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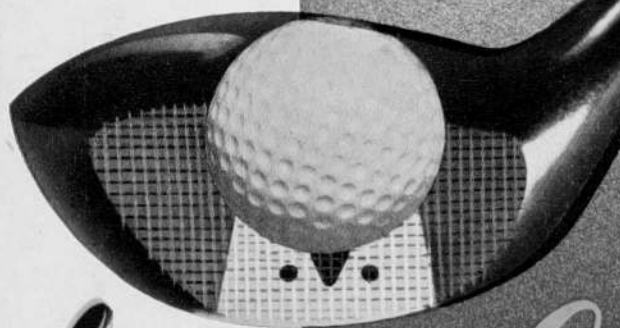
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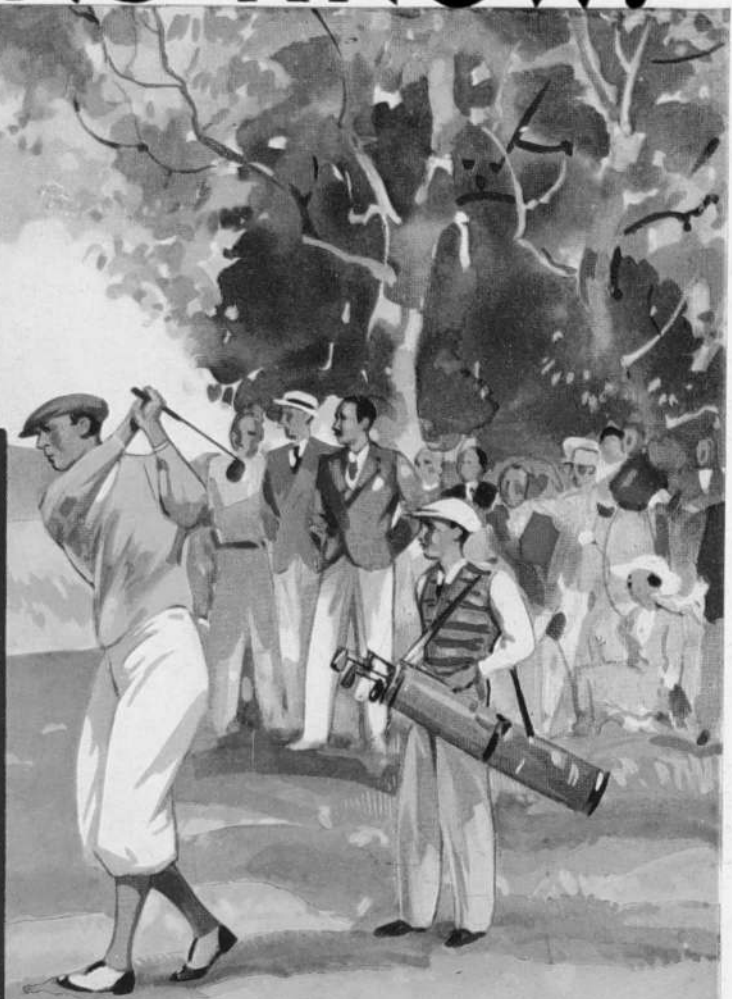


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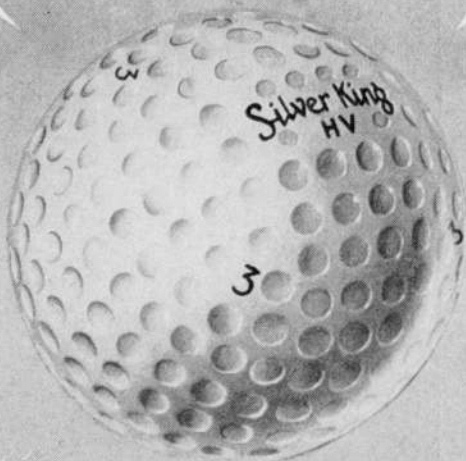


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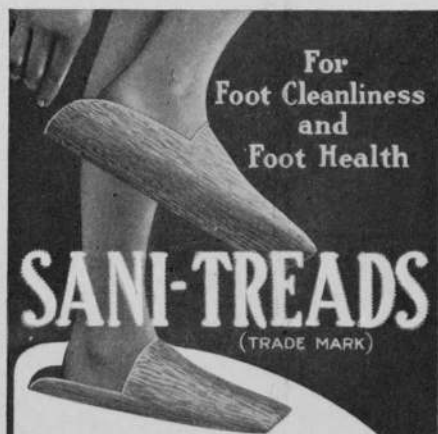
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THE EDITOR'S MAIL

February 18, 1938

Dear Mr. Pickens:

May I suggest that your editorial in the March 1938 issue, in so far as it pertains to your discussion of the 14-club rule limitation, has mistaken the action of the Ontario Golf Association. May I point out as I did in my letter of March 10th that on February 11, 1937 the Directors of the Ontario Golf Association "discussed the limitation set by the United States Golf Association and they came to the conclusion that the legislation was a very wise one and that the Ontario Golf Association would be glad to see similar restrictions in Canada, to the end that lesser emphasis would be placed on the increased cost of golf in this country." The discussion took place at the request of Past President E. C. Gould of the R.C.G.A., who at that time was also a director of the Ontario Golf Association. No official action, however, was taken by this Association until it had been ratified by the Royal Canadian Golf Association and as I pointed out in my letter it was not until January 22, 1938 that the Ontario Golf Association approved the enforcement of the 14-club rule as adopted by the R.C.G.A.

While the Ontario Golf Association will always reserve the right to agree, or disagree, as it may see fit, with the Royal Canadian Golf Association—having in mind the best interests of golf—to date the occasion to other than agree has never arisen. It has been the policy of this Association to work in complete harmony with the R.C.G.A. and it is hoped that the time will never come when the parent body and this Association cannot see eye to eye on the rulings effecting the game in this country.

P. S. In reference to your discussion of the action of the United States Golf Association on the stymie rule to which I am, personally, very much opposed, may I point out to you that one of the reasons why the Western

Golf Association and the U.S.G.A. will probably never be affiliated along the same lines as the Provincial Associations are in Canada is the fact that the Western Golf Association is older than the United States Golf Association. For many years the Amateur Golf Association of United States and the American Golf Association were two distinctive bodies, fighting for control of the game and subsequently they combined in one organization under the name of United States Golf Association. During that time the W.G.A. was much stronger in membership than either of the so-called national bodies. The Western Golf Association dates back to 1895 whereas the United States Golf Association, if memory serves me, did not come into being until about fifteen years later. The Western Golf Association has always played a lone hand in establishing rules for the governing of the game within their jurisdiction.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. J. L. Brown,
Ont. Golf Assoc. Sec.

Montreal, March 18, 1938

Dear Mr. Brown,

Mr. Taylor and I discussed this point of the editorial and it was suggested that we write you to check on the impression expressed in the editorial. This I did on February 28th. I received your reply March 11th which was unfortunately too late.

Naturally we shall rectify the impression left, for it is certainly not our intention to do else but support organized golf throughout Canada ... particularly in the case of a body which has been so progressive as has yours in recent years.

Wishing to thank you for your welcomed postscript, I wish to remain,

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Editor-in-chief

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- April 20-22, Silver King \$1000 professional tournament, Moor Park G. C. England.
- April 24-30, English Amateur Championship; Moortown.
- May 13-14, L.G.U. Internationals.
- May 13-15, German Men and Ladies Championship at Hamburg, Burnham and Berrow.
- May 16, British Ladies' Open Amateur Championship, Burnham and Berrow.
- May 18, Ontario Spring Tournament, York Downs G. C. Toronto, Ont.
- May 23, British Amateur Championship, Troon.
- May 26-27, First round Hiram Walker Annual Invitation tournament Lakeview Golf Club, Toronto—Second round; June 2nd venue not yet selected. Final twenty-five players remaining play last round June 10th at Lakeview Golf Club.
- May 28, St. Andrews Tournament, St. Andrews East, Que.
- May 30, French Ladies Open Championship at Chantilly.
- May 30, Welsh Ladies' Open at Llandudno.
- June 3-4, Walker Cup Matches U.S. vs England St. Andrews, Scotland.
- June 9-11, U.S. Open Championship; Cherry Hills Country Club, Denver, Col.
- June 13-18, Scottish Ladies' Open Championship at Nairn.
- June 13-18, Penfold \$1000 Professional league Championship at Sandy Lodge.
- June 14-15, Ontario Men's Open Championship, Summit G. C., Jefferson, Ont.
- June 16-18, Ontario amateur Championship, Scarboro Golf and C.C. Toronto.
- June 18, Fifth Annual Invitation Tournament and play for Duke of Kent Trophy, Kent Golf Club, Que.
- June 20-23, Irish Amateur Championship at Rahnfarham.
- June 20, Lucifer Golfing Society of London annual Overseas Invitation tournament Qualifying round. All residents of the British Dominions who are in Old Country at time are eligible. This to be played at Stokes Poges. Final to be played June 22-23 at Walton Heath. Dinner at Savoy Hotel following final June 23. Ten shilling entry dinner included.
- June 21-22, French Open Championship at Fourqueux.
- June 22, London Hunt Club Invitation, London, Ont.
- June 23, George S. Lyon Invitation Tournament, Weston G. C. Toronto.
- June 25, French Open Amateur Championship at Dieppe.
- June 27-July 2, U. S. Intercollegiate Championship, Louisville, Ky.
- June 28, Western Ontario Parent and Child tourney, Sunningdale G. C. London.
- June 29, O.G.A. Field Day, Lakeview G. C. Toronto.
- June 30th-July 2, \$5000 General Brock Open Championship and Dow North American Long Driving Tournament, Lookout Point, Fonthill, Ont. (Tentative)
- July 1, British Columbia Amateur Championship, Jericho G. & C. C. Vancouver.
- July 4, British Open Championship, Royal Cinque Ports, Deal.
- July 6-8, South African Championship Meeting at Maccauvie.
- July 11, Scottish Amateur Championship at Muirfield.
- July 11-13, New Brunswick-Prince Edward Island Championship, Riverside, Fredericton.
- July 14-15, Ontario Open Championship, Summit Golf and C.C. Toronto.
- July 16, Manoir Richelieu Golf Club Invitation Tournament, Murray Bay, Que.
- July 19-21, Irish Open Championship at Portmarnock.
- July 25, Canadian Junior Championship, London Hunt Club, London, Ont.
- July 25, Wellington Cup Matches, London Hunt and Country Club, London, Ont.
- July 26-30, Canadian Amateur Championship; London Hunt and Country Club, London, Ont.
- Aug. 18-20, Canadian Open Championship; Mississauga Golf and Country Club, Toronto.
- Aug. 22-27, U. S. Public Links Championship, Highland Park Mun. Cleveland.
- Aug. 30, U. S. Amateur Championship qualifying rounds.
- September 7-8, Curtiss Cup matches U.S. vs. England, Essex Country Club, Manchester, Mass.
- Sept. 3-10, Welsh Amateur Championship at Rhyl.
- Sept. 3, Women's U. S. Amateur Championship (Aug. 27th for those whose handicaps requires clearance.) Westmoorland, C. C. Wilmette, Ill.
- Sept. 4-10, Jasper Park Golf Week, Jasper Park Lodge G. C. Jasper Park, Alta.
- Sept. 17, Ontario Fall Tournament, Ancaster G. C. Hamilton, Ont.
- September 19-24, U.S. Women's National, Westmoreland, Wilmette, Ill.
- September 27-28, Canadian Ladies Interprovincial matches Royal Ottawa Golf Club, Ottawa, Canadian Ladies Medal Championship (simultaneous).
- Sept. 30-Oct. 2, U. S. National Mixed foursomes, Women's National Club Glen Head, Long Island, N. Y.
- Oct. 1, British Curtiss Cup team (ladies) vs. Canadian ladies' team Royal Ottawa Golf Club, Ottawa, Ontario.
- Oct. 3-8, Canadian Ladies' Open championship, Royal Ottawa Golf Club, Ottawa.

