Club whilst he has always maintained his membership at Ancaster—his first love.

Mr. Robinson has for many years now, been a prominent Executive figure in Ontario Golfdom. A member of the Royal Canadian Golf Association for several years he was also President of the Ontario Golf Association in 1934 in which organization he has always taken a particularly keen interest from its inception.

Here's hoping that "Captain" Robinson and his merry men will have a most enjoyable and successful visit to the Old Country the coming summer and worthily uphold, as they unquestionably will, the prestige of Canadian Senior golf in the Triangular Matches at historic Muirfield.

Statistics show that the average open golf tournament is now won with a scoring total of 8 under par for the majority of events played.

Siege-gun Jimmy Thomson's tee shots have been averaging 20 to 25 yards further in distance than he has ever been able to get them out at any time before. During the Los Angeles Open newspapermen kept the average on his tee shots except at short holes and Jimmy averaged 342 yards. At Sequoyah he drove to the corner of the green on a 410 yard hole.

Speaking of records, Byron Nelson established one for two rounds, 36 holes, when he shot two 65's for a 36 hole total of 130 on the par 70 Phoenix Country Club course during the Phoenix Open. Horton Smith and Jimmy Thomson were co-holders of the former record for successive rounds with 131.

WHAT HAPPENS TO A SMOOTH BALL?

Here is one more question in connection with golf balls — do you know how far a ball with no indentations at all on the cover, will travel in flight? The last tests made by the U. S. Rubber Company showed that such a golf ball stays in the air 75 yards at the most, even when hit by the most powerful swingers. A "smooth" ball is forced down in a quick "dip" because, lacking indentations, it cannot break the air pressure around it as it spins and flies. The air pressure pushes it down thus, in 75 yards.

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has been held by several different United States golf writers and many challenge matches have been played. In the meeting referred to above our Editor was victorious at the 19th hole and, thereby, played himself "in" with the golf writers' fraternity. One of the rules of this society states that the player relinquishing the title must provide a duplicate of the trophy for immediate consumption. Another states the possessor of the original trophy who either breaks or opens the bottle shall incur grave penalty. Names of winners are engraved on gummed paper and thus attached to the jar and so, the record is preserved.

Bobby Burns was honoured by the Montreal Professional Golfer's Association at their Annual General Meeting just prior to his departure to Toronto, to accept his new post as professional at the Weston Golf Club. Bobby was presented with a clock as a mark of the esteem which he enjoyed among his fellow professionals in Montreal. In thanking the meeting Bobby paid tribute to the M.P.G.A. for their well organized programme which, he admitted, had done much to develop his game.

St. Clair C. Holland, one of Montreal's best known sportsmen, was elected to the presidency of the Montreal Professional Golfer's Association at their Annual Meeting. He succeeds J. Lloyd Freeman, of Marlborough. An excellent report of 1938 activities showed the Association to be in a healthy condition and strong financially. Dr. Arnold Mitchell was named Vice President and Doug. L. England was re-appointed Honorary-Secretary Treasurer, for a fifth term. Frank Glass, of Mount Bruno was chosen captain, and Jock Brown of Summerlea, vice-captain. Playing conditions for the coming season were changed as arrangements were made to play twelve 18-hole matches commencing at 2.30 o'clock. These matches will all be played with amateur members of the host club, the first event being scheduled for May 31st.

Hugh Morrison, B. C. Junior champion in 1938 has forsaken the amateur ranks to become assistant professional to Jock McKinnon at the Capilano Golf Club, Vancouver, B. C. Incidentally Capilano's pro shop is undoubtedly the best equipped in the country. Everything is ultra modern; with showroom, short wave radio, for communication at the caddy house; dressing rooms; shower baths; etc., etc. The Cotton influence no doubt.

In the professional ranks several new appointments have been reported as the season draws near. Sam Kerr of the Lakeshore Club, this year replaces Len White at the Fairmont Club, Toronto. Bill Crompton will take over the Lakeshore appointment. Dave Hutchinson will now be found at the Lookout Club, Font-hill, near Niagara. Clark Knox has received the appointment as playing pro at the Humber Valley Club, which is a step ahead for this former assistant at Lakeview. Kenneth Vaughan, professional at Beaumaris in recent years, starts this season with the Willowdale Golf Club in Toronto where a re-organization finds Jackson Walton the new general manager. Out West, Benny Colk former assistant professional at Jericho Golf & Country Club, Vancouver has graduated from the apprentice ranks to the professional appointment at the Langara Golf Club, Vancouver.

It has been announced by the United States Golf Association, sectional qualifying rounds of the U. S. Open Championship will be played Monday, May 22nd at 36 holes stroke play. The number of qualifiers in each section will be determined after the entry list is closed and will be based on the number of entries and the playing strength of the field. The championship will be held June 8, 9 and 10, with a field of 170.

