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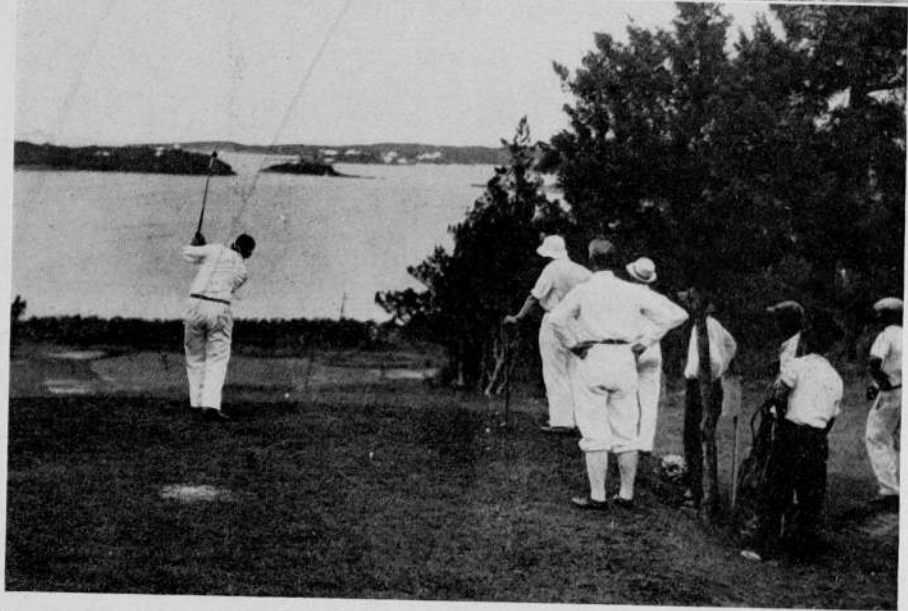
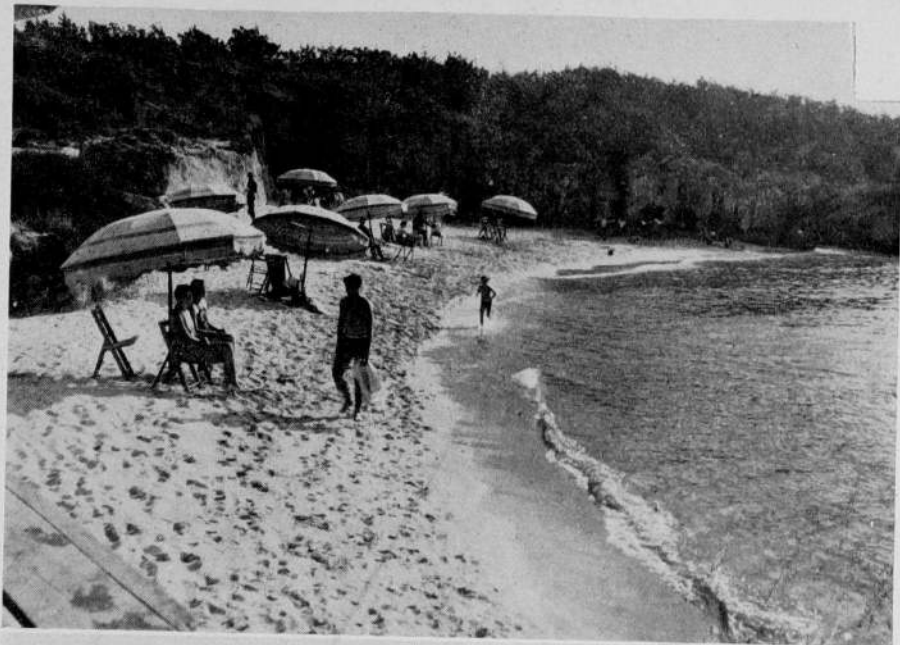


## Golf Dates Winter and Spring

### MARCH

- March 1-6—Riddell's Bay Golf and Country Club—Annual Bermuda Ladies' Championship.
- March 2-5—Annual Spring Tournament; Pinehurst, N. C.
- March 4—Coral Island Golf Club—Bermuda — Harlequin Cup — Handicap Tournament.
- March 5-6—Annual Seniors, Sea Island Golf Club, Sea Island, Ga. (For men 50 years or over).
- (March 6, Sat.)—Miami Biltmore Kids Golf Championship.
- March 6th—Spring Sweepstakes, 18 Holes Medal Play Handicap, Southern Pines Country Club, N. C.
- March 6-7—Mixed Curling Bonspiel Seignior Club.
- March 9-12—Annual Seniors' Tournament; Pinehurst, N. C.
- March 9-13—Belmont Manor Golf Club—Belmont Manor Ladies' Championship. Qualifying and Match Play.
- March 9-13—Riddell's Bay Golf and Country Club—Warwick Vase Tournament. Quality and Match play.
- March 13th—March Sweepstakes Handicap, 18 Holes Match Play against Par Southern Pines Country Club, N. C.
- March 14—Coral Island Golf Club—Mixed Foursomes Tournament.
- March 15-19—Forest Hills Championship for Men, Forest Hills Golf Club, Augusta, Ga.
- March 15-19—Forest Hills Championship for Women, Forest Hills Golf Club, Augusta, Ga.
- March 15-20—Aiken South Carolina Women's Invitation Tournament, Highland Park Golf Club.
- March 16-20—Belmont Manor Golf Club—Belmont Manor Men's Championship Qualifying and Match Play.
- March 17-20—Annual Club Championship Tournament; Sea Island Golf Club, Sea Island, Ga.
- March 19-24—Florida Year-Round Golf Clubs, Men's Golf Championship Miami.
- March 22nd—P.G.A. Open Tournament (to be announced later) — Southern Pines Country Club, N. C.
- March 22-25—Augusta Open Tournament Augusta, Ga.
- March 22-26—The Annual Augusta Women's Invitation Tournament, Forest Hills Golf Club, Augusta, Ga.
- March 27th—Mixed Two Ball Foresomes, Forest Hills Golf Club, Augusta, Ga.
- March 22-27—Annual Ladies' Spring Tournament; Sea Island Golf Club, Sea Island, Ga.
- March 23-25—Annual United North and South Open Championship; Pinehurst, N. C.
- March 23-27—Riddell's Bay Golf and Country Club—Annual Bermuda Amateur Championship.
- March 24-25—Ninth Annual Women's Mid-South Championship, Southern Pines Country Club, N. C.

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- March 29-April 2—Annual North and South Invitation Tournament for Women; Pinehurst, N. C.

- March 29-April 3—Florida Year-Round Clubs Women's Championship.

### APRIL

- April 1-4—Bobby Jones' Masters Tournament Augusta, Ga.

- April 3—Annual Team Match; Pinehurst, N. C.

- April 3—Best Ball—Four Ball Matches; Sea Island Golf Club, Sea Island, Ga.

- April 4—Coral Island Golf Club—Bermuda Invitation Tournament.

- April 5-10—Annual North and South Invitation Amateur Championship; Pinehurst, N. C.

- April 5-9—The Annual Augusta Seniors Championship, Forest Hills Golf Club, Augusta, Ga.

- April 6—Belmont Manor Golf Club—International Men's Tournament for Ellis Brother's Trophy—Team Championship.

- April 6-9—Annual April Tournament; Pinehurst, N. C.

- April 12-17—Mason & Dixon Golf, Old White Course, Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia.

- April 17th—Scotch Foresome Medal play Handicap, Forest Hills Golf Club, Augusta, Ga.

- April 19th—Pro-Amateur Tournament Best Ball Medal Play, Forest Hills Golf Club, Augusta, Ga.

- April 20-23—Four Ball Championship; Pinehurst, N. C.

- April 24—Match Play vs. Par Match; Sea Island Golf Club, Sea Island, N. C.

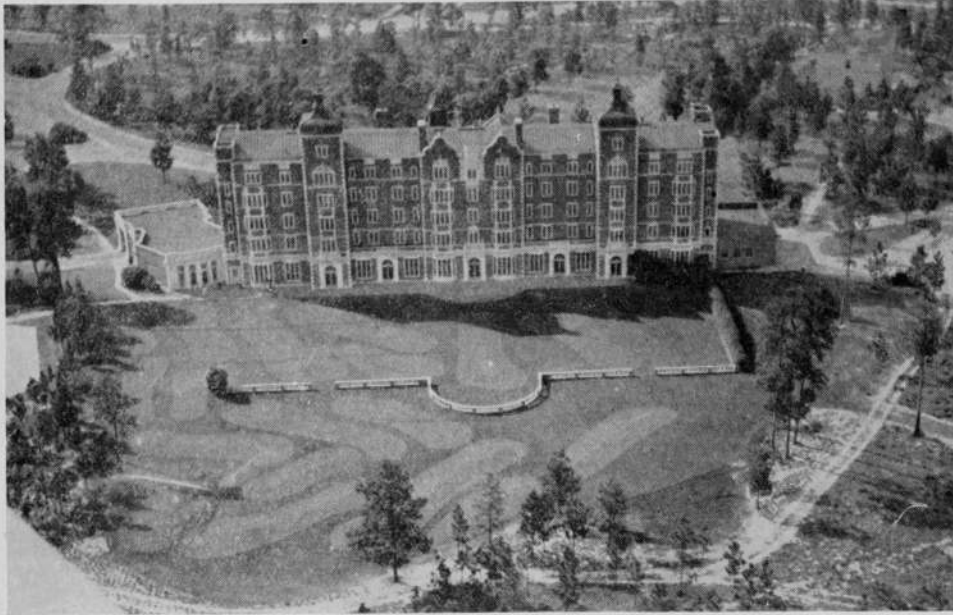
- April 28th—Tombstone Tournament for Men and Women, Forest Hills Golf Club, Augusta, Ga.