Do you Know Somebody?

Of course you know somebody! But we have in mind a certain man whom you may have termed a friend for a long time, and who has been, through you, casually interested in golf for quite a while. Did you ever stop to think that chances are he is more that casually interested but is just trying to be nonchalant to cover up his lack of "uumfff" at not joining a club. ("uumfff" is that what it takes to do something that you have never done before) Lack of it keeps a lot of people from getting into golf. If you know the man we mean do HIM and GOLF and YOURSELF a good turn by practicing a little "High Pressure" on him. Get him started. Get him to join a club! Its the human thing to do this spring.

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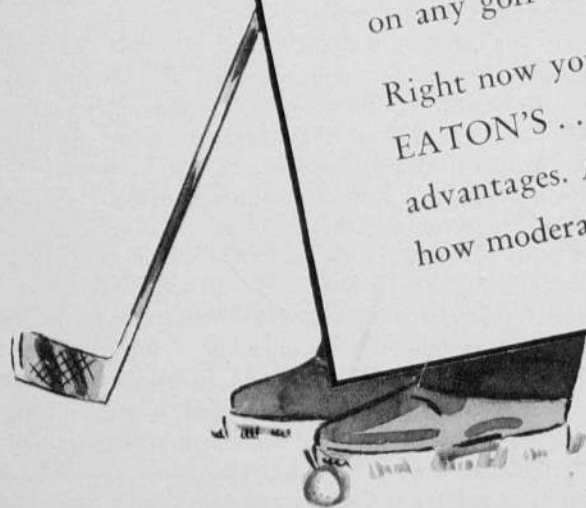
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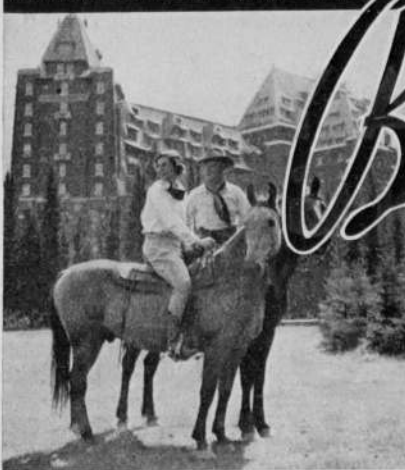
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"Bob" Murray Manitoba's Leader

Fifty delegates, an unusually large number, attended the annual meeting of the Manitoba Golf association March 31, and approved a satisfactory balance-sheet.

R. G. (Bob) Murray was elected president, succeeding Dr. P. J. Gallagher. Bob hails from Northern Ireland and has been 17 years in Winnipeg. He has served 12 years on the M.G.A. council, has been president of Assiniboine Golf club for six years, and is well known and popular among Manitoba golfers. Gordon Leggo, Southwood, honorary secretary-treasurer for many years, was named first vice-president.

This meeting approved the new set-up under which the provincial body, for this year at least, becomes an integral unit of the R.C.G.A. It was recalled that this constructive idea originated in Winnipeg. Dr. Gallagher was its first staunch upholder, and it was submitted to the R.C.G.A. by Robert Jacob, K.C.

Good progress was reported on provincial handicaps. Twenty courses have been rated, and most of these clubs are using or preparing to use the system.

To the new council was left the method of selecting a representative in the Dominion junior championship.

Two fine old golfers, R. C. S. Bruce and George Wilson, were honored with honorary life membership. Both

were born in Musselburgh, and played that famous links at a tender age long before today's champions were born. Both came to Manitoba early, and worked hard in the interest of golf. They had a lot to do with forming the M.G.A., of which Mr. Bruce was the first president. He was also first to head the now defunct Western Canada Golf Association. Later, they were largely instrumental in forming the Manitoba senior body. Both are chock-full of the true spirit of golf, sticklers for its traditions, rules and ethics.

Country districts were well represented at the meeting, and there was obvious cordiality between city and country. It is hoped to arrange a number of friendly visits this summer. One new member was welcomed, the Transcona Golf Club.

Council for 1938: hon. president, Dr. P. J. Gallagher; president, R. G. Murray; first vice-pres. Gordon Leggo; second vice-pres. Otto Heaslip, Wasagaming; hon. sec.-treas. Dr. N. C. Carmichael, Pine Ridge; council members, Geo. Jermy, Niakwa, R. R. Knox, Parks board, J. S. Lytle, Charleswood, Wm. Milne, Norwood, W. McCurdy, St. Charles, J. E. Palmer, Elmhurst, G. G. Pirt, Canoe Club, E. J. Richardson, Beaches.

Accounts for 1937-38 showed revenue \$1,777.21, expenditure, \$1,670.72, balance on hand \$3,017.68.

Lloyd Freeman M.P.G.A. President

At a recent meeting held in Montreal by the Montreal Professional Golfer's Association, Mr. J. Lloyd Freeman was re-elected to the presidency of that very active group. Progressive Secretary, D. L. England received his fifth re-election, while other officers will remain for the ensuing year. The M.P.G.A. altered their usual tournament plans considerably, reducing the number of their 36 hole tournaments from nine to five. These five major events will be held at Hampstead, Elm Ridge, Grovehill, Laval and Mount Royal. Four eighteen hole games will be played on Sundays this year in the afternoon. These will take place at Summerlea, Country Club, Beaconsfield and Rosemere.

Other officers named were: S. C. Holland, vice-president; Redvers Mackenzie, captain; Chas. deBreyne, vice-captain. Amateur directors are: D. A. O'Leary, Beaconsfield; A. F. Lamontagne, Country Club; J. H. Marx, Elm Ridge; L. F. Hamilton, Grovehill; W. L. Shaw, Hampstead; A. W. Allan Kanawaki; L. C. Ellison, LaSalle; A. Samoisette, Laval; W. S. Harrison, Marlborough; R. G. Hudson, Meadowbrook; Kenneth T. Dawes, Mount Bruno; C. A. Ranson, Rosemere; P. S. Ross, Royal Montreal; Colin Rankin, Seigniory; William Greenlees, Summerlea; W. G. Pyper, Val Morin; J. G. Kent Whitlock.

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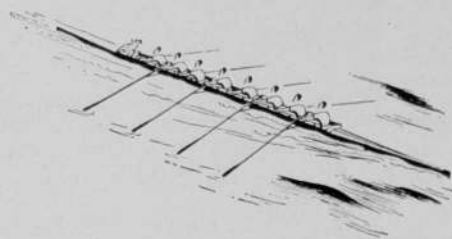
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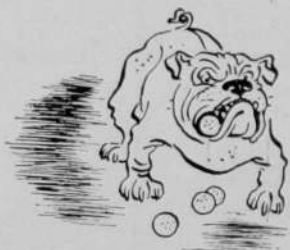
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Talking about Golf

EDITORIAL

H. R. Pickens Jr.

For several months now we have concerned ourselves in this column with the principles involved and the reactions which have come to us from the general golfing public upon the subject of rule changes. As our readers have probably gathered we are of the conservative school which has always liked the game of golf about as we found it! That is, without the questionable improvements made by our contemporaries in connection with its rules. It's impossible, we realize, but we are the sort of golfers who would rather see the game with no rules . . . or perhaps just one as it had in the beginning. In moments of rationalization we realize, however, that nothing is infallible and that tradition and historical background alone do not spell perfection for anything. Not even golf. Nevertheless, because golf as we have known it represents a game with character deeply engrained in it, we naturally resent changes. One does not question a doughty, scarred, old briar pipe which one has carried and enjoyed as a friend for years. Neither does one question the incomprehensible but unvarying pattern of a Persian rug which one may have had for years. So we say that if golf has served you as the friend of your playing hours, or has supplied you with a hundred conscious and unconscious pleasures and satisfactions just as your pipe or your Persian rug, why then suddenly make the doughty, scared, and incomprehensible characteristics of the game an issue?

Unfortunately to many, golf is just a game. Something to do because someone else does it. A place to keep track of certain friends and an opportunity to get a little light exercise. It is a shame that so many folks who play do not avail themselves of their proximity to study the philosophy underlying a grand pastime!

Golf has had wrought into it the characteristics of one of the most admirable Peoples upon this

earth, the Scotch. We may even say it has caught the *best characteristics!* For generations the Scotch stayed to themselves behind a Roman-built wall and somewhere at sometime they began to play the earliest form of the game. Golf grew unhindered by outside influences. Its foundation concepts were all Scotch. Eventually as the need arose, its rules were the products of *Scotch ideals and sense of equity.* Perhaps that is why some of the rules which have reached us in this modern day seem absurd and harsh! They may be anything we wish to call them but they are still Scotch!

Now it seems to us that it is a shame to imbue the modern game's rules with "Americanized", "Canadianized" or even British whims. Of course progress must be served, but golf came a long way "unadulterately Scotch." Far enough, in fact, to convince us that with a few minor additions to the early rules in order to allow for the modern requirements and different climatic conditions of other lands, these might well remain as they were! That seems the least respect which real golfers the world over might show to the people who brought the magnificent old pastime into being!

It's spring now in Canada and many players are again out for active participation. Let's suggest therefore, that the cardinal underlying ideal upon which the game was originally conceived in its native Scotland was "Play to the rules" and this ideal is still the basis of the game for those seeking the lion's share of its abstract worth. It matters not greatly what rules you may be playing under, you will still be considered *a golfer* by the "ghosts of the game's forefathers" if you catch this spirit. Yes, spring is a good time to practice your shots, but to be a golfer in every sense of the word it might be well to refresh your memory by reading the rules once more for an evening!

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

AT THE EMPRESS

Right: President J. Graham of Royal Colwood, Victoria presents prizes to winner Harold Wilson of Oak Bay and Dr. Ron Scott-Moncrieff, finalist in the tenth annual Empress tournament. At right, J. K. Hodges manager of the Empress Hotel which sponsors this popular tournament. There were 184 entries this year.

A group of feminine stars at the Empress tourney who competed for the Sir Edward Beatty trophy. They are, back row, left to right: Mrs. W. P. Bowden, Mrs. Louis Papineau, Montreal; Mrs. C. W. Pangman and Mrs. W. C. Crawford, Victoria; Front row, Mrs. H. A. Blakey, Miss Mary Thorne, and Mrs. J. H. Richardson, Victoria.

WINTER TOURNEY



Above: Harold Wilson of Oak Bay, Winner of the Men's title play (right) and finalist Dr. Ron. Scott-Moncrieff of Victoria. Wilson made history by scoring a hole-in-one in the final by holing his tee shot at the 220 yard eleventh.



Right: Mrs. H. G. MacKenzie of Colwood, finalist to Miss Joan Fletcher of Uplands in the Women's handicap tournament at the Winter Empress tourney. Mrs. Mackenzie had to give her young opponent eight strokes.

Bottom left; A view of the first hole at Royal Colwood where this tournament is played annually and from which 184 golfers tee off this year in quest of the many feature events played in connection with the Empress tournament.



Left Below; The Sir Edward Beatty Cup final attracted a good crowd of winter enthusiasts who witnessed Harold Wilson, the winner, chip to this, the eleventh green.



Above: Art. Christopher of Royal Colwood who turned in two major upsets by defeating last year's double champion of handicap and open events, Lee Steil of Seattle, and then followed this by eliminating Ralph Whaley, favoured American entrant from Seattle. Centre: Mr. M. H. Pease of Uplands Victoria who won the ladies medalist honors from a field of 66. She was defeated by the eventual winner Miss Joan Fletcher (see front cover) a clubmate.



