

LONG DISTANCE GOLF BALL FLIGHT PLAYING HAVOC WITH COURSES

Greens Committees Are Compelled to Add Yardage to Keep Links Up to Standard

IS HARE AND HOUND RACE

Time Is Nigh Now for Standardizing Golf Ball and Keeping Expense of Golf Course to Minimum.

The recent production of golf balls which fly faster and farther than ever, and the tendency on the part of greens committees to obtain more length for the various courses, suggest that the game is revolving itself into a "hare and hound" race with the lively ball having a shade the better of it, says the New York Evening Post.

No one can imagine where it all will end. It was not so long ago that 6000 yard courses were considered long. These days 6500 yards has been reached in a number of instances, the added length being entirely due to the ability of manufacturers to produce a ball with which great distance can be obtained.

As a matter of fact, the campaign now going on throughout the country to revise old-established golf courses, indicates that the architects found it necessary to do something or holes of any distance less than 250 yards would become "one shotters. Holes a quarter of a mile in length have become two-shot holes, simply through the ability of the present-day player, with his modern implements, to drive far.

Can't Imagine End. "Where it will end, no one can imagine," remarked one committeeman the other day. "Here we have been pushing our brains to produce the necessary length on our links, and now I understand three new balls have been produced which are capable of being driven farther than any of the old makes. By the time we get our course as we want it, it will be necessary for another revolution and I suppose that method can be kept up indefinitely with the resultant heavy expense."

Of course, there is the great desire on the part of golfers to have better facilities for playing the game, but the length of a course does not necessarily determine its test of golf. It often has much to do with it. Golfers demand courses more of a championship test, or of a character such a construction that they are used for championship purposes, should the occasion arise.

Take, for instance, the Nassau Country Club, where the changes on the Locust valley side have added some 400 yards to the distance. Nor will this famous old organization top its activity until the standard set by the committee. Adding 400 yards to an old-established golf course is sticking on length with vengeance, yet those who have seen the alterations declare that each hole changed is a much better test of the player's ability than the fourth, which is entirely new, is one of the finest mashie-pitch holes to be seen anywhere.

These things considered, the situation, therefore, might be summarized in this manner: (1) The golfers want a better test of the game; (2) the newer balls have made longer distances necessary; (3) there will be no stopping this constant changing until the governing bodies take up the problem and find a satisfactory solution; (4) the sticking on several years ago there was a great deal said and written about standardizing the ball, but it amounted to nothing but talk, sound though the arguments presented were. If there ever was a time for the ball to be standardized, it was long ago, when it devolved into the whys and wherefores of the game have suggested that this is the psychological moment for that matter to be standardized. In respect of the arguments that might be brought against this suggestion, it is certain that, with a standard ball, the greatest and most monumental effort in constantly keeping the courses "up to snuff" would be reduced to a minimum.

ETIQUETTE OF GOLF

This is the Sixth of a Series of Articles on the Rules of Golf.

General and Through the Green.

1.—A match begins by each side playing a ball from the first teeing ground. A ball played from outside the limits of the teeing ground may be at once re-teed by the opposing side and may be re-teed without penalty.

2.—The option of taking the honor at the first teeing ground shall, if necessary, be decided by lot.

3.—A ball played by a player when his opponent should have had the honor may be at once re-teed by the opposing side and may be re-teed without penalty.

4.—The side which wins a hole shall take the honor at the next teeing ground. If a hole has been halved, the side which had the honor at the previous teeing ground shall retain it.

5.—On beginning a new match, the winner of the long match in the previous round shall take the honor. If the previous long match was halved, the side which last won a hole shall take the honor.

NO POLO DEFY IN 15 YRS.

It would not be sportsmanlike for American polo players to send a challenge to England for the international polo trophy within 15 years, according to Foxhall Keene, polo player and sportsman. "England took the cup away in fair play," he said, "the players who did it are now in the army. One or two have been killed and others wounded. England cannot rehabilitate its polo team in the near future. And until her teams are thoroughly back to old form I do not think a challenge should be sent from America. We want the cup, but we want it with honor."

GREAT AND FUTURE GREATS OF PORTLAND GOLF CLUB SNAPPED IN REPOSE



Some of the crack golfers of the Portland Golf club, who promise to cut a wide swath in competitive golf affairs in the northwest within the next year or so. From left to right they are: H. Meier, G. F. Anderson, Dr. W. I. Northup, J. M. Angus, Frank S. Gray, Rudolph Wilhelm, winner of the state of Oregon championship, and J. A. Dick. Some of these players are contenders for the club championship tourney, which is in progress now. All are enthusiasts over the royal and ancient game.