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Time Limit, 5 mins.

Long Drives . . . . .	.20
Flubbed Drives . . . . .	.35
Good Approaches . . . . .	.35
Long Putts (Shunk) . . . . .	.35
Short Putts (Missed) . . . . .	.50
Getting out of Rough . . . . .	.50
Getting out of Bunkers . . . . .	.60

Time Limit, 15 mins.

Description of 18 Holes under 90	1.00
Description of 18 Holes 91 to 100	1.50
Description of 18 Holes over 100	2.00
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The above was posted in the Country Club in Pinehurst and created quite a bit of amusement.

## OUR FRONT COVER

Featured on the front cover of this publication is Bob Gray Jr. of Windsor Ontario who in the minds of many last year showed the greatest individual advance of any professional in Canada. His feats were qualification and a very good showing in the torridly contested United States Open championship at Battusrol in New Jersey last July. Gray's advance has been a steady one and his crowning achievement came when he lead all the Canadian professionals in the Canadian Open championship at St. Andrews in Toronto in September. He nosed out Lex Robson of Toronto to do this and the latter is generally considered as Canada's number one ranking professional player. Bob is a non-believer in the stymie and avers at times that putting is too-important a factor in the game. His favorite shot is the mashie and he hits these short irons with the best of them. He has shot as low as 64 on his home course, the Essex Country Club in Windsor. Aside from his accomplishments as a producer of fine golf shots he states that the hardest single stroke in the bag is the four foot putt. Very human fellow in that respect! His chief advice and thought when hitting the ball is keeping the head still! He is an interesting player with a grand future! Learned his golf in Windsor and most of it from his father Bob Gray Sr. who was professional at Essex before him.



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IN OUR OPINION

Petty Larceny  
 Professionalism

AT the recent Annual Meeting of the Royal Canadian Golf Association in Toronto an old spectre was exposed to the light again. Not only was "he" exposed but in the same breath condemned and banished, it is hoped, once and for all. It was the matter of violation of the code of amateurism as it is set down in the latest revision of the R.C.G.A. rule book. (published in 1934).

Most particularly this violation has to do with the acceptance of golf equipment on the part of leading amateur players from the agents of manufacturers. The rule which is thus infringed upon is the following:

Rule three (3) section (d) under a section titled "Amateurs" which reads, "The following shall not be eligible to play in any amateur competition.

Those who exploit their skill at the Game or allow their skill to be exploited for profit.

Example (d)

Those who either accept as presents, or are given facilities

to buy at prices below those usually charged, golf balls, golf clubs, or other merchandise when such presents are made or facilities granted for the purpose of advertisement.

As is well known the purpose of giving leading players this equipment is solely for advertising. If the player wins the product is advertised as being used by the winner. If the player is very good his use of a product influences his fellows and friends. There is no escaping this element of the thing. Now the R.C.G.A. is taking steps to clamp down on this practice which is certainly moving in the right direction for all concerned. Even the manufacturer is benefited if this practice is stamped out. The best companies were merely forced to it through competitive rivalry. They could certainly use the same money it costs them for better and cleaner methods of advertising!

THE vicious circle is completed when it is realized that giving players equipment for nothing brings about an unhealthy idea in the minds of many as to their own

importance and also that they are entitled to things for nothing. Good players who do not get in on the pleasant little "swag" "sour" slightly on the manufacturer who won't consider them. On top of this regular sporting journals which would ordinarily advertise these products are given reduced portions of the manufacturer's budget. As stated, the better companies would, themselves, prefer to eliminate this mode of advertising, but once it is started by one company all sooner or later are likely to become involved.

ALL this besides breaking the actual rules of the game!

GOLF is perhaps odd that way, for although the game is becoming more and more democratic it has always been part of the code of this sport that one should pay as he plays! The amount necessary to pay to play golf is becoming less and less it is true. In that way it is hoped to encompass greater numbers of players and make the game open to all. Nevertheless as long as golf remains golf an amateur player must be expected to meet the requirements of the game on his own two feet both morally in respect to the rules and financially. And that is the way it should be!



# THE PRESIDENT'S A SPORTSMAN

## VERSATILITY KEYNOTE OF NEW CHOICE AS R. C. G. A. PRESIDENT

By H. R. PICKENS Jr.



MR. J. I. RANKIN, MONTREAL

New President of the R. C. G. A. who brings to that office a wealth of executive ability and sport experience.

**B**RUSHING past a huge-shouldered young giant in the hallway we entered the private office of J. I. Rankin of Montreal. Mr. Rankin, a well-built man of middle age rose from behind his spacious desk and helped us get comfortable.

"Great specimen of mankind, that fellow," mused the managing director of N. A. Timmins Co., before we had an opportunity to say a word. "Yes, that chap has the build to do anything and a darned fine personality. A football player — of course you know him? name is—" He was referring to the fellow we had just passed in the hallway.

We recognized the name of one of eastern Canada's leading footballers and then listened to Mr. Rankin explain that the young fellow was looking for a job and that Mr. Rankin had just sent him to a friend who could help him. Thus we began to talk football.

Born in the little town of Lindsay, Ont. a few more than twenty years before the turn of the last century John I. Rankin has become a keen lover of all manner of sport. Now he was discussing with us "unlimited interference," "four downs instead of three," and a number of changes which he thought would help Canadian football. Mr. Rankin told us that he had never played football himself, but his knowledge and inter-

est in the game was such that it was hard to believe he hadn't.

At length the conversation turned to golf! Mr. Rankin is of course the new President of the Royal Canadian Golf Association. He is the father of five golfing sons—from one only of whom he asks strokes. That is Colin his eldest boy who has been close to the top rank of Quebec golf for some years. Mr. Rankin and his second two sons, David and John, all have handicaps of seven at their club, Beaconsfield, Montreal!

It was in 1896 that Mr. Rankin left his home in Lindsay and came to Ottawa where he began a career in the Bank of Ottawa which lasted eighteen years. The bank life was one of constant transfer and it was during one of these changes of position that Mr. Rankin first became interested in golf. It was 1903 and the young banker was stationed at Smith Falls. A few of the bank employees got the idea that golf should be tried. They went out to a spot which suggested their rather vague conceptions of what a golf course should look like and cut a few holes and mowed around the cups! Naturally there was no professional to instruct them and their golf equipment consisted of four clubs—"one wood, a cleek, a 'lofter,' and a putter." Mr. Rankin states that the old "guttie" ball seldom went over one hundred and fifty yards and that a three hundred yard hole reached in two strokes was considered a remarkable feat!

In 1907 Mr. Rankin was called to Hailbury Ont. to fill the position of manager at that branch of the Bank of Ottawa. He became more and more interested in golf during this period of seven years until in 1914 he accepted a position to come to Montreal with the N. A. Timmins Co. In the early years after coming to Montreal Mr. Rankin was drawn to a considerable extent toward a tennis career. He was an active member of both M.A.A.A. and the Mount Royal Clubs and played in the old Intersectional league which included teams from the various clubs in St. Lambert, Montreal West and other suburbs. Eventually, however, golf re-deemed Mr. Rankin's interest! He became a member of Beaconsfield Club on the lakeshore and his game began to improve.

Since that time Mr. Rankin has served golf in many capacities varying from President of Beaconsfield Golf Club in Montreal in 1933 to chairman of the rating committees of the P.Q.G.A. 1932-34. He took the position of Vice-President of this body in 1934. He was unable to accept the Presidency of the Quebec Organization in 1936 through business responsibilities.

Mr. Rankin has been a member of the Royal Canadian Golf Association since 1934 becoming Vice-President of the ruling body of golf in this country in 1936. With his son Colin he has formed one of the most dangerous teams in the Father and Son competitions

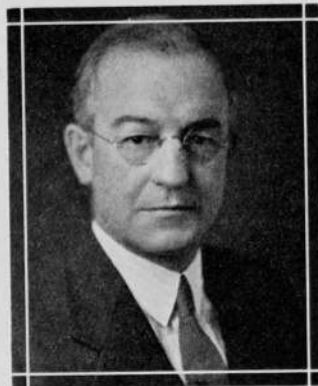
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# THEY LEND SERVICE AND DIGNITY

INTRODUCING NEWLY INSTALLED  
MEMBERS OF THE R. C. G. A. FOR 1937



Col. Claude Brown  
London



Dr. A. S. Lamb  
Montreal



J. Ernest Savard  
Montreal



B. N. Holtham  
Sherbrooke

As is the custom of the Royal Canadian Golf Association certain members are newly appointed annually to fill the gaps of the retiring members of this the highest ruling body of golf in Canada. The men who serve golf as part of this body are invariably the leading enthusiasts and most ardent followers of the game in their own communities. They are chosen from every part of Canada. Perhaps for this reason it is extremely difficult to present these men whose efforts have and will mean so much to golf in Canada. One may know the R.C.G.A. member from his own locality, but really have very little idea of who may be constituting the remainder of this executive body. For this reason Canadian Golfer will attempt to recount a few of the facts about the lesser known or more newly appointed members of the 1937 Royal Canadian Golf Association.

**Col. Claude Brown**, newly elected vice-president of the R.C.G.A. hails from London Ont. and first became interested in the game in 1896 at the London Hunt Club. Mrs. Brown is also a golf enthusiast, but the prospective president of the association has never attained a great proficiency at the game. His best efforts have been scores around ninety, but when questioned he will answer with a wry smile that an accurate compilation would require an **adding machine**. Here is one man

who never had to conquer the game to love it! He has been president of the London Hunt Club in 1930, 1934, and 1935. His selections as the greatest golfers he has ever seen are Bobby Jones and Sandy Somerville! He is a fine bridge partner after the round!