Right: Mr. Wallace McMillan of the Uplands club in Victoria, originally a Winnipegger, returned the low net score in the Empress Winter tournament at Royal Colwood, Victoria, B.C. Mr. Wallace returned a splendid 68.



People at

PINEHURST

Two of the scenes below show the ideal golfing terrain upon which Pinehurst's four great courses are situated, and the magnificent clubhouse situated on a hill overlooking the first tees of all four layouts. The No. 2. course designed and remodelled by the great Donald Ross is considered by the outstanding professionals of United States, as one of the foremost championship tests in the country. Note the long-leaf pine which frames the ideal golfing vista above. This is characteristic of Pinehurst country.



PINEHURST was honored during March by the presence of a great number of Canadians who were engaged in enjoying the fine weather, the beautiful championship golf courses, the race track where trotters and pacers are being made fit for the Grand circuit meetings and the many other social and sporting activities of this popular Mid-South resort.

C. Ross "Sandy" Somerville is as popular here as he is in Canada. One of the outstanding amateur athletes of the North American Continent, Somerville has been getting his game in shape on Pinehurst links.

He played in the North and South open and finished in a tie with T. Suffern Tailer, American Walker Cup member, with a score of 312. Richard Chapman of New York led the amateurs with 309. Stanley Horne, rated by the top United States pros as the

leading Canadian player, turned in a fine 68 in one round of the North and South, but finished with 302, outside the money circle.

Somerville planned to visit Augusta for the Master's open but was to return to Pinehurst for the North and South amateur, where George Dunlap Jr., Frank Strafacci, T. Suffern Tailer and many other leading amateurs will furnish real competition for the five-time Canadian amateur champion and the only Canadian to win the U.S. amateur title.

B. L. Anderson of Toronto, for many years has been secretary of the Royal Canadian Golf Association, dropped into Pinehurst for a visit during the North and South and was astonished at the number of Canadian friends he saw in the club house.

So many Canadians were registered at the Holly Inn during March that

a match was arranged in which residents of Toronto played against residents of Montreal. Each side had eight players, and Montreal won by a narrow margin.

A gentlemen well known in Canadian sports who has been spending the largest part of the winter in Pinehurst is Paul J. Myler of Hamilton, who in 1919 was President of the Royal Canadian Golf Association and for many years President of the Hamilton Golf Club at Ancaster.

Among the many Canadians in Pinehurst at the various hotels are

At the Carolina: Mr. and Mrs. Walter T. Northgrave and daughters, Ella and Nancy, E. M. Wilcox, Mr. and Mrs. William F. Hart and Mr. and Mrs. Irving W. Smith, all of Toronto; Mrs. W. G. Ross and son, Philip and Benjamin Franklin of Montreal; Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Myler and Miss Ella Baird of Hamilton, Ontario.

At the Holly Inn: C. Ross Somerville of London, Ontario, who planned to compete in the North and South open championship and the North and South Amateur later. The others there include a group from Toronto

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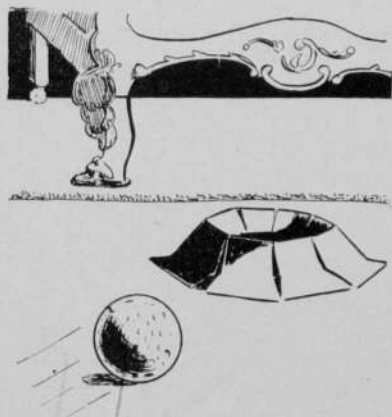
O PROMISE ME!

By H. R. Pickens

In the spring a young man's fancy and for that matter the fancies of golfers, male or female, young or old, lightly turn to an old love. With the first green grass showing through something just naturally wells up inside a body and whispers—"listen, son, this is goin' to be your year. You're goin' t'cut your handicap; you're goin' t'get good and win some tournaments; your goin' to lick your pet opponent regularly . . . boy oh boy, are you goin' to be 'hot' this summer?"

Now there just isn't anyone who'd be so foolish as to think that his golf is in line for a magical transformation without him doing anything to help himself—that's a recognized impossibility by those subject to such illusions of golfing grandeur. Such dreams do not come until the golfer is well beyond the tyro stage. Once having had golf lay a cold hand of experience on his "dropped right shoulder," the ambitious snow-bound golfer is indeed aware that he himself must be responsible for any great improvement which is to take place in his game during the coming season. In other words the ambitious golf addict who "champs at the bit" during the last vestiges of winter tells himself that if he is going to have a good season, he must make an effort of some kind *for himself!*

But spring golf ambition is like a worm in an apple. It generally ravages the entire apple before there is much sign shown on the surface. The theme song of such ambition might well be that beautiful ballad "O Promise Me" which the golfer sings as he promises himself that he will do any number of remarkable things which will ensure



Since putting is admittedly ninety per cent of the game some golfers wear out at least two carpets during the winter, at strange tin contrivances in the parlour.

him of becoming a real golfer during the impending season.

Amazing schemes are devised by the various breeds of players. We all know the fellow who needs "just forty extra yards on his drives to be as good as anybody". His new wrist roll, devised during the winter in the basement is, in itself, going to be a big help. Just a few hours practice outdoors this spring, for which regular hours will definitely be set aside instead of playing! Yes sir, there's no telling what this golfer won't do next season. And after all, its very logical because everyone at the club admits that he is the "best chipper and putter they've ever seen." That regular practice of the new "basement wrist roll" this spring and well . . . just you wait and see!

Then there is the golfer who is going to "choke down" on his shots and concentrate on accuracy. "No need to



All hail the genius who emerges in the spring from his cellar with a new invention—the miss-proof putter.

hit the little pill so far. After all, two hundred and twenty-five yards is enough! Going to take a short hold, cut down on the back swing." Yes, and when it comes to that narrow thirteenth fairway he's going to use an iron off the tee. Only takes three fair irons to reach that green and there's no chance that way of going over the fence and ruining a score with a couple of stroke-and-distance penalties. With such natural strength its not necessary to try to hit hard . . . nope its going to be accuracy this year! Distance no object!

Now let's tune in on another "looker-forwarder". "Me, a golfer," says he, "no, I just study the game. You see I can't swing any more since my operation, and my back slips out when I pivot properly . . . no, I'm only interested in the game as a science. You see I have studied the swing very thor-

Hark the Theme Song
of the Eternal Spring
Golf Exthusiast - - -



Watch out for the silent practicer who tells you he is not planning to play much golf this year, but who sets aside regular hours at the golf school each spring.

oughly. Know it perfectly, but just can't do it myself. But you watch Jeanie, my wife, this summer. Why, she got her handicap down from thirty-four to eighteen just last year. She's not a girl any longer, but she's natural at the game. MacTavish, the pro, he'll tell you that she's going to show them something this season. But I'm coaching her myself. You see the average pro may know how to play the game, but generally he just isn't an instructor . . . doesn't understand the psychology of teaching. Sure, that's why I won't let Jeanie take lessons. 'Course I know her temperament better'n anyone else and I can get her hitting them right in no time . . . I know some people criticize husbands coaching their wives, but I promise you that Jeanie is going to have a great year . . . if she'll just stop dropping that left shoulder" . . . etc. . . . ho hum!

Perhaps most irksome among "O Promise Me" golfers are those who say nothing to anyone about their winter and spring activities "Nope", they'll tell you. "Not planning to play much golf this year, don't expect to have the time." Yet when you are discussing such a player with someone at a local golf school, you are surprised to hear that he has been quietly taking lessons all winter, and practicing an hour a day "regularly". This sort of fellow comes to the conclusion that the impressive way to improve is to just show up with a new 250 yard drive and a brand new remodeled swing. Then will he make the club team! Will he make some of those cocky youngsters step! Yes, watch out for the "Silent Practicer"!

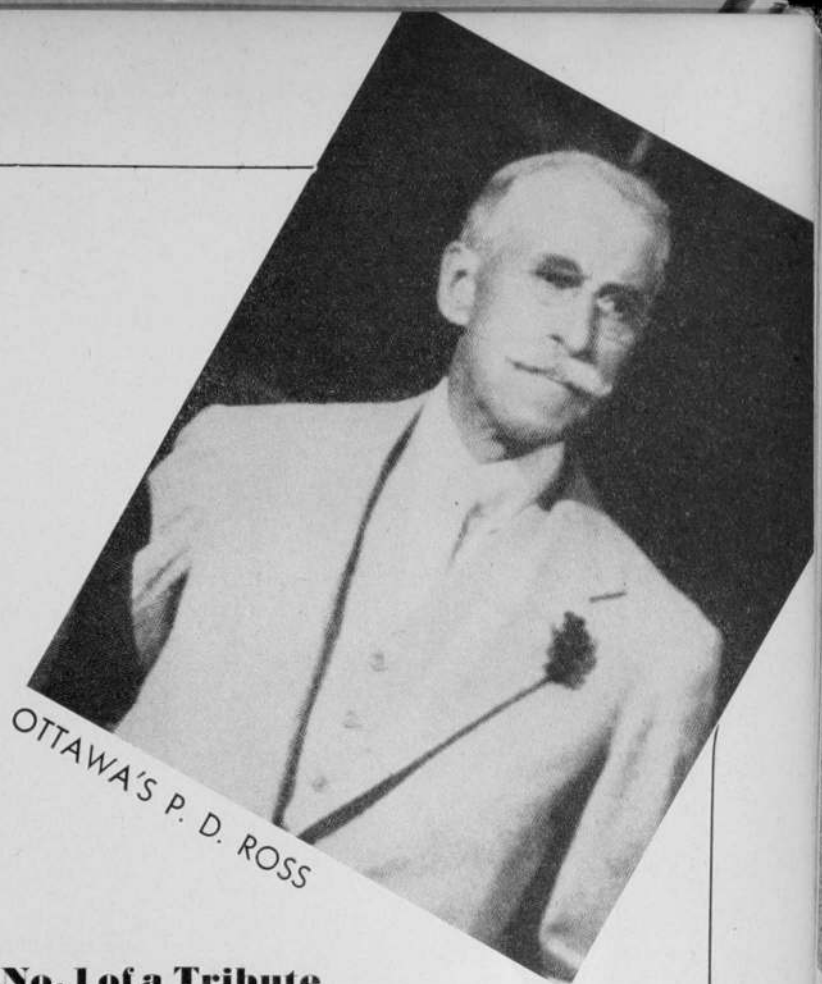
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When Tribute's *Due!*

May 1918 or twenty years ago, saw the bringing into being under the distinguished patronage of His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, K. G. then Governor General of Canada, and the Hon. Presidency of the late Lord Shaughnessy of C. P. R. fame, The Canadian Senior's Golf Association. "The birth" very appropriately took place at the Royal Montreal Golf Club, the oldest golf club in America of which club the late Mr. W. R. Baker, C. V. O. was then President. He was also the Founder and President for many years of the Seniors. From its inception the Association attracted the support of the outstanding professional, financial and commercial leaders of the Dominion. The original list of 150 members has now increased to some four hundred and their names are a veritable "Who's Who of Canada"

From its inception, one of the most enthusiastic and valued supporters of the Seniors has been Mr. P. D. Ross, LL.D. President and Editor of the Ottawa Journal. Mr. Ross at the inaugural meeting in 1918 was elected a Governor and Second Vice President. Every year since then he has taken a keen interest in the affairs of the Association and from the period between September 1930 to 1932 occupied the Presidential Chair in a most able manner. Mr. Ross has not only been an outstanding Executive of the Seniors but he has taken a prominent part in all the Annual Tournaments, and matches, without exception since 1918 and has many trophies to testify to his skill with "the mashie and putter." He was a member of the Seniors' Triangular International team in 1927 and 1928 and a member of the International teams in 1918, 1919, 1921, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927 and 1931 and gave a good account of himself in all these interesting encounters with the Seniors of the United States and Great Britain. He was one of the first men in Ottawa to take up with the Royal & Ancient game and has for many years been prominently identified with the Royal Ottawa Golf Club of which he is a Past President. In 1909 he was President of the Royal Canadian Golf Association. Always a liberal financial supporter of golf he donated a magnificent silver cup for competition amongst the professionals of Canada. Eventually, for three years in succession "Davie" Black now pro of the Shaughnessy Heights Golf Club, Vancouver, B. C. won this beautiful trophy and Mr. Ross, generously gave him a duplicate of it. Needless to say perhaps, the popular and clever Vancouver player, treasures this trophy as the most valuable in his quite extensive collection of medals and cups.