PUTT PRACTICE MUST BE SOUND TO GET BENEFIT

Must Notice Which Side of Hole Ball Is Missing and Overcome Fault.

People say that putting is merely a matter of practice, but there are exceptions to this rule, for I know a number of very fine putters who never practice at all, and yet the strength and line of the putt always seems to come naturally to them, writes C. E. in the World of Golf. To most of us, however, practice alone can give the delicate touch so necessary for hitting the four or five foot putt, and if the practice is made at a small hole (say 2 1/2 inches in diameter), it will improve the player's game enormously. The ball is caddy on the sound lines, otherwise it will not do much good, and each putt must be almost as carefully studied as if the most important match of one's whole career depended upon it. This does not mean tedious examination of every blade of grass between the ball and the hole—which, as most people know, is no advantage whatever—but just a little careful study until one's mind is made up as to the exact line. Sometimes, on an undulating green, the line is not found so readily, but I think any reasonable sportsman will not mind his opponents spending a little extra time so long as they do not lose their place on the course. Many people consider that the best plan is to keep two putters, for a change will sometimes have a marvelous effect, but within my own experience it is better to keep to one. There is usually some very good reason for having two putters, and by the best thing to do is to go off to some good green and just practice until the fault has been detected.

Take Various Lengths.

By way of final advice, if you practice putting, do not specialize on any particular length; play long and short ones on both flat and undulating greens. It is very interesting, by the way, to know that Vardon made an illuminating discovery as to the reason why he jabs his short putts, says London. A well known Bexhill doctor examined him and told him that the cause of his failure near the hole was the spasmodic action of a nerve on the inside of his right forearm, just above the wrist.

The "jumping" of this nerve causes his wrist to give a slight jerk which prevents him hitting the ball quite truly. As a matter of fact, the nasty jabbing at the ball, which has been so often condemned by the critics, is nothing more or less than the effort to get the ball away before this unfortunate nerve would get in its deadly work.

To Form N. W. Polo Association.

A northwest polo association will be formed this summer to include Spokane, Boise, Seattle, Portland, Coway and several other cities that have signified their intention of taking up the game. The object of the body will be to promote competition and handle tournaments in addition to acting as a governing body and as a representative of the northwest clubs to the National Polo association, which is the central body for polo in the United States.

FREAKISH STORIES OF LINKS

New York, July 17.—She was awfully pretty and very bright but she didn't know very much about the golfing game. So he explained the game to her as she tramped around the course with him. He made a beautiful approach shot and when they got on the green and he saw where his ball lay, he exclaimed: "Holy mackerel! There's a dead stytle."

"Oh," she answered, "is that what it is? I thought I detected a bad odor."

"Yes, that's right; there was a nice factor in full operation near the course."

Once upon a time an enthusiastic golfer drove from the tee—and it was a beautiful drive. The ball cleared a bunker by 50 feet, sailed on and on, and when it landed, rolled along until it lay on the green.

"Lay down, boy; lay down and die," yelled the delighted golfer, pounding his caddy on the back. "If you lived to be a thousand you'll never see a greater shot than that."

An old Irishman who used to caddy for a doctor became ill. The medical party prescribed for him several days later the doctor met the caddy. "How are you coming along?" he asked.

"Fine," was the answer. "Are you following my orders—four pills a day and a bit of whiskey at night?"

"Well, doctor," answered the Irishman hesitatingly, "I'm a bit behind with the pills, but I'm about five weeks ahead with the whiskey."

The fat golfer lost his temper after slapping a half dozen times away at a bad hole, and exclaimed: "I'll make that hole if I have to stay here a week."

"Please, sir," spoke up the caddy, "Am I hired, sir, by the round or by the hour?"

"I guess Smith and I busted all existing golfing records this afternoon," remarked Jones, walking into the clubhouse after a game. "Zazo" asked several club members.

"Yep, Smith made the first hole in O today and I made it in I," was the amazing answer.

LONGEST DRIVER SAYS IT IS HARD TO TELL REASON

Club Should Follow Ball on Line for 6 or 8 inches, However.

Isaac Mackie, the noted professional, is considered one of the longest drivers among golfers. He hits a tremendous ball from the tee, and it is usually straight down the course, something uncommon with the very long drivers.

Mackie explains his idea of a perfect drive in this way: "It is a very difficult thing to give one single tip on the drive. When we consider that golf has both its mental and physical sides one cannot tell which one particular feature is the most important. There are about a dozen different things to remember when you are on the tee. The first is the advice handed out to all beginners: 'Keep your eyes on the ball, keep your head down and follow through.'"