**Dr. A. S. Lamb** became a member of the R.C.G.A. in 1935 having been president of the Province of Quebec Association the same year. He was born in Ballarat (Victoria) Australia but first became subject to the golfing habit at Senneville, Montreal, in 1922. He was club captain in 1930 and has been a moving factor in the game in Quebec since. He plays a fine steady game and has won many P.Q.G.A. and club prizes for, as he modestly puts it, "persistence" — which isn't the case as demonstrated last year when he returned a 71 at Royal Montreal to lead all professors and students at the annual McGill University tournament. His favorite out of season sports are handball, fishing, and curling. Mrs. Lamb and his younger son A. B. Lamb are also golfers. He has served as handicap chairman of the P.Q.G.A. and has had many other official club capacities. Dr. Lamb has never scored a hole-in-one and is otherwise a very human golfer except for an amazing knack at getting that necessary ten foot putt "under pressure!"



Mr. J. Royden Thomson  
Saint John



A. W. Matthews  
Edmonton



W. S. Charlton  
Vancouver



Major J. H. Warren  
Saskatoon



## RESULTS IN BRIEF OF R. C. G. A. MEETING

At the recent meeting of the Royal Canadian Golf Association in Toronto the following issues and business went before the gathering:

1. Due to a bank balance of \$9,370.12 showing for the past year the R.C.G.A. feels that they can now do something worthwhile for the professionals of Canada. The move will be the financing of Canadian Professionals both to the qualifying round and to the American Open Championship, itself, providing the player is successful in qualifying for this event. If he journeys to the qualifying round and fails there will be no financial aid. This is to encourage Canadian Professionals to enter American title play for the betterment of the calibre of play among Canadian money performers!
2. The R.C.G.A. will "clamp down" in every way possible to eliminate petty professionalism among amateur players which takes place when the manufacturers give them free supplies to advertise their goods! Letters are being sent to the leading golf supply companies asking for co-operation!
3. The 14-club rule was tabled pending discussion after it is seen what the Royal and Ancient are going to do about it. The matter will likely be brought up then!
4. The R.C.G.A. will consider constitutional amendments to give all provincial bodies membership in the R.C.G.A. and this in turn will mean that all clubs coming under provincial bodies will be members of the R.C.G.A.
5. Col. Claude Bdown of London, Ont. was made Vice-President of the R.C.G.A. and B. L. Anderson was re-appointed the Sec-Treasurer's post. J. I. Rankin of Montreal automatically became President.
6. Plans will be considered and drawn up to standardize a national handicapping system.

**J. Ernest Savard**, a true son of the Habitant province, is one who has led the way in Canada's sport world for a considerable length of time in a diversified number of capacities and fields. He began golf in 1921 in Quebec. He has been champion of his club at Laval-Sur-le-Lac in Montreal; a winner at the Lake Placid Invitation tournament; and twice winner of the Investment Bankers championship. He is a remarkable "iron-man" with a capacity for thirty-six holes of golf, a swim, and five sets of near-Davis-Cup-calibre tennis in a single day. He is also an ardent skier and squash player. Mrs. J. E. Savard is a prominent member of Laval.

Mr. Savard was president of Laval in 1935 and president of the P.Q.G.A. in 1936. His best scores have been a 69 at Laval in 1934, 70 at Lucerne, and a 65 at the Murray Bay Course in 1928. He is of the opinion that Bob Jones is the greatest player he has seen. He is interested in professional Hockey and professional baseball and has helped bring these sports to a high peak in Montreal in recent years.

**B. N. Holtham** of Sherbrooke, Quebec, is a real lover of golf. He was born in Coaticooke, Quebec, April 2, 1898 and started the game at the age of 14 in Waterville, Quebec. He has been four times champion of the Sherbrooke Golf Club, three time runner-up in the Eastern Townships championship, and in 1936 along with Mrs. Holtham won the Mixed foursome title of the Eastern Townships. He is a keen bridge and billiard player. Mrs. Holtham is perhaps "the" golfer of the family with many club titles and sectional crowns to her credit. Together they are a keen golfing couple and a formidable pair in any mixed event.

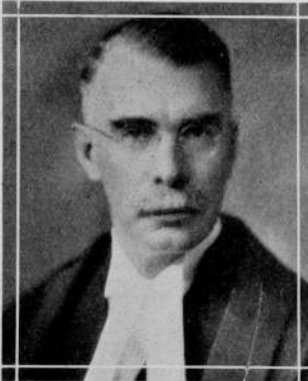
Mr. Holtham has been Sherbrooke Golf Club Captain three years, a director for two years and has served four years as a chairman of the greens committee. He was Secretary of the Eastern Township Association in 1927 and an executive of the P.Q.G.A. for the past six years. He has served two years on the R.C.G.A. committee.

He claims that the greatest golfer he knows is Watson Fraser of Richmond Que. who with only one leg carries his own bag, walking on crutches, and has placed shots inches from a cup at 170 yards while Mr. Holtham stood watching in amazement."

**J. Royden Thomson**, born in Saint John, N.B., began the game in 1928 at the Riverside Club in Saint John. He returned the best net score in the Maritime Senior Championships the past two years. Aside from golf Mr. Thomson enjoys swimming most among remaining sports. Mr. Thomson's wife and son (John H. Thomson) are golfers, and his cousin Mabel G. Thomson was Canadian Ladies Open champion in 1902-05-06-07-08. Mr. Thompson was president of the Riverside club in Saint John for three years, president of the Maritime Seniors, and twice president of the N.B. Association. His best score is an 86 at Riverside. He is a Floridagoer in the winter and states that Hagen is the greatest player he ever saw.

**Mr. A. W. "Whit" Matthews** of Edmonton Alta. is looked upon as a perennial "regular" of the Alberta Willingdon Cup team and serves to temper the otherwise extremely youthful personnel of this squad. Not that "Whit" is an "old-timer," but he is a professor at

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Justice J. E. Adamson  
Winnipeg



F. G. Hoblitzel  
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Toronto



Col. A. N. Jones  
Halifax



# ALBERTA FOURSOMES IMPROVING GOLF

## SECOND YEAR FINDS EVENT IN FOREFRONT OF ALBERTA FIXTURES

By TOM SCOTT



PRESENTATION OF REPLICAS TO MATTHEWS AND PROCTOR AT EATON BANQUET:—held Macdonald Hotel, Edmonton, Nov. 18th. 1936. (Back row, from left to right: Blair Paterson, Bobbie Proctor, J. H. Wildman, Manager, Edmonton Store, Whit Matthews, H. Hobson, Asst-Manager, Edmonton Store, and W. G. B. Dailley, Supervisor of Eaton's in Alberta. All standing. Henry Martell seated in front of Blair Paterson and "Jam" Mountfield, seated in front of Mr. Dailley.

THE Eaton Foursome Competition held in Alberta during 1936 was again a success. It provided many enjoyable and thrilling exhibition matches watched by scores of fans; it enabled a number of the leading shotmakers in the Province, both professional and amateur, to play together, and, against each other, and gave the young and up-coming golfers the opportunity of experience.

Eighteen matches were played in this Event, true, one or two of the games were one-sided, while the other games provided many thrills and exciting finishes. One match was carried to the 22nd. green before a decision was reached, another went to the 20th. In six matches, the 18th. green was the deciding hole while three others finished on the 17th. These figures are just thrown in to show that the followers of this Foursome Competition were well rewarded for their attendance of the game.

By winning six matches, Bobbie Proctor and Whit Matthews of Mayfair Club, Edmonton, gained the Foursome Championship of the Province and handsome replicas of the Eaton Rose Bowl. Another Edmonton team were their nearest rivals, "Jam" Mountfield and Doug. Kilburn of the Country Club winning five matches—with the Martell Brothers, Henry and Burns—of the Prince Rupert Club, Edmonton, taking third place with four wins.

Spectacular golf by Proctor paved the way to the Mayfair team's victory—Bobbie, in five matches was just one stroke over par, with his partner, Matthews, pinch-hitting when needed with an uncanny persistency. Mountfield, Edmonton Country Club's genial pro, "teaming up" with Kilburn, was another player in the Eastern series who gave the mythical score-keeper, Mr. Par, a worth-while run. "Jam" equalled regulation figures for three games. This Country Club pair provided the surprises of the campaign—they up-

set the dope when they defeated the much fancied Prince Rupert team of Henry and Burns Martell, who were defending the Trophy which they had just taken from Proctor and Matthews the week before. After piling up a score of five wins the Martells fell victims to the formidable team of Harry Shaw, Pro at the Highlands Club, Edmonton, and a youthful star—Peter Olynyk, when it was expected that the Country Club pair would chalk up another win and tie the Mayfair team's total of six.

The opening match of the season was provided by the Regal team of Green and Kerr, who were the last defenders in 1935, and Goodrich and Lochhead of Earl Grey. The battle, and it was a royal one, between these two Calgary teams gave an indication of the class of golf to expect during the season! It provided the longest game of the campaign. It took a nine foot putt, on the 22nd. green, from Lochhead to give the Earl Grey team the victory.

The following week-end saw the Earl Grey pair lose their hard-earned title. Proctor and Matthews of Mayfair Club, Edmonton, were the next challengers, and this team of former Amateur Provincial Champions proved too strong for the young Earl Grey pair who were defeated, 5 & 4. This was the initial venture of Edmonton golfers in the Eaton Trophy and, with this success, the Mayfair couple changed the venue of the matches to the Northern City.