No. 1 of a Tribute Series to Outstanding Seniors By Ralph H. Reville, Dean of Canada's Golf Writers

In his earlier days Mr. Ross was one of the outstanding oarsmen of the Dominion. He was stroke of the amateur champion forwarded crews of Canada in 1883 (Toronto Rowing Club) and in 1886 (Lachine Rowing Club). He also was a famous football player and captained the McGill Rugby team when a student of that great University.

As a journalist, Mr. Ross is recognized as "the Doyen of the Corps." His newspaper career is a remarkable one. Fifty-eight years ago he started it by joining the staff of the Montreal Star. He was City Editor of the Toronto Mail in 1882. Assistant Editor, Toronto News 1883. Managing Editor Montreal Star 1885 and then in the following year he founded the Ottawa Journal which from its inception was a success under his brilliant management. Today the Journal is "more than a newspaper but an institution in Ottawa" and the most quoted paper in the Dominion.

Mr. Ross has occupied many public posts in the Capital in connection with Civic and Board of Trade activities. A few years ago, he was offered by the then Dominion Prime Minister, the Hon. R. B. Bennett, one of the most outstanding and dignified public positions in Ontario but reluctantly declined the signal honour, as he did not care to leave his beloved Ottawa.

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Pictorially following the history of the General Brock Open Championship we have from left to right; Mr. Vernon G. Cardy, Managing Director of the Mount Royal Hotel, Montreal, and President of the General Brock Hotel in Niagara Falls, who conceived this series of tournaments and made them possible since 1935; In 1936 Mr. Kenneth T. Dawes, representing the National Breweries, lent the sponsorship of his company to make possible the International team matches between Canada and the United States in that year. In 1937 his company again sponsored the Novel added feature of the Dow \$1000.00 Long Driving Championship; Mr. Tony Manero, who in 1935 was American National champion and followed this up by winning the first General Brock Open Championship; Walter Hagen, captain of the victorious American Team in the International Matches in 1935; Bud Donovan of Winnipeg who was leading amateur and tied for second place in the 1935 tournament, one stroke behind the leader; Byron Nelson, youthful travelling professional who has since become one of the outstanding American performers who tied with Donovan in 1935; Craig Wood, formerly runner-up in the British Open Championship, who overcame a back injury in 1936 to nose out Manero in the General Brock Open of that year.

LOOKING BACK AND FORWARD

to Canada's General Brock Open Championship

The General Brock Championship, for the past three years an outstanding asset to golf in Canada, inasmuch as it represented the only other scheduled annual "big money" event on the Canadian calendar besides the Canadian Open Championship, may see discontinuation this season. Conceived and sponsored through the generosity and interest of Montreal's outstanding golf enthusiast and sportsman, Mr. Vernon G. Cardy and his General Brock Hotel at Niagara Falls, "The Brock" as it has come to be known amongst golfers across the continent, was the first major tournament in Canada which brought golfers an annual classic which include as contestants the greatest "name-players" in the game by means of introducing a *commercial sponsorship*. Widely recognized for some years as a mutually benefiting practice to all concerned in the United States, Canada's more conservative

outlook towards golf did not originally favour the sponsorship idea. In recent years, however, the distinction between amateur golf as the hobby for sportsmen and such professional "shows" as are represented by the money tournaments of North America has gradually been recognized. The public has shown its support of the latter in its great interest and attendance at such "shows".

During the past three years at the General Brock Open there were born many new and interesting golf features such as the International Team matches which in 1935 included American teams, Canadian amateur and professional teams as well as a team of touring Japanese professionals. In 1936 the matches were played solely between Canadian and American professional teams.

Last year the International professional matches became part of the golfing exposition held in connection

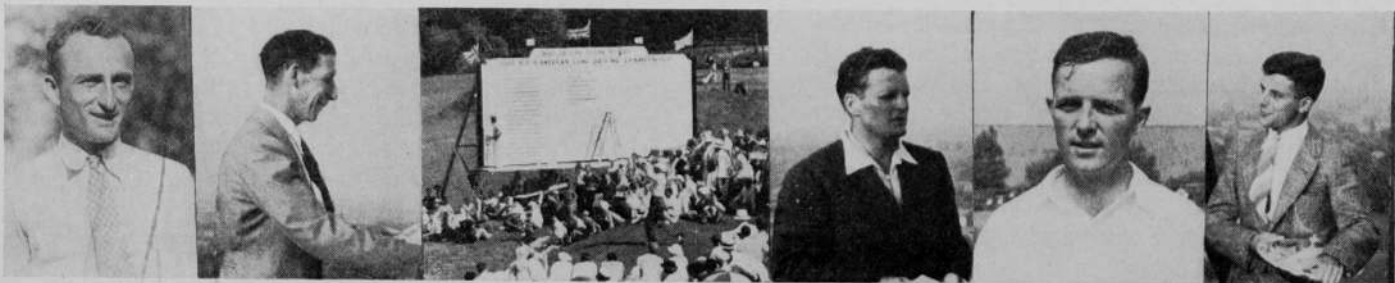
with the Canadian Open Championship in Toronto, and attracted many despite most inclement weather.

Last year in place of the International matches the Dow \$1000 North American Long Driving Championship augmented the Brock Open Championship which was actually won by Jules Huot, Quebec, a *Canadian professional!* At this tournament last year the existing course record was broken four times; Huot's 66 being the new low. The 72 hole record made by Craig Wood in 1936 for this course, the Lookout Point layout at Fonthill, was broken by five strokes by Huot's total of 280. Added to this Bob Gray, Jr., now of Scarborough, Toronto, scored a new record for the difficult first nine in his first round posting an amazing 30! Also Jack Galloway of Hamilton had a remarkable Hole-in-One at the 17th in the first round to record a great opening 70. In fact with Huot's victory the first for a Canadian in major championships for many years, "The Brock" of 1937 completed one of the most spectacular tournaments in Canadian golf history.

It was felt by those who attended that the Driving Championship which was sponsored by the National Breweries thought Mr. Kenneth Dawes was one of the outstanding spectacles

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Jules Huot of Quebec, 1937 General Brock winner first Canadian in over a decade to win a major money event from the Americans; C. R. Sandy Somerville, leading amateur in 1937, six times Canadian Amateur champion and former American titleholder; The Giant Dow Scoreboard in the background was a unique innovation of the 1937 Long Driving championship considered by American professionals as the most accurate recording device ever used; Jimmy Thomson famous slugger who won the North American Long Driving title in 1937; Bob Gray Jr., of Toronto who shot the first nine holes of the Lookout Point Course in 30 during the tournament; Marcel Pinsonneault French-Canadian from Montreal who lead the amateurs in the Long Driving Championship.



THE HERSEY HURRICANE ARRIVES

Background of a New Masters Champion

Henry Picard whom Grantland Rice once dubbed "the Hersey Hurricane" has just won the annual Master's Open championship, the most important victory of a brilliant career.

Back in 1932, Picard, a green kid then holding the pro job of the Charleston Country Club, tied a golfer by the name of Hagen for the title. Picard was unknown—Hagen, well, he was, as always, "Sir Walter"! Picard licked the colorful "Haig" by ten strokes in that meeting. The win marked Henry's first move toward the national spotlight in his profession.

Picard has been the first man ever to beat Hagen in a playoff. When the news boys got to mulling it over they swarmed the "Haig" for a statement. They got one! "Young Picard", said he, "is the coming golfer in America. No veteran ever had more natural poise! He's got power with all his shots, woods and irons alike. Added to this his finesse all 'round will carry him to national fame!"

Hagen went on, "I've been at the game for a long time. Youngsters playing against former national champions invariable "choke up" Picard today was the exception which proves the rule. Yes, I had the wrong slant on Henry when we started out. He made me look foolish. There I was struggling right from the start . . . and he birdied the first hole. I took 79; he 69! Not much room or doubt there eh?"

Later as Picard was walking into the Starmount Country Club at Greensboro N. C. where an event was being played, Hagen beckoned him aside. "Nice work, kid. Sit down a minute I want to talk to you". For a hour then Picard absorbed the greatest golf lesson of his career. The bit of advice which Henry clamped unto was that of "Dont try to hit the ball so hard but keep working . . . hard.

You can be one of the greatest in the game if you work hard. Do this and you'll wake up on the Ryder Cup team before you know it!

Three years later after following Hagen's advice to the letter Henry Picard received word that he had been chosen to represent America with that very team. Two years later he was one of the first men picked for the squad.

Undoubtedly that helping hand given by Hagen was an inspiration to Picard and he has never witheld the same advice and encouragement from other young promising players. Notable among those whom the modest likeable Henry has aided is Sammy Snead, flashy West Virgianian. Henry is a friendly fellow on and off the course. He has a great sense of humor, but is serious about his job of being a professional golfer. He is southern and quiet, a very powerful man physically.

In 1934 Picard was playing in the Hersey Open championship. He established a new record of 67 for the par 73 layout. He didn't win the tournament but M. S. Hersey, founder of the community, offered him the pro job of the four courses which the philanthropist has established in the rolling foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Pennsylvania. One course is the only one of its kind in the world being conducted and kept for boys and girls only.

On his first trip to the "Southern Circuit" Henry landed up second among the winter's money winners. In 54 tournaments Picard scored below par in 50 and evened par in three. This is a record which has never been equalled by any player living or dead. At the National Open of 1935 Picard made the lowest score of the 162 entrants, a 70.

Just before the Ryder Cup matches of 1935 and before he played in the British Open where, by the by, he



Partner Revolta and Master Champ. Picard. They hold second and third places among high money Winners to date in pro circuit.

landed in sixth place, Picard did a daring thing—he changed his style of play. He wanted to improve his game and he engaged a specialist in teaching golf to look him over and point out his faults. Teacher and pupil worked daily for almost a month until Picard felt he had the rhythm that golf demands.

Later he proved it when with Johnny Revolta, they created a new International Four-Ball record. Pitted against Tommy Armour and Bobby Cruickshank they clipped the record from 62 to 61, the former record having stood for fifteen years.

Picard has kept near the top in money winnings and in stroke average year by year. Probably the secret of Picard's success as a stylist and golfer is that he practices—practices all the time. He always warms up before a tournament and takes a quarter of an hour for putting practice.

Last year a golfing jury of the nations greatest golfers voted Picard the master of full irons, giving the woods to Cooper, approaches to Paul Runyan, recoveries to Johnny Revolta, putting to Horton Smith and all-around to MacDonald Smith. Picard today is third in money winnings with Harry Cooper first and Johnny Revolta second.

Top right: E. R. Woodworth and Mr. E. P. Roberts, New Hampshire, with Mr. John Wilson of Victoria B.C. Playing at Belmont Manor Bermuda. Below left: Bermuda Champion Miss Dorothy Jones of Detroit and Canadian Ladies champion Mr. John E. Rogers of Winnipeg whom she defeated for the Bermuda championship. Miss Jones won 3 and 2.



Bottom Left: Charming Robert and Lois Cockfield. Children of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Cockfield of Westmount, Montreal, seen putting at the Forest Hills Hotel putting green, Augusta Ga. Bottom Right: Mrs. N. B. Oakes of London Eng. and her brother P. K. Walters of Montreal caught in the act of sharpening up their putting touches in front of the Cloister at Sea Island Ga.

