

## Change Made In Handicap Golf System

**I**N ACCORDANCE with his plans to change the handicapping system at the Portland Golf club, Lester W. Humphreys, chairman of the handicap committee, has revised the score card.

Under the new system, players receiving strokes handicaps, which will prevail in all tournament matches this year on the Raleigh course, will be credited with these strokes on the short holes first.

### NEW HANDICAP FIGURES

Following are the distances of the holes and the allotment of strokes:

Holes.	Dis.	Strokes.	Holes.	Dis.	Strokes.
1.	380	14	10.	505	17
2.	420	18	11.	255	5
3.	290	6	12.	185	3
4.	140	22	13.	360	9
5.	450	16	14.	390	11
6.	275	9	15.	375	10
7.	365	12	16.	225	7
8.	190	4	17.	100	1
9.	360	10	18.	450	12

### SHORT MOLE SYSTEM BEST

In making his decision to change the handicap system, Humphreys made an exhaustive study of the handicapping systems. "I believe that the giving of strokes to players on long holes is a decided disadvantage to the poorer player," said Humphreys. "Under the new system the difference between players will be equalized somewhat. On long holes the poor players do not get the full benefit of what was intended for them. The giving of handicaps on short holes does not, however, apply to players of equal ability."

The handicaps of the players of the Portland club this year will be based strictly upon their best scores."

The handicaps for the first tourneys have been arranged by Chairman Humphrys. Rudolph Wilhelm is low handicap man with three strokes. Clare Griswold is second with four strokes. Ercel Kay follows with five strokes and Doug Nicol is fourth with six strokes. One stroke has been taken off Nicol's old handicap.

### PLAN WEEKLY EVENTS

Humphreys plans to stage week-end tournaments throughout the year. As soon as weather conditions permit, ball sweepstakes will be started. The regular tournament season will not begin until the first week of March.

The proposed changes in the course, which will lengthen the yardage to above what is considered the standard distance, will not change the revised handicaps.

New handicaps will be arranged shortly after spring.

Indications are that this year will be one of the greatest in the history of the Portland club. Considerable interest in the organization is being manifested in the women members of the club.

**SOCCER GAME POPULAR**  
Soccer football is rapidly becoming the national sport of Switzerland. For the purpose of deciding the championship the country is divided into three regions. In the eastern territory 74 clubs made up of 169 teams have entered; in the central section 48 clubs and 133 teams will compete and in the western portion 64 clubs and 121 teams are enrolled. The game was introduced 24 years ago.

## o in Soccer Set d Help Referee

It must not be forgotten that the referee is like ordinary mortals, possessed of only one pair of eyes. Yet he is expected to see everything whether at the moment the occurrence takes place his view is obstructed by a player standing between him and the offense. The immediate instruction to a referee is to act only on what he sees and for his consciousness he often gets into trouble, while the inferior "whistler" will allow himself to be guided or misguided by an acclamation either from the players or

### DEFINITION OF SPORT

Another phase of the remedy is for the players and spectators to class themselves as the worthy sportsmen." According to the Oxford English Dictionary, the definition of "sport" is simple and above all, beyond contradiction: "That which makes mirth, pleasure, and amusement." whilst a sportsman is defined as "One who is fond of sports, is fair and generous, one who has recourse to nothing illegitimate; a good loser and a graceful winner."

Having suggested so clear and definite a description who can say that players are sportsmen? Why not? Because they require someone to control them. The majority are sportsmen to the full

will deliberately strike another, or a player who so loses control of himself as to kick the referee, or who conducts himself so much as to knowingly knock the ball out of the referee's hands, is certainly not within the definition of a sportsman. There is a law to punish such a player, and it is up to him to have law and power if it is allowed to become a dead letter law.

Not only to the players should the definition appeal but to those who are responsible for the making and the enforcement of the constitution of the league. If they only put their backs against the wall and decide that these things shall not be tolerated, and that they are under their control, then the dark clouds that are hanging over them can be easily swept away. It cannot be expected, no matter how good a sportsman he may be, for a player to exercise a sportsmanlike action of others. It is all a matter of nature, which like most things has its

limit.

To those who are prepared to look the question of sportsmanship square in the face note the phrase from John Clarke: "Never does a man appear to a greater disadvantage than when he is the 'sport' of his own unguarded passion."

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