If there was any doubt in the minds of the Governors of the Eaton Foursome Competition as to the nature of its reception in Edmonton, it was quickly dispelled in the first match played.

Before a gallery of nearly three hundred, the Mayfair team successfully defended its title with a four and three victory over Bell and Black of Calgary Country Club. Following up this success, Proctor and

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LEFT: The Great "Dizzy" Dean, outstanding personality in American Big League Baseball seen driving a "whistler" in the recent Annual Big League golf tourney for the championship of that organization. "Dizzy" averaged  $78\frac{3}{4}$  strokes per round which is 'nt so dizzy at that. RIGHT: Wes Ferrel, last year the winner of the event, seen congratulating this year's victor, Sammy Byrd. Many famous baseball faces are to be seen in the background.

## BIRDIE-SEEKING BASEBALLERS

SCORING PROVES YOUR OLD BASEBALL SWING MAY BE AN ASSET AFTER ALL

By JACK CAMERON

AT the Annual meeting of the Major League baseball players golf tournament at Sarasota Fla. some rather amazing things took place. The greater percentage of golfers never realize the versatility of these baseball players. The point is brought "Home" through an inspection of the scores which were returned by some of the baseball luminaries.

Sammy Byrd, former outfielder of the New York Yankees, who was originally a Canadian, paced the long file of "diamond demigods" who tramped away from the first tee in 72-hole quest of the Powell trophy, emblematic of the leagues championship.

Byrd returned scores of 70-70-70-74-284. That should make the Average Golfers a little dissatisfied! Now to go one step further in this dissatisfying process. Tony Manero, U. S. Open Champ, had the same score as Byrd over that course when the travelling professional golfers played there. With 284 Tony didn't even get "into the money!" That makes Mr. Average golfer a ticket holder in "Section G" by comparison!

Wes Ferrell, pitcher extraordinary of the Boston Red Sox, was the defending champion in this tournament. He cut seven strokes from the total with which he won the event last season, but was in sixth position this time; twenty-one strokes behind Mr. Byrd.

Byrd, who is not just sure where he is going to play ball this year might very easily follow the money tournaments if worst came to worst. He has already been barred from next year's Ball Player's Event because he took money prizes in open golf events.

The Pro-ballers won't stand for anything but "simon pures" from now on when it comes to their golf! Just depends on which foot the shoe fits — 'member the sad case of Mary K. Browne a few years back. A pro at tennis not considered an amateur golfer by her sister golfers! Well, what about it?

Dizzy Dean is a coming golfer — so they will tell you! "Ole Diz" was a 115-shooter last year if we remember rightly. In this recent event he had one round as low as 75! Beating "par" or the "Jints" finds Dizzy just a diligent plodder with a lot of natural ability. This combination of qualities makes for a pretty competent athlete. And that is what Dizzy is!

A good many Canadians who at one time or another have seen World's Series Baseball Games will remember the clown, Nick Altrock. One of the cleverest figures in baseball history he can keep an impatient baseball gathering of 50,000 perfectly amused with his pantomime and humorous baseball antics. Well, this same Nick Altrock, aged 60, now a Washington coach, went around in 77 shots in a drizzling downpour in one round of this tournament.

Babe Ruth, most famous of all baseballs and certainly one of the most ardent of golfers in that field didn't appear in Sarasota for the event this year — despite many and sundry entreaties!

Tony Manero presented prizes and became just about the most popular progolfer with the big leaguers. "Tony's a great little fellow" — that was the general comment!



# MORE ABOUT FOURTEEN CLUBS

OPINIONS FOLLOW DESPITE  
"TABLED" ISSUE BY R. C. G. A.

**R**EADERS may remember the article appearing in this publication in January Issue under the title of "Why Personal Limitation in Golf." Several of the leading figures on the game were recently asked what their views were on this particular article. At the recent Annual Meeting of the Royal Canadian Golf Association the matter of the now-famous "Fourteen Club" discussion was barely approached. It was decided that in view of the fact that the Royal and Ancien St. Andrews has not formally taken the step in limiting the player in tournaments to any special number of clubs that any Canadian official action would be deferred. With this decision the discussion was likewise deferred. This means that in all probability nothing will be done one way or another until the annual meeting next February. Thus Canadians are not likely to be called upon to banish any of their "old favorite," at least for another season!

However, three very representative letters have come to us on the subject and it seems that those judiciously attached to the game are in favor of the limitation while the more active Canadian "name players" are desirous of letting well-enough alone. The following are three of the reactions received to the article "Why Personal Limitation in Golf:"

**LEAVE WELL ENOUGH ALONE—AND WHY**  
George S. Lyon, Toronto, Multi-winner of Canadian amateur Crown.

**Y**OU have asked me to express my views on the rule diminishing golfers to fourteen Clubs. I, speaking personally, am not in favor of any such rule. I would allow as at present a player to carry as many clubs as he chooses. He it is who has to pay for the carrying and most golfers see to it that their Caddies are liberally looked after if they have to carry an unusually heavy bag clubs.

The U. S. Golf Association a few years ago changed the Stymie rule by conceding putts, to an opponent where Stymied and after a fair trial they abolished it in four of the original rule. The Western Golfers Association abolished the Stymie rule altogether and this also proved unsatisfactory and was dropped. I merely mention these two changes in the rules to show that it is just as well to leave "well enough alone."

Very Sincerely  
GEO. S. LYON

## ONTARIOIANS WANT 14 IN MY JUDGMENT

E. C. "Eddie" Gould of Brantford, former R. C. G. A. president, favors change.

**A**T a directors' meeting of the Ontario Golf Association, I brought up the subject of the recent ruling of the U. S. G. A. limiting each player's equipment to 14 clubs in championship play. Such well known Canadian golfers as G. L. Robinson, director of the R. C. G. A. and O. G. A., R. M. Gray, Past President of the O. G. A., F. Harris, President, E. A. Harris, Vice-President, G. W. Wigle, H. L. McCulloch thought it was a step in the right direction.



Sandy Somerville of London pictured with his thirteen clubs. The same weapons with which he has won the Canadian Amateur Championship numerous times and also the U. S. Amateur crown in 1932.

It is the aim of R. C. G. A. and, no doubt, of all golf organizations in Canada to make this grand game financially as reasonable as possible. Naturally it is the tendency of players to be influenced by the example of the leading pros, and we are all familiar with their tremendous assortment of clubs.

The majority of golf clubs in Canada are busy canvassing for new players in order to get enough money to run their club. The more expensive it is for new players to equip themselves the harder it is to persuade them to start golf.

We must give players who cannot afford an unlimited supply of clubs an opportunity to compete with on a more equal basis.

In my judgment you will find the majority of the players in Ontario favorable to limiting the number of clubs used to 14. In addition I am of the opinion there will be the added advantage of speeding up the play in tournaments, and cutting down expense, thus more men and women will be induced to take up golf.

Sincerely  
E. C. GOULD.

## ABSOLUTELY RIGHT IN EVERY POINT

Bobby Reith, Winnipeg, Canada's No. 2 ranking player agrees with us.

**I** AGREE absolutely with every point in your article. The whole idea is silly, and will do nothing to better the game.

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# WHY DO WE PLAY GOLF

## FEW PEOPLE EVER TRY TO SINCERELY EXPLAIN THEIR LUST FOR GOLF

By H. R. PICKENS Jr.

AS the game of golf continues to spread with an ultimate intention apparently of conquering the world, it might be well to know what it is about the game which is so contagious and lasting. The thrill of golf is something quite indefinable, but it is certainly a reality for duffers and stars alike. Perhaps it should be admitted that the subject of this article, if such it may be termed, was suggested by a piece written by Mr. Charles "Chick" Evans of Chicago, former U. S. amateur and Open Champion. The title of his short testimonial appearing in the "Mid-West Golfer" was "The Reason Why I Play Golf." So before going ahead with our own questioning it might be well to look into the reasons advanced by this sensational player of a past decade. Summarizing the points of his story they answer the title question as follows:

1. Because I believe golf the greatest Game on Earth.
2. Because I was practically born and brought up on a golf course. Steeped in the game all through childhood.
3. Because Golf seemed to me a lasting expenditure of time and energy. That is, once proficient at it one might enjoy the game much longer than football, baseball etc.
4. Because Golf offers an outdoor game to the indoor or city man and may be adjusted to his personal needs for exercise.

However, these reasons do not explain why Mr. Evans plays golf! They merely express generalizations which the writer, after twenty years on the fairways and having experienced the satisfaction of great renown through it, thinks while analyzing the subject more or less on the spur of the moment. The chances are that Evans did not think of any one of these things when he started out to be a golfer. If he did he is certainly an exception, for how many golfers today start the game as young as he did and immediately start by contemplating the enjoyment at middle age on the fact that they will be needing a gentler exercise at that time. For that matter how many youths who play golf, even ardently, will admit that it is the greatest game on earth. The remaining reason—that is being brought upon a golf course,—is one which very few golfers can boast. Therefore we find little which explains the question if put to Mr. Rank-and-File golfer as to why he plays the game. By way of interest what are your personal reasons?

But first let us list the possible reasons for anyone starting to play the game. With the possible exception of a few which we might overlook by accident the following list of reasons is pretty complete:

People Play Golf Because:

1. They feel it a social asset.
2. They may feel it a business asset.

3. The difficulty of the strokes is a personal challenge to some of a stubborn nature.
4. The particular competitive tension gives some a vicarious exhilaration.
5. Their natural ability makes it a venue to easy publicity and thus flatters the ego.
6. Because they are professionals and their "bread and butter" depends upon their proficiency.
7. Because through old age, laziness, or illness, they seek a game which may be taken in doses to fit the player's own desires.
8. Because it lends an opportunity to meet and know people.
9. Because it helps pass time and thus cheats boredom for some.
10. Because a particular friend is an enthusiast.