Centre sloping: Miss Mary MacDougall of Montreal daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. MacDougall of Montreal, who is playing at Belmont Manor, Bermuda. Below: Mr. Harry Van Berger, Floral Park N.Y., Mr. F. I. Ker prominent Hamilton publisher, Mr. C. C. Morin of Hamilton, all at Belmont Manor. Bottom sloping: Mr. H. Rooke, Mr. A. R. Gibson, and Mrs. S. B. Michael all of Rose-dale Club in Hamilton.





Above: Mrs. R. J. Dilworth and Mrs. R. S. McLaughlin of Toronto and Oshawa, playing in the ladies Annual Golf Tournament over Belmont Manor course, Bermuda. Mrs. McLaughlin is President of the Canadian Ladies Golf Union. Recently the McLaughlins acquired "Cedar Lodge" Bermuda, which is one of the finest estates on the Island.
 Right above: Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Ker of Hamilton playing a round at the Belmont Manor course in Bermuda.

Pars, *Palms, Pines,* & PEOPLE

Above group of three gentlemen on curved panel: At the Belmont Manor Mr. E. R. Bremner, Ottawa, Mr. J. A. Rogers, Winnipeg, and Mr. Gordon Fleck, Ottawa.

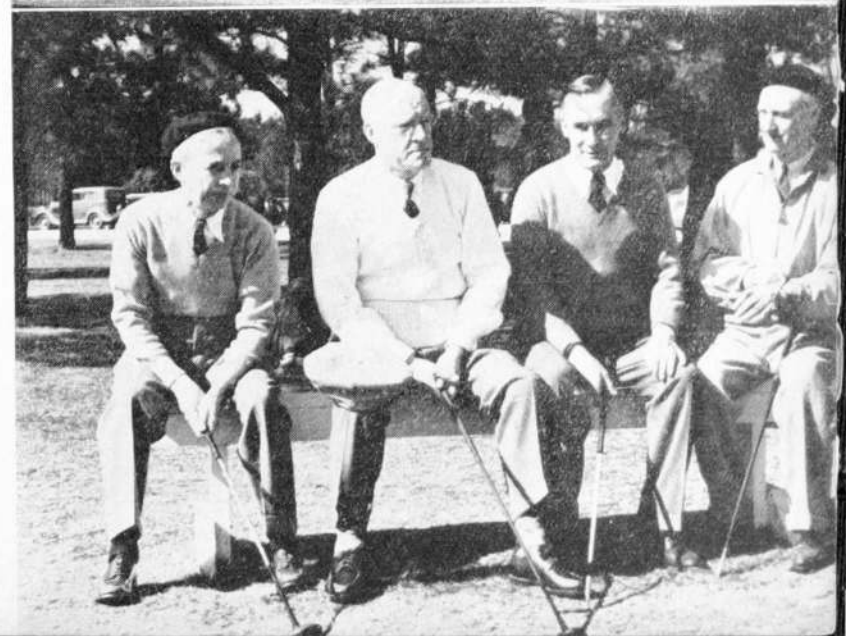
Right beside this group: Miss D. Holmes of Truro N.S. who played brilliantly at the Women's Belmont Manor Tournament.
 Right: Mrs. H. R. Tilley and Mrs. Campbell Meyers of Toronto in the Belmont Tournament.



Right: In this group of Canadians ready to start a round of golf on the Forest Hills Hotel course in Augusta, Ga., where they are winter vacationing are, left to right, Harold Davis, of Kingston, Ont.; Charles Taylor of Montreal; G. E. Nixon, of Granby Ont.; Edward Liersch, of Montreal; T. B. Wainwright of Montreal; Howard Batten of Toronto, George K. Beddoe, of Montreal, and H. R. Cockfield of Montreal.



Bottom Right: Waiting their turn to tee off on the pine lined Forest Hills hotel course in Augusta, Ga., is this foursome from Toronto making their annual visit to the southern resort. Left to right, S. M. McAdam, J. C. Millar, E. L. McLean, and C. E. Sword.





About Bob Reith

There is something touching and significant about the statement of Winnipeg's Bobby Reith when he recently addressed an audience of some fifty prominent golfers in his home city at a dinner arranged and attended by them as a farewell gesture previous to this young players departure for his first professional position in Windsor, Ontario. Said Bob Reith, "I owe everything to my father. I think he is one of the finest teachers in the country today".

Bobby Reith's golfing career has been a long one considering that he is but 22 years old now. Bobby Reith is unquestionably Mid-Western Canada's greatest golfing product. In a tournament career that has stretched over ten years since he was but 12, Bobby has won every crown that his part of the country has offered, sometimes in twos and threes. He has long carried Manitoba's standard high in the Willingdon Cup Interprovincial matches; in 1936 he went to the finals of the Canadian amateur championship. Indeed it is unnecessary to recount to well-versed Canadian players the exploits of this brilliant westerner. Few, however, except those who have been close to him during his career in national tournament play know the real story of his long struggle. For some reason back in 1931 when he first showed up at a national championship at the Royal Montreal club (he was only 14 but was representing his province) his even then sparkling game was not enough to offset the impression gleaned by fellow contestants by that stern serious attitude. It was scarcely a secret that many of the older players labelled Reith as "cocky, even a trifle bitter"—Perhaps the young golfer did not notice the attitude but we are inclined to feel that he did for never did his play reach its true heights in national tournament until 1936 when

while playing before a home crowd in Winnipeg in the Amateur championship of that year. Even then Bobby only reached the finals to present one of the most pitiful figures one could image. With the whole sporting element pulling for him and backing him to the hilt Bobby suffered a most natural lapse in his putting. Gradually he threw the title away to the steady Fred Haas of New Orleans. In abject dejection Reith struggled vainly on, muffing his great chance through the 36 hole final by missing numerous short putts which were like stabs to the huge gallery. He even suffered the indignation of having over-enthusiastic members of the gallery run up in the middle of the match and tell him to change his putter. These are some of the memories included in our picture of Bobby Reith, the magnificent hitter of short irons. But Bobby has come a long way during the past six or seven years. True he has learned the hard way, but gradually his viewpoint towards the game has changed. Much is, of course, attributable to a natural maturing of outlook. Nevertheless there is no denying that Bobby has fought a great battle to overcome a bad temperament towards a game at which he was a potential Dominion champion several years ago. In the past few years Bobby has developed a feeling for tact and a quiet pleasant personality . . . in short he has outgrown being the "misunderstood boy of golf". The "son of a son of a golf professional" now installed in his new position at the Essex Golf and Country Club in Windsor Ontario, Reith, we feel, has found his natural niche. He brings to the Essex Club a wealth of ambition, the groundwork necessary to become a splendid teacher, and a playing ability which gives Windsorites considerable compensation for the loss of Bob Gray, Jr. who is now at Scarboro in Toronto. Hence we may say that Winnipeg has lost a great fairway figure and Wind-

sor is so much the richer in the migration of Bob Reith.

Bob Reid Varsity Captain

Bob Reid of Regina was recently honored by being named Captain of the Toronto Varsity University golf team for 1938. Bob, a tall slim golfer who has held the Saskatchewan championship, has been a member of that province's Interprovincial Willingdon Cup squad. He won the Saskatchewan Junior championship in 1934, was runner-up in 1933, and defeated his brother Ben in the finals of the amateur championship in 1936. Bob also won the Canadian Intercollegiate title last year and led Varsity to victory in the Intercollegiate team matches. Bob led the field in the first round of the Saskatchewan championship last season with a fine 71, but fell away badly in the last round. He was beaten while playing in defence of his amateur crown by Arnold Lozo, eventual champion, at the 18th hole. The young Westerner may be considered one of the most promising players to show from his province in many years.

British Press Radical

We are glad to state that at last Great Britain's Walker Cup team has been chosen. Inasmuch as fifteen players have been nominated to take place in the trail matches shortly before the playing the Cup games, June 3rd and 4th, against the United States team, we can only really say that the team has been chosen roughly. However we say we are glad, for the choices of the newly instigated selection committee may have a silencing effect of the British golfing press. At first we were inclined to commend the "axe" which most of the leading golfing publications of Great Britain were "grinding" in a crusade for a better method of choosing the British team, but recently the radical point of view taken by some of these publications has not been in keeping with the traditional British sporting attitude. One publication dug up from their files veteran Cyril Tolley's Walker Cup record. This was not a pretty sight. They used this to infer that Tolley was not a natural International player because he never produced his best play in these trying tests. They suggested that it was well that he should give way to some younger player who might be trained for the business of one day defeating the

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Victorious Victorians Vanquish Visitors

VICTORIA, B. C. recently played host to many golfers from Western Canada and the Pacific Northwest of the U.S.A. The excuse was the tenth annual Empress Winter tournament at Royal Colwood. The weather was perfect the six days of tournament play, the hosts were ideal, as always. Friendship ran rife under the compelling influence of exciting tournament competition. Victorians, however, drew the line of comity when the settling of crowns was in dispute. Resultantly three home-town heads bore a title when the echoes of the shooting had died away.

Lee Steil, Seattle Star was shorn of two championships—The Sir Edward Beatty handicap trophy, and the Chamber of Commerce trophy for the open event, which he endeavoured to defend against a crack field. Like Steil, Ralph Whaley, another favored Seattleite, F. R. Cotton, of New Westminster, and H. U. Johnstone, of Camrose, Alta. who won the Beatty cup at Oak Bay in 1936, also fared poorly. The home town crowd ended up with both medals—men's and women's, and all three championships, though visitors were in the running all the way.

Harold Wilson, of Oak Bay, well known in Victoria and member of a famous golfing family, wrote himself into the records of the popular international tournament when he downed Dr. R. Scott-Moncrieff, another Oak Bay player, one up, to win the Sir Edward Beatty handicap award. Wilson was forced to give four strokes on the 36-hole final round but overcome this difficulty after a bitter battle all the way.

In the women's section of the Sir Edward Beatty event, 18-year-old Joan Fletcher, Uplands Club, Victoria, won 2 and 1 from Mrs. H. G. Mackenzie, of Colwood, in an 18-hole final, while the open event for the Chamber of Commerce trophy, Art Christopher, from Colwood, furnished the tournament's biggest upset when he won 2 and 1 from the favored Ralph Whaley, long-hitting Broadmoor ace from Seattle. It was Whaley, incidentally, who paced the qualifying field Monday, March 7, with a two over par 72. Christopher burned Royal Colwood's hefty yardage all through the open event, knocking off Lee Steil, of Seattle, in the semi-final and going on to win from Whaley with a string of pars and birdies that carried through from the third hole in unbeatable style, and forcing Whaley to birdies on several holes for halves and wins to stay in the running.

This year's version of the Empress tournament, designed to remind the world of Victoria's balmy winter climate, will long be remembered for it produced that golfing rarity—a hole in one in a championship final. The feat was performed by Harold Wilson on the 220-yard 11th in his morning round with Dr. R. Scott-Moncrieff, and it was good enough to square the match and give the Oak Bay man a breather. Wilson tightened up from then on, and at the lunch hour held the one-hole advantage which he protected until the 36th green where he won the match by holing a putt from clear across the green for a scratchy half in fives.

Mrs. H. G. Mackenzie of Colwood, found eight strokes on 18 holes too many to concede to the up-and-coming young Uplands player, Miss Joan Fletcher, and went down to a 2 and 1 defeat which was hardly indicative of the close see-saw battle that actually was waged.

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And how do You play it

By Stan Leonard

Mr. Average Player should want to know a definite and effective method of getting into the clear from sand traps. This is the most practiced shot, outside of putting, by the American Professional stars.