All entries must be filed on forms issued by the United States Golf Association. Entries, complete in every detail, will be accepted up to 5 P.M. on Tuesday, May 9th at the Association's office, 73 East 57th St. New York, N. Y. Amateur entrants must have handicaps not exceeding three strokes, and their entries must be certified by officers of the clubs

or associations which determine their handicaps. Certification by anyone else is not acceptable.

In South Africa, where seasons are the reverse of our own, Bobby Locke has been demonstrating a wizardry which classifies him among the greatest of modern players. A few years back this same Locke attracted world wide attention through his fine play, as an amateur, in major British events. Since making golf his profession, the young South African has compiled a brilliant record. In winning the recent Transvaal Open he turned in the unbelievably low aggregate of 265 for 72 holes over the Glendower course. Bobby, like all aspiring professionals, wants a match with Henry Cotton, and therefore, issued a challenge. Henry, of course, for very good reasons, replied that he could not accommodate Mr. Locke. As a result, the newspapers down under, like the American press, also made an issue of Henry's indifference to challenges. If Locke can retain his current form and becomes really ambitious, a visit to the United States might prove exceedingly interesting, to the American professionals, galleries, and to Mr. Locke.

Johnny Levinson, the former New England amateur champion, who incidentally plans to play in the Canadian amateur in July at Montreal, states that he believes Cotton to be the best hitter of the ball in the world . . . this Levinson is a real student of the game, a prodigious hitter among the amateurs . . . he lived with Cotton for a time during the British championship two years ago . . . Johnny doesn't claim Henry will win always . . . merely believes his methods are soundest . . .

Vic Ghezzi, runner-up to Gene Kunes in the 1936 Canadian Open, has changed his swing this year according to Gene Sarazen . . . Vic now takes the club back on the line instead of inside . . . thus he has conquered all but a helpful vestige of his old hooking tendency . . . Sarazen states that all these fellows who are constantly fiddling with their putters and the 'trick gripsters,' are just one step ahead of "the man with the net" . . . the bellicose Gene still would like to see Henry Cotton produce in this country before there is any hat-taking-off ceremony . . . Sarazen claims that the fellows who are always altering their swing trying for the 'helpful hook' will sooner or later work back to the old masters' method of swinging "along the line of flight, front and back" . . .

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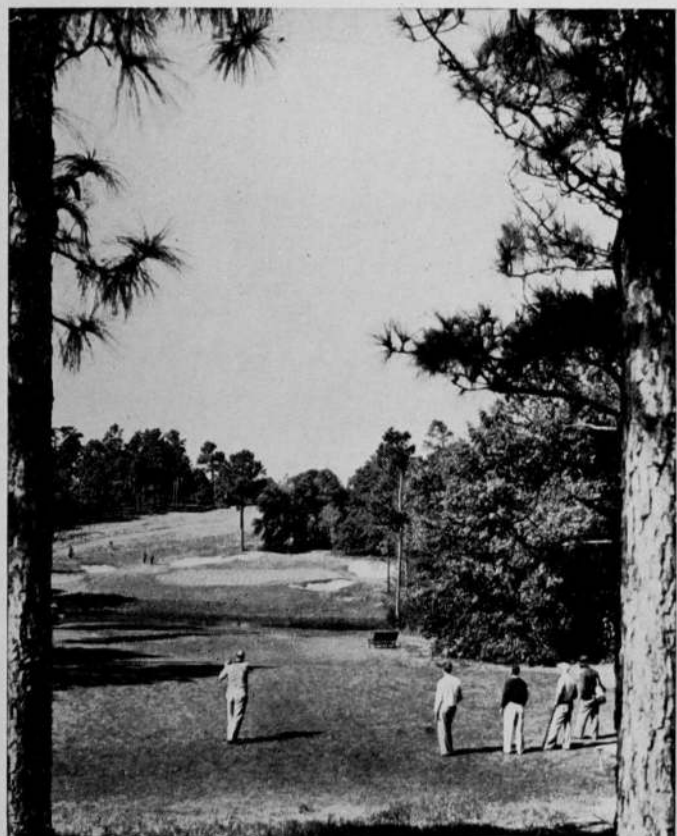
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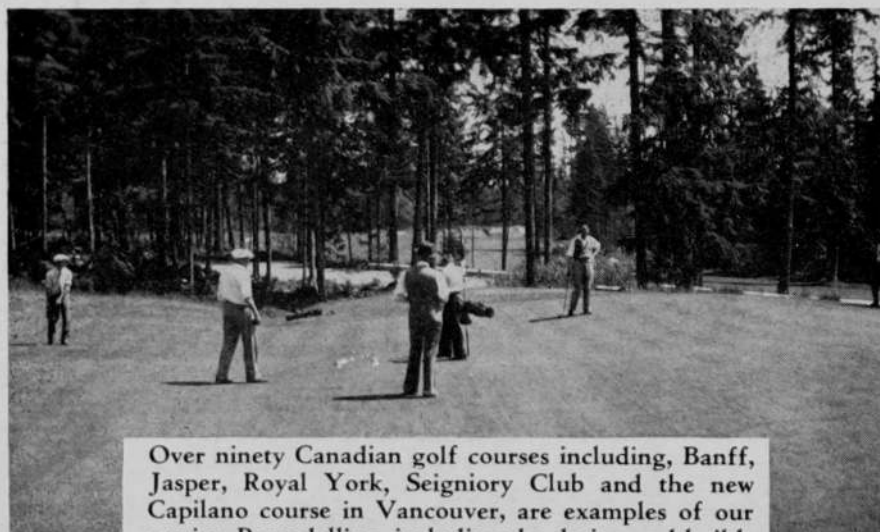
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There seems to be little doubt that your editorial in the February issue of the *Golfer*, is correct; and that match play in golf is the original and time-honored form of the game. The old St. Andrews Rules were drawn up to govern match play and there is a supplement which reads:—"Special Rules for Medal Play."