Here, quite conveniently, we have ten reasons which cover most of the ties which golf holds for its sundry exponents. It is probable that Mr. Evans, like most of the rest of the golfing world, would find a few more excuses for his life-long devotion to golf among this improvised list. We all can! And yet regardless of other factors there is a certain universal element in golf which affects all its adherents almost in the same way. This is the hidden charm of the game — the mystic power of enthralling otherwise perfectly sane men and women to the point where players of every calibre are occasionally obviously depressed or in a happy frame of mind merely because of a single round or shot that may have been well or badly played. That seems stupid when one realizes that golf it is only a game after all, and why therefor take it so seriously?

However, having remained long enough in the dark about what causes such reactions we should admit that the fascination of golf is its test of the individual's own ability to conquer himself! Every round is an opportunity to prove to one's self "Today I am swinging better, because I am physically in better shape. Today I am playing better because I am using better judgment. Today I am scoring better because I am concentrating on the right things much more acutely. Each time I do better at this game it reflects that I am more the MASTER OF ME!" And that, Friends and Brother Golfers, is why we stick with the doughty old pastime. Golf affords every man a chance to set his own standard where he may show (or feel he is showing) that he is becoming a better man!

But what of all those above listed reasons for playing the game? The truth is that most of us merely start golf for one of these reasons. We may even continue to play it for that reason, but as we become more golfers and less of the person we were before we started (and most definitely there is a change) the reason for beginning drops away and

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## STARS OVER THE SOUTHLAND

Left: Patty Berg, Minneapolis youngster who has amazed everyone with her rise in golf. She is at left "putting out" in the Augusta Women's tournament which she won with a last minute splurge which saw her card a 73 in the last round. . . one over men's par! Looking on is Dorothy Kirby of Atlanta who was runner-up in this tournament. Patty's 240 was a new Women's competitive record! This event was named the Women's Titleholder's championship and the best female talent in the American game were present. Played at the Bon Air course!

Right: Here is a picture which features three of the money winners of first magnitude in the recent winter campaign. They are Horton Smith (left) Chicago professional who has (in five tourneys) so far taken \$1825.00 according to the official figures issued by the U.S.P.G.A. Smith has averaged 71.57 shots per round to do this. In the foreground is the sensational winter performer Ralph Guildahl, St. Louis, who is third high money winner with \$2141.00 and an 71.2 average. At the extreme right is little Paul Runyan of White Plains who has averaged 71.35 and has only won \$794.00 for a somewhat lean winter! Picture at Nassau!



Left: Probably the greatest "Average" player in the history of golf, Harry Cooper, former Canadian Open champion. So far this winter he is the leading money winner with \$4440.00 to his credit in five tournaments. Cooper has averaged 69.9 for 20 rounds. He has a record of being the lowest averaging player in the game in the past ten years. He is certainly the most consistent scorer. They call him the "Mechanical Man" of golf

Right: Miss "Babe" Didrickson, greatest woman athlete of modern times and longest hitter among the lady golfers. Hits as far as Sarazen, but rather lax as a scorer. Snapped at the Augusta women's 54 hole event at which she finished well down the list, but won the driving event without any effort!





# Personalities

## In the Golfing World

By  
RALPH H. REVILLE



LEFT TO RIGHT: The late Mr. E. F. Seagram, noted sportsman of Waterloo, Ont., seen in a snap taken only last fall, presenting the Seagram Trophy, emblematic of the Canadian Open Championship to Lawson Little (right) as Mr. J. I. Rankin of Montreal looks on. Mr. Rankin was recently elected to the R. C. G. A. presidency.

THE death at the age of 63 in Toronto on Feb. 1st after undergoing an operation of Mr. E. F. SEAGRAM, Internationally known race-horse owner and sportsman removes one of the best known figures in the sporting and financial life of Canada. Mr. Seagram who was President of the J. E. Seagram and Sons Ltd., Waterloo, Ontario distillers and director in many other companies, like all his brothers, in his younger days was quite a famous cricketer. Latterly he took up enthusiastically with golf and he and his family did a great deal for the Royal and Ancient game in Waterloo and Kitchener during the past few years and by their encouragement and support helped to make the club there one of the finest in Ontario. He was also instrumental in leading in connection with the C.P.R. an interesting course at French River where he had his beautiful summer home. As a successful race-horse owner he was of course known on every track in America. One of the Dominion's most popular and most be-

loved sportsmen has passed on and Canada is all the poorer for the passing. To the bereaved widow and four children the sympathy of countless friends from Coast to Coast will go out in which sentiment I personally beg to be associated.

AMONG the many Canadian golfers spending the winter in California is Mr. A. A. Adams of Hamilton, former President of the Ontario Golf Association, and a former champion of the Canadian Seniors' Golf Association. Mr. Adams is making his headquarters with his family in Los Angeles. Friends throughout Canada will be glad to hear that he has almost completely recovered from the illness that prevented him playing golf the past two years and is once again able to enjoy a daily round on the Links. Just before leaving Hamilton for California, a number of his Hamilton golfing friends tended him a farewell dinner and presented him with a handsome gold watch, suitably inscribed.

RECENTLY at the Granite Club, Toronto, the officers of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation gave a farewell dinner to Mr. Chas. E. ROBIN the retiring Trust Officer of the Corporation. Mr. Robin was presented with a travelling bag and a radio. He has been for many years quite an outstanding figure in the golfing life of Toronto and also in Canadian Senior golfing circles.

ON January 26th the Lord Bishop of London, the Right Rev. A. F. Winnington-Ingram entered his 80th year, as fit as ever, and still an active golfer. The Bishop, who by the way is a bachelor, is very proud of the fact that he has 34 nieces, nephews, great nephews and great nieces living in Canada. He has made several visits to this country and has played over the leading golf courses in Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa, Winnipeg, Vancouver and Victoria. He is the Bishop of a diocese with a population of over 4,000,000 and has 1,200 clergy and 400 lay workers under him. He has led the Bishopric for 35 years. No Bishop of London—the third highest position in the Anglican hierarchy—has had so long a tenure of office for at least three centuries. His Lordship will be a prominent figure in the coming Coronation.

QUEBEC loses a veteran professional to Ontario in the transfer of stations which Dave Turnball is effecting this season. A fine teacher and club professional Turnball represents the best of the Old School Scotch professional. He was with the Sherbrooke Golf and Country Club last season and will be an acquisition to the O.P.G.A. in every way. He succeeds Davie Ferguson at the Weston Club in Toronto and while in losing Ferguson Weston is parting with a fine professional they should find Turnball a competent replacement in every way. The latter was with Charlie Murray for some time at Royal Montreal.



Mr. A. A. Adams of Hamilton, former Ontario Golf Association President who many will be pleased to hear is recovered from his recent illness and is wintering in California.



# SEASONAL REMINDERS TO THE GREENS COMMITTEE

## R. C. G. A. AND U. S. & G. A. ISSUE OFFICIAL BULLETIN FOR WINTER WORK ON COURSES

**T**OO many golf club officials assume that as soon as the golfing season is over work on the golf course should cease. This shortsighted policy accounts for many cases of hurried and make-shift work during the rush season. It usually means waste and inefficiency as well as being unnecessarily unfair to the greenkeeper and his best workmen.

In the normal operations of most golf courses it should be possible to keep the greenkeeper well occupied during the winter months even on courses where there is no play for several weeks.

**Overhauling Equipment:** Winter offers an excellent opportunity to thoroughly overhaul machinery and equipment. Any good piece of machinery will last longer and give more effective service if it is occasionally overhauled, greased and painted. Old and worn equipment can often give additional good service with proper overhauling and replacement of worn or broken parts.

**Work Shops:** Any consideration of the repair of equipment and some of the other jobs naturally raises the question of proper housing for these operations. Altogether too many first-class golf courses are still maintained without an adequate workshop and sheds for housing equipment and materials used on the course. This particular season is a good time to make an appraisal of adequate building facilities in order that new construction or repair work may be started at once to provide these facilities in time to be used to advantage during the remainder of the winter.

**Burning and Clearing Rough:** Burning over the rough, and clearing out some objectionable thickets are good jobs for late fall and winter whenever the weather will permit. If this type of work can be done early, it will keep it off the long list of jobs that must be done during the rush period in spring and it will serve also to provide better playing conditions during the winter.

**Clean Drainage Ways:** Another important item of work that can as well be attended to during the late fall and winter season is the matter of drainage ditches and tile lines. Choked ditches and stopped lines of tile are unable to aid in the early opening of the golf course in the spring and may result in more than an ordinary amount of winter injury. The outlets of all tile lines should be inspected and all catch basins cleaned to allow capacity flow.

**Install Tile Drains:** A great many places on the golf course remain wet long enough to interfere with spring play. Many of these locations would require a relatively small amount of tile and labor. Diseases frequently appear in such poorly drained parts and the turf often suffers from the water-logged conditions. Seepage areas, for example, may interfere with an entire fairway and are usually of the sort that can be rather cheaply remedied by tiling on the uphill side. Pockets can sometimes be improved by installing French drains (pits filled with sand or gravel). This work may well occupy a number of men for several weeks during the months of little play.