Since my debut as a professional golfer, last spring, perhaps the most unanswerable question which has struck me is why more people do not seek professional advice in connection with recovery shots. It seems to me that as long as golf architects are going to design rough and bunkers, and Mr. Average golfer is going to continue to play into these forbidden but much-trafficked areas, the same Mr. Average player should want to know a definite and effective method of getting into "clear" again.

Perhaps in casually thinking of bunkers one will say to himself, "well, I don't get into many, and I generally get out in one." It's all very well to consider this matter perfunctorily, but let's consider one question which may throw a new light on bunker recovery and its true importance. *Why is it that, next to putting, the greatest American stars practice bunker play more than anything else?* Certainly they are less likely to explore these sand pits than the ordinary player, still they give this part of the game first consideration! The answer is that everybody hits a certain number of shots into the bunkers. So wise golfers might concentrate on how to play this shot *correctly* with a great deal of benefit to his game.

The average player is too anxious to add ten or fifteen yards to his drive, or to lose a slight slice or hook to bother studying these bunker shots.

Even the golfer who plays fairly well through the fairway generally falls down when he gets into a bunker. Indeed very few golfers walk into a bunker with their ball in a bad lie,

or even a good one, and then can really say they have a definite notion on how the shot should be played. . . correctly! Then follows the scoop, the flub, or the lucky "out," for the golfer in such cases just "hits and prays."

Incidentally how do *You* play it? Here's how I do it. First let me say that during my recent six weeks on the California *Gold Trail* I had the opportunity of playing with and seeing the outstanding golfers of this continent. It was an education to watch them from tee to green, but what impressed most was their consistent display of ability to recovery with deadly accuracy from bunkers. The majority of times they just pitch out with little concern to within easy putting distance of the hole. Compare these results with those you are able to attain with your present method. This at least proves an answer to one question for such consistent performances shows that *there must be a correct method and this method may be learned.*

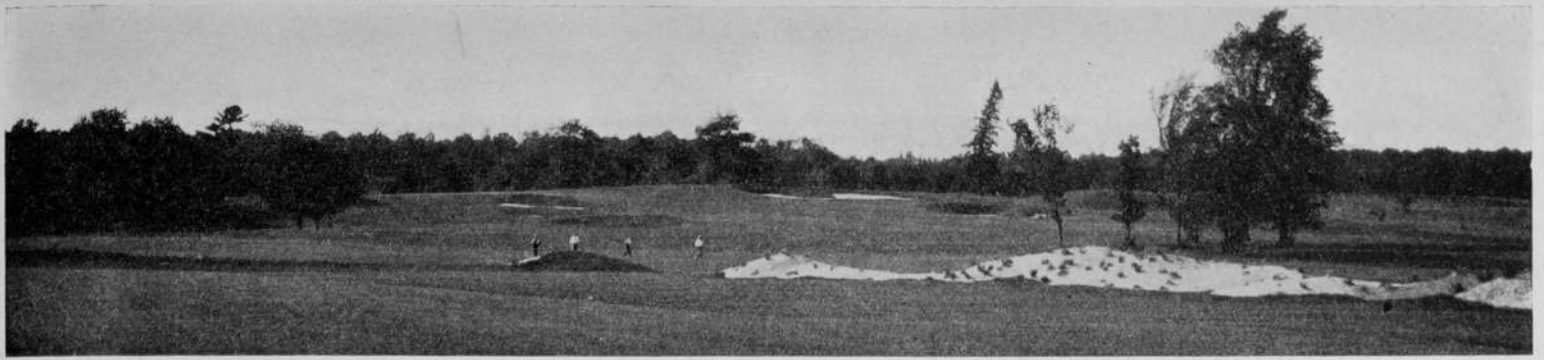
Hence I give you my opinion and observations as to the easiest way to get out of hazards.

Whether you are in deep sand, firm soil, or any other lie, I think you will find it easy. Select the most lofted club in your bag, preferably a club without a flange on the sole. The head must be kept down all the way through the shot, even until the shot is completed.

Let the club head do the work and forget about the body. First get a firm footing in the sand. Address the ball opposite the left toe for the shorter shots and work back gradually to the

right heel for a little more distance. To judge the distance of the flight of the ball keep the left eye on a spot back of the ball. That is to say, the longer the shot the less sand; the shorter the shot, a little more sand. The stance is very open, in other words, the right foot is advanced about twelve to fourteen inches back of the line of flight. This makes the shoulders and the rest of the body half face the hole. Now line the face of the club up slightly to the left of the hole. To do this you will find the blade of the club wide open. This is very important! In this way the blade of the club will ride the sand instead of digging into it. Taking too much sand causes the large majority of flubbed shots. *A three-quarter swing is used on this shot at all times.* This cannot be done when playing a chip or other shots. Whether you have ten or fifty feet, whatever the case may be, you can always use the same length of backswing. The club is taken back with the left hand and the hitting is done with the right hand. The blade of the club will slide under the ball very easily and the back spin will naturally be applied because of the open stance. The ball, if hit properly, will spin to the right, so don't forget to allow for this.

Playing explosions or whatever the case may be, is difficult unless he has practised a great deal on these shots. He cannot judge the length of the back swing or he either takes too much or too little sand. By playing this cut shot consistently and using the same backswing for each shot he will be more sure of himself, hence more confidence.



Above is a scene of the great 7th hole at St. Andrews which overlooks the Ottawa River, and which has done its share in past years to eliminate contenders for the opening field day honours annually since the St. Andrews East event became the first P.Q.G.A. tourney.

ST. ANDREWS EAST RELENTS

As the snow disappears in the Province of Quebec all eyes of anxious golfers are turned towards the first Provincial event which is to take place on May 28th in the form of an Invitation tournament to be held as usual at the St. Andrews Golf Club, St. Andrews East, Que.

This course, always one of the earliest in the Province to open for regular play, has yearly presented a stumbling block to the aspiring players who visit this beautiful Herbert Strong layout each Spring to open the tournament season. The scores of the best players have at times soared at St. Andrews to amazing heights. The reason for this may easily be seen in the fact that the opening tournament is always held there and players are not yet in practice. Beyond this the course can be easily made one of the most brilliantly difficult layouts in Canada. It is the type of course which though only nine holes, boasts in that number nine feature tests.

Despite the difficult course, last year J. Watson Yuile of Royal Montreal actually played the layout during

the tourney in par figures, and his 73 stands as a course record for amateurs. A great effort indeed!

This year in fairness to the many competitors who make this opening trip from the Montreal District, St. Andrews East will be deliberately "softened" to compensate for early season lack of practice. This will be done according to plans outlined by Mr. W. F. Drysdale and Mr. Leslie Choyce two of the club executives, by a closer clipping of the rough, a more considerate placement of the pins, and a longer growth of grass on the greens. This latter feature should be a great help, for in previous years a great deal of "bite" was essential even on the longest shots to St. Andrews greens.

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The Use of Phosphorus

By ALAN BLAND



Well-known turf expert and chairman of the greens committee of the Mississauga Golf Club who presents herewith an informative article on the use of phosphorus in turf culture. This was taken from a talk given by Mr. Bland before the Ontario Greenskeeper's Association.

From the turf-maintenance standpoint phosphorus ranks next to nitrogen. Its stimulating action on root development is most important. Phosphorus is held in the soil and tests of drainage water show only slight signs of it, so the loss through this cause is small. Very apparent results can always be seen when superphosphate is used on new seedings, almost irrespective of the amount of phosphorus which may be shown in the soil by analysis. Those who have made comparative tests in reseeding—with and without an application of superphosphate just prior to seeding—are more than convinced of its value.

The movement of phosphorus in the soil is very slow, so that when reseeding is to be done and the fairway worked up, superphosphate should be disced into the soil. On existing turf one application of super every four years can be taken as a general guide, at the rate of 300-400 lbs. per acre. Such applications assure an ample supply of this element for grass needs.

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potash to supply grass requirements for a long period of time and it must be taken into account that potash is returned to the soil when clippings are not removed, and we do not need to consider it until we have further proof its addition will improve our fairways.

Calcium is commonly used in farm practice in many sections but in this part of Ontario we are not likely to run into its deficiency. Around Toronto where water is drawn from streams for fairway watering lime is continually added—whether we like it or not.

In comparing fertilizing with supplying food to animals there is a very essential difference. The animal is dependent for all the elements, except those obtained from the air, on the food it is fed, so that a balanced, complete diet is necessary. Plants however exist in a medium which is able to supply all the elements, and we have only to worry about those which become rapidly depleted.

We have considered the fertilizer requirements of grass and I would now like to mention a few other factors which play their part in fairway maintenance.

In the raising of ordinary farm crops the land is plowed each year and depending on the crop cultivated during the growing season. Soil when not plowed tends to become compact and no farmer would consider planting a crop without working up the land. After a fairway is seeded no turning up of the soil can take place until perhaps when the grass becomes so poor that general renovation is necessary. Tractors and mowers, players walking over the course, rain and watering all are factors in compacting the soil, and limiting the depth to which air will penetrate. Air is essential for the soil organisms which play such an important part in making available mineral elements in the soil, so spike discing or spiking has a very definite function to perform and we can hope to see even better tools manufactured for this purpose than we have now available. Spiking should be done at least once a week throughout the growing season as it aerates the soil, allows fertilizer to get into the soil where it really is wanted, and opens up dry spots which appear in irregular areas and seem to shed water rather than absorb it. Every course should have a spike disc or some tool of a similar nature and sufficient tractor equipment available so that its use is not

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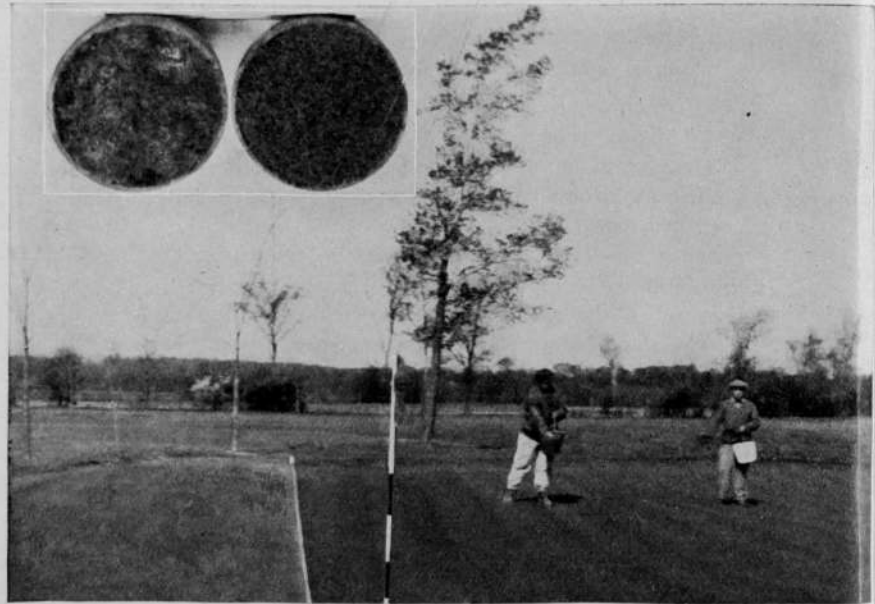
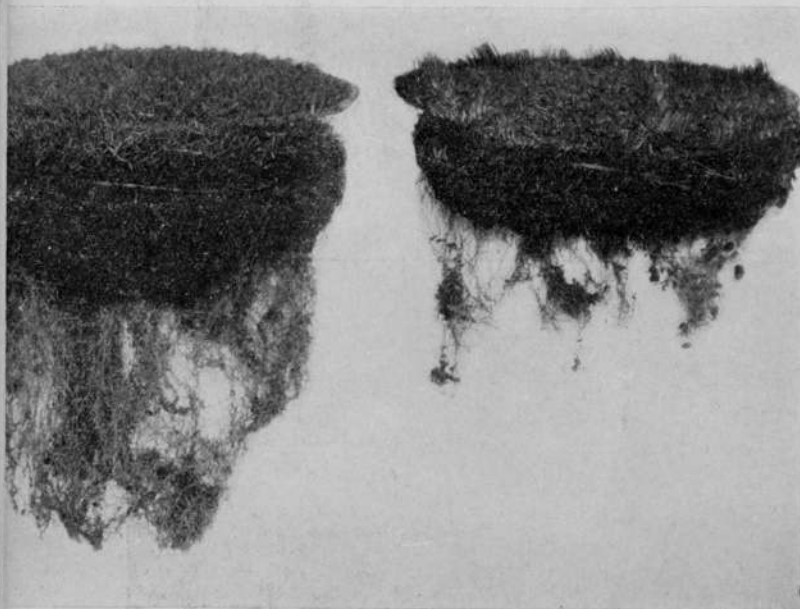
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Bunker Gossip