"This is, of course, good enough in its way. It is, you might say, knocking at the door. I have seen players do all three of these things and yet get a poor shot. The real secret of the long drive, and also the straight drive, is contained in these three words—grip the ball. I mean by this to hit the ball squarely and in such a way that there will be no suspicion of a glancing blow."

"Your pupil will invariably say: 'This sounds easy, but how is it done?' Most players—and I will include golfers well advanced in the game—miss making a really good drive by hitting the club from the ball before it has received the full force of the blow. The result is usually a slice of a top. Try to remember to hit deep and put out after the ball. The club should follow the ball on a line along the ground for at least six to eight inches. This is what we would call sweeping the ball from the tee. The face of the club will hit the ball squarely, and you will usually hear but two words spoken, 'Good Shot.'"

Footballers to Have Camp. The Washington State college football team will establish a training camp at one of the lakes near Spokane in September and Coach Dietz, of the Pullman eleven will take all his gridiron candidates to the camp for three weeks of conditioning work before the opening of the regular varsity year.

Butler Named Bee Captain. Willis Butler, former Portland shortstop, has been named captain of the Victoria Northwestern league team.

BEGINNERS ARE TO BE TAUGHT RUDIMENTS OF TRAP SHOOTING

Tourney Will Be Held Some Time Next Month, Perhaps August 15.

Trap shooting, like baseball, can not be learned through a "correspondence course," nor from any printed description. If you want to become a blue rock smasher you must get out on the firing line and master the game, to the extent of your ability, by actually "playing" it.

In view of this, the Portland Gun Club, through its president, Henry R. Everding and T. A. Doremus, vice president of the Interstate association, of Pittsburgh, Pa., has made preliminary arrangements to stage its first annual beginners' day shoot. The date has not yet been set, but the tourney will be held some time next month, probably on August 15.

The idea of staging beginners' shoots was made by the Du Pont Powder company, which has donated 100 bronze trophies eight inches high, to be presented to each of the 100 trap shooting clubs having the greatest number of actual beginners participating. In addition to the trophy, the DuPont people have donated watch fob trophies which shall be awarded to the beginner making the highest actual score.

The event will be open to men and women who have never shot at clay targets previous to the beginners' day shoot. The beginners will shoot at 25 targets to be shot in the way that may seem advisable to the club director. A sterling silver spoon of an attractive design will be awarded to the woman making the highest score.

The chances are said to be good for a 20 round bout between Jess Willard and Al Beach, to be pulled off at Denver on Labor Day.

Green School Boys Made Into Athletes By Coach Moakley

Developing winners out of mediocre high school performers is a specialty with Jack Moakley, the veteran trainer of the Cornell university track and field athletes. This is true in the case of Don McLaren, former Washington High school track athlete, who was but a fair performer in the scholastic ranks. McLaren qualified in the high jump event of the eastern intercollegiate championships and would have qualified in the high hurdles had it not been for an accident. He was given a bad shake-up when Ferguson of University of Pennsylvania, kicked over his hurdle into McLaren's lane.

St. Joe Signs Jack Bliss. Catcher Jack Bliss, former St. Louis National, Sacramento and Victoria, has been signed by St. Joseph team of the Western league.

Played in championship tourney of the Portland Golf club will be resumed today. Rudolph Wilhelm, champion of Oregon, has earned his way into the semi-finals and indications are that he will be matched with J. E. Straight in the finale.

Miss Peggy Ames will be one of the finalists in the women's championship of the Portland Golf club. Mrs. Warriner and Mrs. Mills will play their match in the semi-finals today or during the coming week.

GOLF NOTES

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Athens baseball team, winners of the championship of the East End league, which met and defeated the Pilot Rock team, winners of the Blue Mountain league, in two out of the three-game series. Athens won the first game at Athens, Pilot Rock the second at Pilot Rock, and Athens the third at Pendleton, neutral ground. Bill Tucker, the University of Oregon hurler, was knocked out of the box by the Pebbles and gave way early in the game to Lefty Shick, who held the Pilots safe for the rest of the game. The score was 12 to 6. From left to right the players are: Stone, center field; King, catcher; Lionellen, catcher and outfield; Coshov, pitcher and outfield; Karmlien, outfield; Tucker, pitcher and outfield; Osborn, manager; Shick, pitcher; Harmon, outfield; E. Williams, shortstop; Grindell, third base; Brooks, second base, and V. Williams, first base; Young Parker is the mascot.