In these old clubs there were only two competitions in the year and each had to be decided in one day. Hence the special rules for special occasions.

It seems strange that anyone should complain of the element of luck in the game as, without it, golf would lose much of its charm. It is the unexpected defeat: the explosions of temper: the unlooked — for stymies that makes golf the fascinating and tantalizing game that it is; and such being the case it is ridiculous that a few American professionals, for reasons of their own, should seek to alter a game that was popular in Scotland before the days of Christopher Columbus.

Yours sincerely,
Bertie Paxton

1155 Pandora Ave
Victoria, B.C.
April 5th

Dear Sir:

I received your wonderful book for one year for making a hole-in-one in January. And I must say that through its pictures and articles on individual players and such like. It has improved my game nearly 100%. It has done so well that I stepped up to the short 136 yards—6th tee at Cedar Hill Golf on Sunday March 26th and sank my tee shot for my second hole-in-one of this year. I am very proud of the fact because I have only played this wonderful game for 3 years. Only last Sunday I came in on a Par 70 course with 37-39. I can truthfully say it is through your magazine that I have taken 10 strokes per round of my score card.

I have just received another copy yesterday and have studied it very well. I sure look forward to receiving it now.

In certain articles in this month's edition. The article concerning Sam Snead's Book on Golf. Could you tell me where I could get it and what the price is on it? And also the golf glove that is advertised with a year's subscription of Canadian Golfer. Is there any stated or set price on the glove? I had looked around for one but none seem to resemble the one you have advertised.

Could you be so kind to answer my letter and state the price or the book of Snead's and the golf glove.

Yours sincerely,
Jas. G. McMillan

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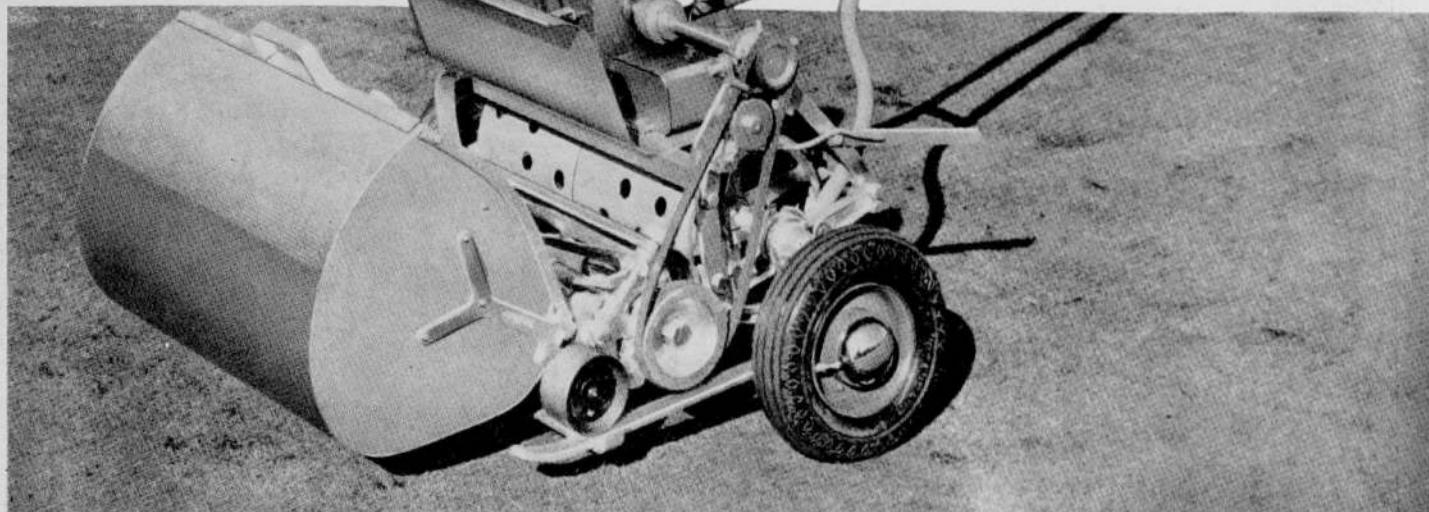
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