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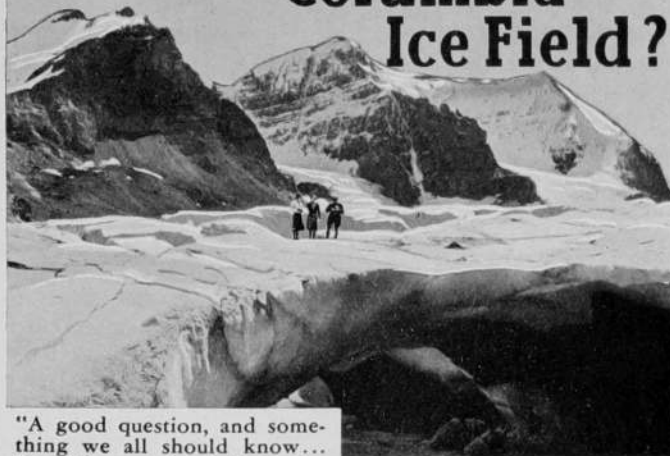
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Looking Back

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"In the Rough"

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●The golf novice had driven his ball along the fairway but unfortunately it had disappeared down a rabbit hole.

"What club will you take now?" asked the caddie with a grin.

The novice looked puzzled. "Have you got one shaped like a ferret?" he asked.

●"Courses are getting longer and longer and yet scores are getting lower and lower. What do you think golf is coming to?"

"I don't know. All the improvements just seem to mean more walking for fewer strokes."

Keeping in Touch

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Americans who have always been victorious in these events. Tolley was asked to accept a post on the Selection committee. This automatically made him intelligible for the team. Now other British writers are bemoaning the fact that the grey-thatched Tolley who has again shown a return to form cannot be placed upon this year's team. Added to this, despite the fact that some of the best judgement and methods which the British have ever used has been employed this year, cries are again being set up as to why certain players have been included and why certain others have been overlooked.

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Left to right at the recent Fifth Annual Mid-Ocean tournament in Bermuda; Col. J. S. Miller of Halifax, Hon. F. B. McCurdy, ex-minister of Halifax and former Cabinet Member in Ottawa, who is spending the year in Bermuda, and Lewis Miller of Halifax. Below: Mr. Edwin C. Scythe of Toronto and his brother Mr. L. Scythe of Montreal, teeing off at the Mid-Ocean tournament in Bermuda.

Use of Phosphorus

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restricted to a few times over the course in a season.

Now just a few words regarding the variety of grasses which will stand up on fairways. Fescue were long regarded as giving the finest fairway lies when dense. But we are finding that under frequent close cutting, summer watering, and fertilizing, fescues are passing out and the dominating grasses are bents, bluegrass and poa annua. In the light of observations in the last few years I would not recommend that fairways on a new course, where fertilizing and watering were to be carried on, should have fescue in the seed mixture. Fescue seems to stand up best in soil of medium fertility, where it can go into a rest period during the summer when leaf growth would almost stop, and the energy of the plant would normally go into producing seed,

and where cutting would not be frequent.

If bluegrass is to be our main fairway grass there are still conditions under which it will not survive. Hollows on fairways which have no surface drainage will not hold bluegrass and on many courses these depressions are either now in bent or ironweed. Bluegrass will also not stand wet feet where seepage from surrounding hillsides raises the water table so that the roots are in heavy soil moisture and it will soon pass out. It would seem then that in reseeding Kentucky Bluegrass and a suitable Bent are the two grasses which will stand up best under present practice. Red Top I do not feel, has

any place in fairway mixtures. True it germinates quickly, but so do the Bents, and after all it is a short lived grass becoming very coarse before it passes out. Disappointing results after a year or two in new seedings as well as re-seeding can be traced to the disappearance of red top which at first made such a brave show, leaving an uneven covering of the permanent grasses.

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Then there's the golfer who has just returned with a coat of tan after several months in the South. It was while playing in the pro-amateur matches at Pine Sulphur Beach with Sarazen that he got a new tip for hitting his long shots . . . yes, and he didn't go over the eighty mark once in the last three weeks down there . . . real championship courses, too! With a start like that this should be his year in the local tournaments. . . .

Everyone is acquainted with the enthusiast who argues that since putting is admittedly ninety percent of the game . . . "I'll learn to putt in the off season, then I promise you I'll be right in there in the tournaments when this snow finally disappears. This addict wears out at least two rugs during the winter putting at a tin contrivance in his own living room. Half-brother to

the above-mentioned chap is the inventor-golfer who, during the spring figures out a new model for a putter and working with a fervor to rival a "holy-roller receiving the spirit", he labors in the dampness of his cellar to emerge at last with a monstrosity of a device which he calls a "miss-proof" putter. Holding it up proudly he beams upon his brainchild and openly expresses confidence that the coming season will represent a renaissance in his game . . . because of this new club . . . all hail the genius. . . .

Most other golfers make it a studied habit to avoid such "Spring Resolutionists" as those who yearly assert "with my own shots all I need is a new mental attitude towards the game." These walking advertisements for a psychiatrist go about thinking of ways to alter their "golfing outlooks" . . . as a rule with the first melting of snow they suddenly come upon some

"cure-all" which they hope will instill in them the necessary superiority complex. Thus they become, in a word, contenders for all sorts of championship honors. . . .

Yes the world is quite full of golfers who each spring are singing some variation of the "O Promise Me" strain about their coming season. Some pin their hopes on a new set of clubs. But all know in their hearts that ninety-nine percent of this artificial boosting of hope is useless. Nevertheless, it is a means of working up enthusiasm. Those of us who are either so expert at the game or are so stolid and unimaginative that we never indulge in giving ourselves such figurative "shots in the arm" should not feel smug or look down upon those who do. Do not these folks (though a trifle boring) represent Hope Eternal? Are they not really the backbone of golf the world over?

So here's to all the "O Promise Me" golfers who this spring are planning their little means of improving as golfers when the snow finally goes . . . to them a salute and here's hoping that somehow they all have found an "Elixir of Golfing Excellence" during our much-too-long Canadian winter.

People at Pinehurst

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here for a golfing vacation—in the party J. B. Blackwell, A. E. Hessin, C. M. Jones, W. C. Kettlewell, D. R. McLaughlin, J. H. MacCauley, Dr. McClelland, G. G. Moore, A. P. Ross, S. R. Ritchey, C. S. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Simpson, C. G. Sherman and C. H. Weicker, all of Toronto; C. W. Taylor, T. Woodford Smith, Arthur Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. John Jenkins and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. McMaster of Montreal; M. and Mrs. A. B. Brown and daughter, Hamilton, Ontario; Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Dougherty of Westmount, Quebec.

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California's yearly winter bid for golfing game was again this year divided into six major tournaments offering a total of twenty-four thousand dollars. The two most significant of these was the Los Angeles \$5000 Open event and the San Francisco \$5000 Match play tournament.

Thomson Takes \$2100

In the former event two of the most spectacular rounds recorded during the entire winter circuit were played by Thomson in the Los Angeles championship. He started with a stirring 65 and came right back in the second round with a magnificent 66 to throw off the bid of Willie Goggin, towering San Francisco star. In the third round however he slipped badly to a 74 which placed him in danger of being caught by Lawson Little, Johnny Revolta, and Henry Picard. Despite the fact that Picard and Revolta both closed with rousing 69's, Thomson likewise rallied like a true champion and held off the bids of these two sterling play-

ers. Thomson started his last round with an evil six, but made the turn with a par 35. From there to the end he regained the touch and sailed down the stretch for a final nine of 33 for a 68. Lawson Little, showing the same lack of consistent form which has dogged him since his win in the 1936 Canadian Open championship in Toronto, had a very fine chance of overtaking Thomson, but fell away in the final eighteen. Slugging Willie Goggin was never a threat after the halfway mark. Thomson received \$2100 for first place in this event while Picard taking second earned a neat bonus of \$1260.

Sam Snead Repeats

Moving on down to Bing Crosby's beautiful Rancho Santa Fe at Delmar California, Sam Snead won for the second successive year this \$3000 event which is solely sponsored by the famous movie star and crooner himself. Snead turned in a splendid 67 in the second round after an opening 72. In doing this he nosed out Jimmy Hines, last year's New York Metropolitan Open champion by one stroke and Texas's new golfing comet, Jimmy

Demaret by two strokes Jimmy paced the field at the end of the first eighteen with a spectacular 68. Snead's 67 was five under par and it was good enough to win him first prize money. This tournament as always was outstanding for the number of competitors entered from Hollywood's famous movie colony.

Snead Earns Rebuke

The third tournament on California's schedule, the Pasadena Open, played for \$3000 prize money, produced a most unfortunate incident. Sam Snead playing in the first round became so angered at his own play which saw him post a wobbly 79 that he disgustedly threw down his clubs and quit the event. This act similar to the one made by England's famous Henry Cotton a short time ago brought down an alacode of condemnation on the youthful Snead's head. Both Cotton and Snead came in for general criticism from the press and the galleries, but it is interesting to note in Snead's case the official rebuke was far more definite than it had been in Cotton's. Perhaps this is because Cotton is the Open champion and the one man who has



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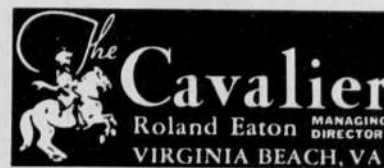
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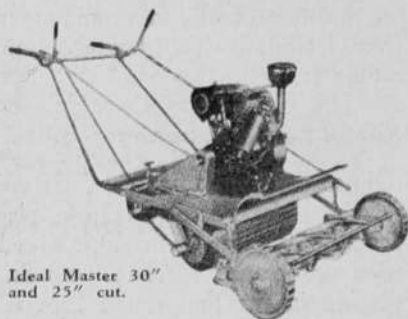
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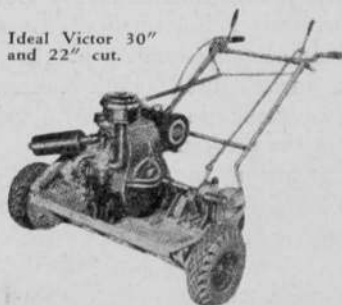


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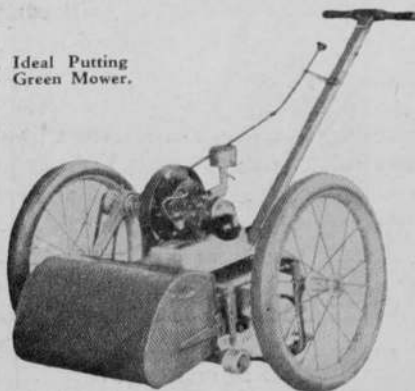
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After the excitement of Snead's demise from the tourney had died down the tourney resolved itself into a battle between Byron Nelson, Hines, Thomson, and Picard. At the halfway mark Picard with a total of 136 was leading the field, but Thomson regaining the sensational form of the Los Angeles tournament, turned in a scintillating 64 to take the lead at the 54 hole mark with a total of only 206. It looked as if the big Shawnee Seige Gun was about to annex his second California victory, but a disappointing last nine holes left the poor open for Henry Picard's final 69 which gave the big Hersey Pennsylvania player first money. His total was 276, while Jimmy Hines was two strokes behind this. Byron Nelson was 279 and Thomson finished with 280. Please note that four rounds averaging seventy in this tournament which was just about average for the winter tourneys only netted Thompson fourth money!