**Cutting and Trimming Trees:** The best time to cut down trees or trim off branches is during periods of good weather during the winter months. In doing work of this kind it is well to keep in mind the opening of passage ways which will admit freer circulation of air on some of the greens and tees that are in bad air pockets. The pruning of shrubbery during the winter months will often add materially to the general appearance of the club-house grounds. It should be remembered, however, that many of the flowering shrubs, particularly those that bloom early in the season, should not be trimmed during the winter. In such cases the pruning is best delayed until after the shrubs have bloomed next spring.

**Moving Trees:** Fall and winter are good times to transplant trees. This work can be handled by any greenkeeping crew if it is done at the right time.

**Inside Painting Jobs:** When weather is unseasonable for outside work there may be some inside painting of the implements, out-of-bounds and other markers, barn, and the clubhouse itself. Probably nothing has the effect of promoting a well-kept appearance as much as a new coat of paint. Winter is one of the best times for such work.

**Making and Repairing Bridges and Shelters:** During slack time at this season there may be an opportunity to utilize labor to good advantage in the repair of the old bridges and shelters and possibly to install new structures wherever needed.

**Screening Compost:** The best time to screen compost is when it is relatively dry and friable. This condition is usually reached in the late summer, when it cannot be screened due to the rush of other work. Too many times the greenkeeping force is diverted from important work during the growing season to screen some compost. This is particularly annoying to the greenkeeper in early spring when compost may be wet and soggy and when he is pushed with other jobs. Some provision for shelter for an adequate supply of dry and screened compost ought to be made. It is a wise policy to screen enough soil for next year's use during the fall and winter.

**Fill Surplus Traps:** For many years the Green Section has advocated the leveling and sodding of the large number of useless and expensive traps and hazards that clutter up the fairways of many courses. Winter offers many opportunities to do much of the hauling of materials needed for such changes.

**Remove Rocks and Stumps:** A few winter days spent in removing outcropping rocks from fairways may save money or mower repairs next summer, in addition to making playing conditions more pleasant. Large rocks and stumps in the rough may also be removed to advantage. Dynamite will greatly facilitate the work and can be used to advantage when there is little or no play to interfere with blasting operations.

## Outstanding Record of J. T. Ranking

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in Quebec. In 1930 and 1931 they won the provincial title. But Mr. Ranking has had a second great sporting interest which has seen him attain even greater personal distinction as a participant. This is curling!

He is a former president of the Thistle Curling club in Montreal, one of the oldest and most respected of curling rinks on the continent, and was a member of the Jubilee winning team in 1919. Likewise he was a member of the team which took the Governor General's prize in 1933. He was president of the Canadian Branch of Royal Caledonia in 1934 and '35. Despite these honors won and attained, the new president of the R.C.G.A. will admit that he is still partial to his first love—golf. His greatest thrill in any game he admits with a wry smile, was defeating the veteran star of the United States senior golf team last year at the Lakeside National course in the Senior International matches. Mr. Ranking turned back the many-time champion, Findlay Douglas, in a rousing match that lasted to the 18th green! Incidentally Mr. Ranking was elected to the Board of Governors of the Canadian Senior Golf Association in 1936, an honor which he places above all others in his long list! Completing the multi-recognitions of the quiet-spoken sportsman he was recently elected to the Presidency of the St. Lawrence Pulp and Paper company.

A shining example of Canadian sportsman and business executive, Mr. Ranking goes into office as leader of golf in Canada with an active programme in mind. It is his hope to see a National Handicapping system instigated across the Dominion before the close of his term of office. His address to the recent R.C.G.A. meeting included the desire to bring about a closer working relationship between the various provincial Associations and the R.C.G.A., and he stressed the importance of the remarks of Mr. Robert Jacob of Winnipeg, retiring president, in the stamping out of petty violations of amateur rulings! With such a man as Mr. Ranking at the helm doubtless golf in Canada will see another great season of headway on its hundreds of fairways stretching across the three thousand miles between her coasts.

## Alberta Foursome Improving Golf

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Matthews piled up a record of six wins, enough to lift the Provincial Foursome Championship, by victories over, Welch and Savage of Red Deer, Barr and Grant of Earl Grey, Calgary, Starkey and Shipley, a team of clubmates, and Cuthbert and Vickers of Calgary Country Club. Their seventh start proved a disastrous one, playing against the Martell Brother team of Prince Rupert Club, Edmonton, they found Henry, fresh from his victories in the Provincial Amateur and Open and in top-notch form. He scored three birdies in the first four holes and then went on being ably backed up by his brother Burns, to register a 2 and 1 win over the cup-holders.

The Martell team did not hold the spotlight very long for on the following week-end, they lost the title to Mountifield and Kilburn of Edmonton Country Club, with a birdie three from Mountifield on the 20th green. This match was replete with thrills, the outstanding of which, was a brilliantly played eagle three from Henry Martell over Mountifield's birdie four to win the 18th, and carry the match on to extra holes. Twenty birdies and one eagle was the total of the bag in this match with each of the four contestants enjoying figures better than the par for the course.

Mountifield and Kilburn then set out to better the existing record of six wins, chalking up victories over Proctor and Bradburn of Mayfair, Grant and Berke of Earl Grey, Calgary, Morrison and Shipley of Mayfair, and Bevans and Hogan of Jasper Park only to lose out in their sixth game to Shaw and Olynyk of Highlands Club, Edmonton.

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# ONTARIO'S REPORT SHOWS STRIDES

**MR. FRANK HARRIS OF MISSISSAUGA  
SUCCEEDS R. M. GRAY AS O. G. A. PRESIDENT**

A GOOD many statements of an encouraging nature may be made of the strides shown during the past season by the Ontario Golf Association. Working with what is potentially the strongest golfing province (largely because of a much greater golfing population) Ontario's judicial body has begun to wield a much more definite power than ever before. One may also say that Ontario has the most difficult problem for the very reason that she has so many clubs and players. Naturally under these conditions consolidation is infinitely more tedious and in some measures more treacherous. The year 1937 has seen many changes in the Ontario golfing picture. With Robert M. Gray Rosedale in the president's chair these changes have been directed in a most praiseworthy manner. Mr. J. Lewis, Brown, newly-appointed Secretary-Treasurer of the O.G.A. was completing his first year in the capacity of a successor to the late W. J. "Bill" Thompson. His work was very commendable.

Ontario's tournament calendar for the year showed ten events held under the auspices of the association. All but one of these were "financial and competitive successes." Throughout the tournament season better and more prizes were given by the association to attract the largest and best possible fields. This move was a success as results more than proved!

Admiration must be expressed for the fearless rebuke tendered the province by retiring president, Mr. Gray, who in his closing report writes of the Handicapping situation in Ontario. This has long been a sore point upon which co-operation seems unfortunately very slow in forthcoming. Mr. Gray is quoted as follows:

"Provincial handicapping, despite the fact that your Association acted in accord with the Province of Quebec Golf Association in setting up a similar system to others, found but sparse acceptance, largely because club captains would not co-operate in establishing it. Some-



Mr. Frank Harris, Toronto, newly-elected president of the Ontario Golf Association

thing very drastic should be done by your Directors as to the problem of handicapping. The advantage of a uniform handicapping system throughout Canada is obvious and your Directors have a suggestion to offer which may solve the problem."

This issue cannot long go unchanged in Ontario with such men as Mr. Gray so vehemently opposed to the lethargy which has previously prevailed! In these very remarks we may see the future adoption of a uniform handicapping in Ontario of the same type which has been so successful in Quebec.

There are 42 member clubs of 18 holes in the O.G.A. this year, while there are 21 others of nine holes. This makes a total of 63 clubs as against 62 last year. This increase has, however, not been a stationary one, for while six clubs dropped out of the Association for non-

payment of dues there were seven new paying members to fill their places. Only players belonging to O.G.A. member clubs are eligible for provincial tournaments. Therein are found the "teeth" of any successful golf association.

It is interesting to note that the "Bill" Thompson Memorial Fund Tournament which was conducted by the O.G.A. was successful in raising \$1512.90 in this most worthy enterprise. Twenty-five club and eight private donations made this possible.

Of vital import in showing the advanced standing of Ontario's golf association is the bank balance of \$1,477.31 at the end of last season. This improvement denotes the support which the Association is beginning to get from the myriads of Ontario golfers who are likewise beginning to realize the benefits to be derived from this organization.

Mr. Frank Harris of Toronto was elected the new president for the coming year to succeed Mr. Gray and he should step into office with an active stride! He is a nine handicapper from Mississauga who

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Mr. Robert M. Gray, Toronto, retiring president of the O. G. A. who has done much for the game in his term of office.

## They Lend Service and Dignity

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the University of Alberta and his quiet pleasant carriage is a steadying influence. He started the game in 1922 in Edmonton and in 1931 he was the provincial champion. He has been champion of the smart Mayfair club in Edmonton several times and is a fine curler. His record of provincial offices held in the golf association is as follows: President in 1936 and Secretary-Treasurer for the coming year. Likewise he is the president of Mayfair for the current season. Mr. Matthews is a splendid match player and his best scores have been several 71's over his home course. His enthusiasm for active golf is shared by Mrs. Matthews. He is a new member of the R.C.G.A. this year and his keen attitude towards the game should make him an asset both towards the betterment of golf in Alberta and in Canada.

W. S. Charlton is perhaps Vancouver's most energetic and enthusiastic golfer official. He has played a large part in the forward progress of golf in B.C. both in connection with the Willingdon Cup teams and in the Vancouver Jubilee Tournament. When asked what his favorite out-of-season sport was we forgot to realize that in B.C. the game is never out of season and the reply was a just rebuke. It was "golf, golf, and golf." Mr. Charlton was born in Nova Scotia and has two golfing sons Ted and Bill, the former being a member of the B.C. Willingdon Cup team in 1935. In 1928 Mr.