Cooper's Final Eagle Wins

Harry Cooper, now of Chicago, and last year's big money winner among the American professionals took the next California event to make his formal entry into the win column for 1938. In so doing he played perhaps the most spectacular hole recorded in a number of years. Knowing full well that he had to shoot a birdie four on the 453 yard par five final hole of the Sequoia Country Club, Cooper blasted two magnificent shots to within nine feet of the pin and rammed down his third shot for an eagle three to nose out Willie Sheppard. It was the greatest demonstration of money play that has been seen in the big leagues for many a moon.

Sheppard took second place, Hines was in third place, while Johnny Perelli of California, Paul Runyan of White Plains, "Dutch" Harrison of Little Rock Ark., and Victor Ghezzi followed in that order. Incidentally Cooper's brilliant three brought him \$1200 first purse.

AT SEA ISLAND



Mrs. Elsworth Flavelle, of Toronto, Canada, and her daughter, Miss Betty Flavelle, a debutante of the season, enjoy miniature golf on the Cloister's course at Sea Island, Georgia, where they have been spending some time at The Cloister.

Revolta's Second Win

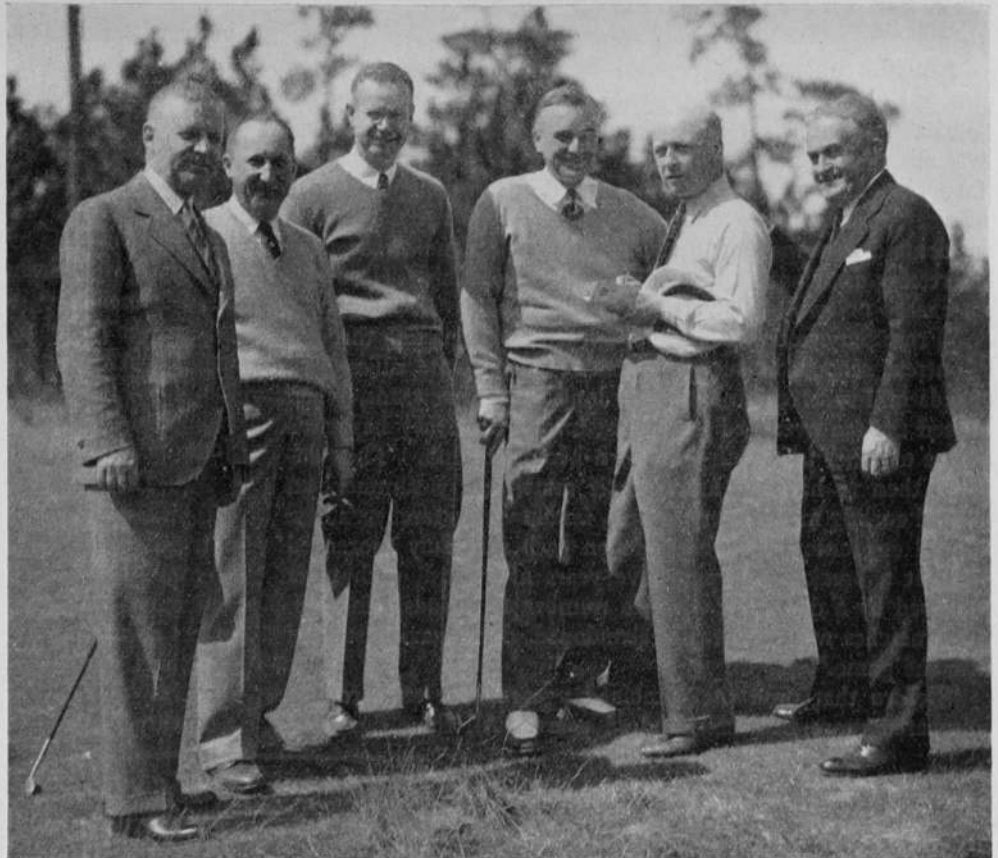
Number four of the circuit, that was the Sacramento Open, saw former P.G.A. champion Johnny Revolta at his fighting best. Revolta winner of the rich Miami Biltmore Open earlier this season came back again to take first in the \$3000 Open event. While his score of 290 was not what one might term "hot golf" as judged by "run of the mill" winter circuit scoring, it was good enough to win. It will be remembered that Ed Dudley cover the same course amid freezing conditions last year to post a total of 273. However most of the professionals consider that effort of the big Augusta professional as something of an inspired exhibition for which there was no accounting. Again this year conditions were very bad for low scoring. This time Revolta's workmanlike play brought him home one stroke ahead of tall and handsome Victor Ghezzi. Ben Hogan, lithe Fort Worth golfer who last year joined the money travelling group at the General Brock Open championship and for whom we predicted big things to come at the time, continued his characteristic consistently good play to take second place in this tournament.

Demaret New Star

The last of the California Championship for 1938, the San Francisco \$5000 Match play Open, is generally considered to rank among the first four match play championships which are annually presented to the American professional stars. Rain on the wings of a near-cyclone was the cause of some of the highest scoring which the leading pros have done in recent years. Horton Smith, for instance,

SOUTHERN PINES INTERNATIONAL

International complications at The Pine Needles. (not political however). Four Canadians shown in the center of this sextette of golfers battled it out with four Yanks from Bridgeport, Conn. in an 18-hole U.S.-Canada tourney this week. The invading Canadians won six up. According to rumor, the Yanks protested that the Toronto golfers had a manager and a coach for their big-gun foursome. Mr. James Alexander Northey, the "manager without portfolio" of the Canadians is shown on the left. On the extreme right, the other "plain-clothes" man is W. J. Henning, coach of the foursome. Northey is a former president of Gyro International and also a member of the Granite Club, Henning a member of Uplands Golf Club of Toronto. The four in golf shoes are, from left to right, F. T. Carnegie, Secretary and Treasurer of Toronto Elevators, Ltd., Vice-Captain of the York Downs Club, Toronto . . . an enthusiastic all-round sportsman; Dr. F. F. Tisdall, the tallest member of the victors' team . . . prominent pediatrician of the Sick Children's Hospital of Toronto . . . a member of Rosedale Golf Club; G. C. Leitch, President, Toronto Elevators, Ltd. . . . of Rosedale Golf Club . . . both Mr. and Mrs. Leitch are equestrians of note; J. M. deC. O'Grady . . . prominent Canadian industrialist of Toronto . . . member, Rosedale Golf Club. Defeated American team on adjacent page.



Pro Circuit Results

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posted a tremendous 86, while many of the other star players were well over the eighty mark. Qualifying honors went to Ralph Condon who shot a 75-73. Lawson Little, defending champion in this event, was forced to relinquish his hold on the title of America's foremost match player. He was sent to the sidelines early in the match rounds.

Tony Penna and Snead formed one pair of semi-finalists while Jimmy Demaret and Henry Picard fought it out in the other bracket. Demaret showed his liking for rainy weather conditions just as he had when he made his fine showing in the Crosby tournament producing consistent golf to eliminate Henry Picard—the player who is eternally jinx by rain coming at the wrong time, (remember the final of the \$12000 Belmont tournament last fall). Snead's victory over Penna was rather expected and he was installed the favorite in the final against Demaret, however with "mudder" conditions prevailing, Demaret held true to form and produced a smashing triumph over the West Virginia flash. His reward was a large measure of new prestige and that is not to mention the \$1000 first prize money.



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Notwithstanding his diversified interest, Mr. Ross has found time to engage in literary pursuits outside of the grind of journalistic routine. His "Retrospects of a Newspaper person" was one of the most fascinating books of 1931. Naturally his favourite game of golf is quite featured in this delightful series of essays, because they really are essays. Five are devoted to incidents and happenings pertaining thereto. One of the most interesting is designated. "A story of Friendship" Herewith an excerpt or two well worth re-production:

"From sixty to fifty years ago, ten boys were passing through Montreal schools in successive ranks, friends and allies, two squads of five brothers each. A long time afterwards, when indeed the ten averaged much past middle age, they happened to get together in a golf game at a Montreal club. They decided then to have an annual golf match every summer, an annual curling match every winter, family versus family. These annual encounters, five brothers on each side duly proceeded without a break for twenty five years afterward, each meet followed by a dinner at which a number of friends joined in. The matches were eventually abandoned, death having stepped into the game."

"Before that time the combined ages of the ten brothers numbered more than six hundred years. All these ten were

keenly addicted to athletic sport in their early days—indeed in their later days too. All the ten figured in Canadian amateur championship sport. They contributed at one time or another members to teams or crews holding Canadian championships in lacrosse, football, hockey, rowing and paddling and they held several individual athletic championships of Canada. A passion for athletic sport in youth and later does not hurt health. All these ten have had long and vigorous lives: all save two have vigorous life as I write. A passion for athletics does not interfere with business success. All ten have been successful business men."

And the names of these ten remarkable amateur athletes and eminent Montreal and Ottawa business men?—T. H. Hodgson, J. C. Hodgson, Charles Hodgson, A. A. Hodgson, W. C. Hodgson, P. D. Ross, Brig-General J. G. Ross, W. G. Ross, John W. Ross, A. F. C. Ross.

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Bunker Gossip

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... seems that the timing for a ball player is about the same as in golf at least the delivery of the power comes about the same place. . . however the baseball "cut" is not much help to one who wishes to become a golfer. . . evidence that the two swings are different might be found in the fact that Babe Ruth could blast a baseball tremendous distances but at golf he is just an average hitter. . . Sam Byrd is the only ball player and golfer who has approached "tops" in both sports. . . Byrd is a pro golfer shoots with the best of them. . . but he never was a power hitter in baseball. . . chief benefit to the ball player is that it sharpens eyes. . . likewise the rhythm is a big asset to the ball player. . . Incidentally Western Canada had some representatives on the "big Money trails" this winter. . . Stan Leonard, Benny Colk, and Freddie Wood, all from Vancouver District got down into the California "golf rush" . . . they didn't win anything but played good sound golf in the face of this top notch opposition. . . general opinion of these boys was that Henry Picard is "tops" among Americans as the ideal golfer. . . speaking further of Western golf where the bulk of Canadian playing is done at this time of year, veteran Davie Black, yep Kenny Black's dad, pro at Shaughnessey Height in Vancouver, showed the way to the youngsters by winning the recent pro-amateur event at University club . . . shot a quiet 71 which is just par. . . Regina professionals Tom Ross and Wilf Greenwood got a fine idea for winter golf school. . . they have availed themselves of Spalding Co.'s offer to let out the famous golf instruction moving pictures of Lawson Little, Jimmy Thomson, Bobby Jones, Harry Cooper, and Horton Smith. . . these they showed nightly for a week and attracted much interest. . . Henry Martel, terror of Alberta fairways, has a new set "tailored" of clubs. . . these on exhibition at pro Roy Horne's show window in Calgary. . . Mr. J. A. Ogilvie of Brantford, Ontario won the low gross

honors in the Florida West Coast gold tournament recently for a third consecutive year at St. Peterburg, Florida. . . this is a senior event. . . congrats Mr. Ogilvie. . . All professionals in the Montreal district have been re-signed to their last year's posts again this season.

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