Charlton was president of his home club Point Grey in Vancouver and in 1930 he became president of the British Columbia Golf Association. Last year he held the distinction of being president of the Pacific North West Association. He has shot as low as 72, a score recorded at Point Grey in 1931. He says Bobby Jones is the greatest golfer of them all and just recently Mr. Charlton set sail for Honolulu where he is in quest of more fairway exploration. B. C. golf is fortunate in having a Mr. W. S. Charlton!

Major J. H. Warren of Saskatoon was born in Survey, England, and began golf in 1923 in Saskatoon. He has been an enthusiastic player since that time and in 1933 won the 2nd flight of the Provincial championship. He won the Hopskins Cup at his club in 1930, which is the handicap championship. His home course is the Saskatoon Golf Club of which he was president in 1928-29. He has been a member of the Saskatoon Golf Association Council since 1933 and has been Honorary Secretary of his home club since 1930. Major Warren's best score of his fourteen years on the fairways was a 76 made at his home course last year! Hagen's short game and Kirkwood's control are the two most impressive golfing features he has ever seen!

The remaining four members of the R.C.G.A. are F.G. Hoblitzel, Toronto, Col. A. N. Jones, Halifax, Justice J. E. Adamson, Winnipeg, and G. L. Robinson, of Toronto. All of these men are well-known and have been accorded introductions to the golfing population of Canada in these columns in the past. Mr. Hoblitzel was Ontario amateur champion in 1935, Mr. Robinson is a former Canadian Senior titlist.

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"LITTLE POISON" RUNYAN GIVES THE  
GOLFER A LITTLE MENTAL ADVICE

By PAUL RUNYAN

A PRIME need of the average golfer is a strong sense of concentration. Nothing is more necessary to success than the ability to shut one's self up on an instant's notice, to erase everything from the mind — business woes, social duties, golf ills and what not — and focus thought upon the shot immediately before you. Great golfers are great concentrators. There is scarcely any doubt of that. Concentration you might say is the father of confidence or vice versa, since the one depends so much upon the other. When a player steps up to a putt with a doubt or a fear in his mind his concentration is flabby and the chances are that the putt won't be any too good. The fact that the fear or doubt is there proves the feebleness of his concentration. Had he thought of nothing but the putt, of its line and the speed of the green and forgotten altogether the putt he missed on the last green, he probably would have made it or at least putted it with a large measure of self assurance. This is not only true of putting but of iron and wood play as well.

In most every golfer's bag is a club in which he reposes great faith, which he likes to play more often than any other and selects it upon the least provocation. Other clubs in his bag he seldom uses. He hates them. He can't do anything with them and doesn't even like to be reminded of them. Now the reason he has confidence in the one club and distrust in the others is only because in the playing of the one his concentration is unhampered by fear while in the playing of the others they are weighted down with it. Some of our finest players constantly change clubs only because they lose faith in them. This is especially so of putters. Some carry four or five putters in their bags and never know which one to trust while Johnny Farrell, on the other hand, has used the same putter more than fifteen years. Needless to say, Johnny is a great putter.

I fear most players will always be poor players until they learn how to divorce from their minds everything but the next shot. Most of them, and I speak now of only the high handicap players, are much too easily discouraged; much too liable to wreck their entire round on a single unfortunate stroke. A ball out of bounds or one in a brook or some such other mishap



Paul Runyan is a perfect example of his own theory. He is all concentration and the "boys" of the pro clan fear him in single combat for he is one of the most confident performers of them all.

that at times happens to even the best of us, knocks the props from under his confidence and consequently ruins his concentration. The remainder of his round is a sad affair. He continues to think and talk about his luck (which of course isn't ill luck) until one of his foursome tells him to forget it. And while he might stop grumbling about it he doesn't stop thinking about it. The small amount of concentration he had left is now completely exhausted. His golf is a complete failure for that day at least.

Many players have an erroneous idea about concentration. They seem to believe they must pin their mind powerfully upon the ball. They glare at it until their very thoughts turn rigid. The proper procedure, it seems to me, is to look upon each shot as a new problem and after determining how it is to be played, to fall into the stance and address comfortably and confidently and swing and HIT the ball. The grip being as it is more important than anything else in the swing, most of us concentrate on our hands. Most movements of the swing, once they are grooved are instinctive and well trained players give little thought to them. But the poorer player is not so fortunately gifted. He is apt to think about so many different things that the very imperative need of

HITTING the ball is never really developed.

MOST golfers remind me of untrained, unskilled boxers whose clumsiness and comical antics in the ring sooner or later reward them with bashed-in faces, cauliflower ears and other marks of their fistic incompetence. Their footwork is bad, they lack co-ordination; but worse than these shortcomings they do not know how to use their hands effectively.

Golfers do not inherit black eyes or other physical bruises but injuries to minds and prides are probably more painful. To me golf is a simple game if the hands are used properly. I am one who believes that the game has been over-theorized. The poorer player, struggling to improve his game, has been burdened with too many newfangled notions concerning the chin, the arms, legs, body and even his toes when he should have been coached only in the intelligent use of his hands.

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## Bulletin from Dominion Seed Branch

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var. compacta. . . . . 13,000 lbs.

The Maritime bent seed industry has been developed in competition with imported New Zealand Colonial bent, and German Mixed bent. The growers' co-operative association include — P. E. I. Grass seed Growers' Ass'n, Souris, P.E.I.; Island Seeds Inc., Charlottetown, P. E. I.; and N. B. Grass Seed Growers' Ass'n, Sackville, N. B. These organizations have power machines and warehouses for central cleaning and marketing, and desire to quote prices and submit samples to the seed trade.

All bent grass areas from which the seed crops are harvested must meet the requirements of this Branch in regard to purity of variety and relative freedom from noxious turf weeds. In field practice, the standard for purity of variety of the browntop and creeping bent is 99 per cent, and the cleaned seed is officially sealed over Seed Inspection tags which certify the variety and seed grade. Velvet bent areas usually have a larger percentage of browntop as volunteer growth, and the field determinations of purity of variety are checked by the Seed Laboratory at Sackville, N. B., for final report. Seed lots with less than 95 per cent velvet bent are marked on the Official Tags to show the actual contents of the Mixture.

There has been a distinct improvement in the cleaning of P. E. I. bent seed during the past few years, both in regard to pure seed content and freedom from noxious turf weed seeds. All the N. B. Creeping bent grades No. 1, as the dykelands from which this seed is harvested are practically free from noxious turf weeds.

Three years' results on the Royal York Turf Garden, Toronto, with the putting green qualities of the different bents on the market as reported by K. Welton, U. S. Golf Association Greens Section, are as follows: N. B. Creeping Bent 87%, P.E.I. Velvet bent 82, Oregon Creeping bent 81, Colonial bents 78.2, Washington Creeping bent 77.6, German Mixed bent 76.6. Maritime bent seed used on Canadian golf courses, airways, playing fields, and lawns, may be expected to give a good account of itself. The support of the Maritime bent seed industry is commended to the Canadian Seed Trade and the Public.

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# AUGUSTA BIDS THE MASTERS GATHER

THIS GRAND TOURNEY IN APRIL  
WILL SEE GOLFERS FROM EVERYWHERE



— Horton Smith, last year's Master Tourney Winner, seen putting on a velvet green at the National Course in Augusta.

AS THE tournament season in the south rolls on to a culmination one event stands out above most of the rest as the supreme prize of the campaign. That is the Master's Invitation Event played in Augusta, Ga. Instigated by the one and only Bobby Jones and the only tournament in which he has latterly participated the Master's has grown since its inception in 1933 to a place close in importance to the national title tourneys.

All remember the Augusta national course for its remarkable construction which was the work of Jones and the late Dr. Alister MacKenzie. The latter, a great architect and designer, claimed the layout to be his "best opportunity and finest achievement." All remember the great deuce on a par five hole of the closing round of the 1935 tournament made by the irrepressible Gene Sarazen—a miracle stroke which afforded this player a tie and an ultimate win over Craig Wood in the play-off. Most golfers remember Horton Smith's two terrific putts of towering distances on the closing holes last year which enabled him to overcome Harry Cooper by one stroke for the title after the latter had lead for the first 70 holes. All these things and many more are

part of every golfer's stock of great golfing moments.

Played this year April 1-4 the Master's tournament will again see



Stanley Horne of Ottawa, Canadian P. G. A. Champion last year who has been invited to play in the Master's event this year.

the city of Augusta the Mecca of Golf during the tournament. The remarkable thing is the number of enthusiasts who come to Augusta to watch the Master's tournament and stay on to enjoy the marvelous golf and golfing weather which Augusta offers. The Forest Hills Hotel offers a splendid course with all grass greens and fairways. Among the other features to attract the golfer at this particular winter resort are a 16 player driving range, an 18 hole putting course, an 18 hole Scotch putting green, and a nine hole pitch and putt course. Augusta offers, also, an average of 337 sunny days per year with an average daylight temperature from November 15 to May 1 of 60 degrees. This is a perfect golfing climate.

A word or two about this beautiful and admirably managed Forest Hills Hotel, one of the showplaces in all Georgia. Realizing that golfers, as a rule, are discriminating people of cultivated taste, the Management spares no time, labor or expense to surround their guests with everything in the way of perfect service and most wonderful cuisine that can be secured. A visit to the Forest Hills is surely a never-to-be-forgotten experience. Golfers return again and again!

## C. L. G. U. Official Notice

A cable has been received from the Ladies' Golf Union, London, England, announcing the date of the Invitation Meeting to be held at Beaconsfield Golf Club, Bucks., England, for members of the Dominions and Colonial L.G.U. Clubs, has been decided upon, May 14th, 1937.

In view of the Coronation on May 12th, the Ladies' Golf Union decided to hold this Invitation Meeting, and a cordial invitation is extended to all members of the above Clubs. It is hoped that a large number of players visiting England will be able to accept. The Ladies' Golf Union Council hope to arrange for a number of their leading golfers, particularly those who have been on Touring Teams, to be present.

Invitations with particulars have been mailed to all affiliated Clubs of the Canadian Ladies' Golf Union, and any member contemplating taking part in this Meeting is asked to communicate with Miss M. M. Macfarlane, Secretary, Ladies' Golf Union, 39 Eccleston Square, Victoria, London, S. W. 1, England, from whom any information will be sent direct as soon as possible.

We would also appreciate you kindly giving any prominence possible to the L.G.U. Invitation Meeting in England.

Signed M. R. ROWE.  
Secretary-Treasurer

MKR.

## Ontario Shows Stride

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loves the game and has shown great industry and enthusiasm for serving golf in the past. At a recent meeting of the Directors of the O. G. A. the cost of membership to the O. G. A. for nine hole courses was reduced to ten dollars and a campaign for including every club in the province was considered. The matter of the fourteen club rule was also mentioned with general prefatory opinion in favour of the limitation. Whether or not this means the adoption of the ruling is problematical with the chances being that Ontario will hardly make such a move without awaiting the Royal Canadian Golf Association's decision in the matter.

## 1937 Ontario Fixtures

Dates for 1937 tournaments were also announced as follows:

- May 20—Hiram Walker Invitation Tournament at Lakeview G. C. Port Credit.
- May 27—Hiram Walker Second round at St. Andrews G. C. Toronto.
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- June 4—Hiram Walker Invitation Final round at Lakeview.
- June 6—Field Day O. G. A. at Peterboro G. C. Peterboro.
- June 17-19—Ontario Amateur Championship at Sunningdale G. C. London.
- June 23—London Hunt Invitation Tournament at London Hunt Club London.
- June 26—Field Day O.G.A. at Catarqui G. C. Kingston.
- Sept. 3—Parent and Child Championship Thornhill G. and C. C. Toronto.
- Sept. 18 Fall Tournament O. G. A. Brantford G. and C. C. Brantford.

The Open, Junior and Senior Championships as well as two other field days have not yet been allocated.

## Why do we Play Golf

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this last named element begins to attack us far beneath the skin. **It becomes our reason for playing!!** Then the sheer joy of hitting a golf ball to see it go better than we have ever been able to hit it before becomes the only thing that looms as important; and we become surer and surer of our ability to play each one of these individual shots correctly; and we are able to think of perfection in this regard for a number of individual holes at a time; and then eventually we are occasionally able to stretch that number of holes out for a full round or two **under pressure**—then, and then alone, do most people think that the word "golfer" may be applied as a term. That is one outlook but it is quite incorrect, I believe. A man need go no further than the first step — that is, to feel sincere pride in hitting a single shot better than ever before (regardless of what that best may have been) to gain the title of GOLFERS? He then has the best reason in the world for playing the game and is on the right track in the true spirit of golf. Likewise, then is golf serving its highest purpose — that of providing a medium or "teething-ring" through and on which man may seek, with a possibility of finding, that great human virtue — **Self-Control**.

Thus when asked why you play golf one need not answer sheepishly some off-key, unpremeditated reason. If one is a true golfer he plays golf because he feels the game is the best available school of Self-Control. Though one may never have analyzed this himself to such a point it seems entirely a fact. It's a grand reason for playing golf — so go ahead and use it!

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## Golf Dates

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### MAY

- May 1—Team Match—Savannah vs. Sea Island; Sea Island Golf Club, Sea Island, Ga.  
 May 14th—Ladies Golf Union, London, England, Invitation Meeting at Beaconsfield Golf Club, Bucks.  
 May 20th—St. Georges Champion Grand Challenge Cup, open amateur 36 holes St. Georges Sandwich.  
 May 24th—British open Amateur Championship, Royal St. Georges.

### JUNE

- June 7-11th—British Ladies Open Amateur Championship, Turnberry.  
 June 10-12—United States Open; Oakland Hills Golf Club, Birmingham, Mich.  
 June 14-19—Women's Western Golf Association Open Championship, Beverly Country Club, Chicago, ILL.  
 June 17-19—Ontario Amateur Championship, Sunningdale Golf Club, London, Ont.  
 June 20-30—Ryder Cup Matches, Southport, England.  
 June 23rd—Invitation Tournament London Hunt Club, London, Ont.  
 June 29-30 Ryder Club. Great Britain vs U. S. A. Southfort and Ainsdale.

- July th—British Open Championship, Carnoustie.  
 July 13-17—Women's Western Golf Association Junior Open Championship, Hinsdale Country Club.  
 July 26th—Interprovincial Matches, Willington Cup, Ottawa Hunt & Golf Club, Ottawa, Ont.  
 July 27-31 Canadian Amateur Championship, Ottawa Hunt & Golf Club, Ottawa, Ont.

### AUGUST

- August 9-12—Women's Western Golf Association Derby (72 holes medal), Onwentsia Country Club, Lake Forest, Ill.  
 Aug. 9-21—The Public Links; San Francisco.  
 August 23-28—Women's Western Golf Association Championship (closed), Town & Country Club, St. Paul, Minn.  
 Aug. 23-28—United States Amateur; Alderwood Country Club, Portland, Ore.  
 United States Women's Amateur Championship Memphis, C.C., Memphis.  
 U. S. Intermediate Championship, Oakwood C.C., Belmont, Pa.  
 Sept. 9-11—Canadian Open Championship, Toronto, Ont. (Tentative).

## Good News For Golfers

It will be a fine bit of news for golfers throughout Canada to hear that George Cumming, dean of Canadian Professionals, is recuperating from a serious illness and operation at his home in Toronto. Interviewed by our editor for a few minutes recently in the hospital, Canada's beloved professional character was looking to a long holiday and a rounding into health which will permit a little golf this summer. He hopes to be back at the Toronto Golf Club before the season is too far advanced. Best Wishes from all golfers to you, George!

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## More About Fourteen Clubs

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If possessing sixteen to twenty or more clubs tends to make the game mechanical, then the person who first thought of that, has not yet played golf.

The human element in the game cannot be expelled. It still takes now, as it did in by gone years, brainwork and co-ordination of eye and muscle, to execute each and every shot, no matter if one has a lub for every shot in the bag.

Why chop and change the game we all love? Every year one has come to expect a new rule, or an amendment to an old rule, until in time we won't recognize the game we used to play.

I've played in a good deal of tournaments, and I have also caddied in some, yet not once have I heard a genuine objection to the amount of clubs one carried.

I say, in conclusion, leave the game alone, and let us enjoy its disappointments and delights in peace.

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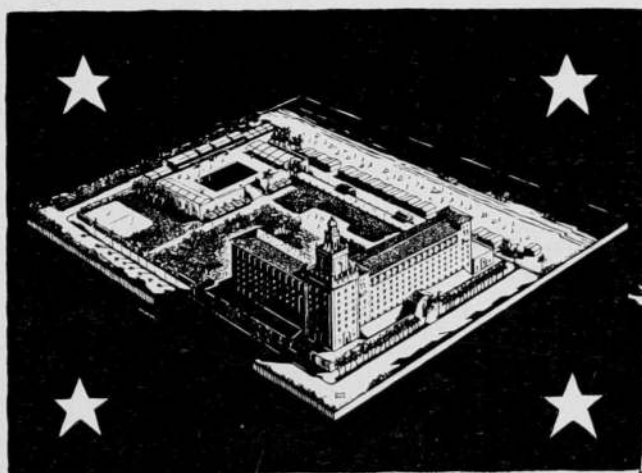
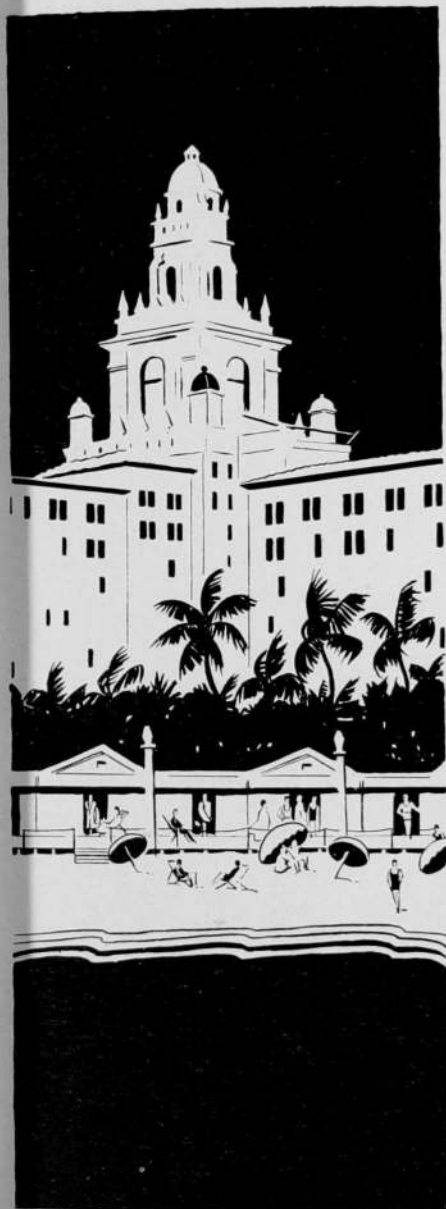
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