

# THE GOLF COURSE

A MONTHLY BULLETIN DEVOTED TO THE DISCUSSION OF MODERN METHODS AS APPLIED TO GOLF COURSE CONSTRUCTION AND UPKEEP

## The Observer

NOT long since my three friends and I had a lively debate concerning two-shot holes. We rather managed to agree that under normal conditions a hole measuring 450 yards should be considered a two-shotter. Short grumbled that that distance should be considered par 5, but after we tactfully suggested that such an excellent putter as himself would probably get down in 4 no matter if it did take him three of his best to reach home, he was more reasonable. However, it was not of distances that we talked, for the all-wise U. S. G. A. has recently told us what they must be.

We had quite a discussion concerning the drive and brassy breed. We finally agreed to condemn greens that were too tightly bunkered and too small. The question of the sizes of various greens we had discussed before, big ones for big shots and graded down to pocket-handkerchiefs for the tiny ones.

Wild intimated that he would prefer a green 125 feet in diameter.

Even Long ridiculed this, and finally

the consensus of opinion placed the figure between 100 and 110 feet. Then, too, with Short's support I managed to convince the others that even these greens should show a decidedly favorable face to one side of the fair-way or the other.

"Let us place our shots, no matter how lengthy they may be," I cried. "What rot!" This from Wild, but I ignored him; indeed I expected something like this from him. You see he never picks any spot to shoot out but just lashes into 'em.

Then the comments drifted to the width of the fairway. Here again Wild had to be heard. He didn't care a good hurrah if the fairway did not begin nearer the teeing ground than 150 yards, but if it was not at least 80 yards wide when it got out to a man's sized shot something was wrong with it. I had heard others argue the same way so I had an answer for him. I asked him if he considered the fairway of our long seventh quite rational.

He promptly said that he did, and

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that lead to a better understanding of the value of money as measured in terms of labor, and will give them a direct knowledge of the forces of nature, which is necessary for a better understanding of most of the school lessons. They will also learn something of the economic principle that every man and woman must make his or her own living, and must by some kind of labor, whether of the head, hand, or heart, contribute to the common wealth as much as he or she takes from it, and must pay in some way for what he or she receives.

And, aside from the fundamental and essential reason why the nation should take up wholeheartedly the Commission's plan to produce, and produce at once, the fact that a generation of men and women would be produced who would find recreation in the evenings at the close of their professional labors in profitable home gardening, is a phase of the situation which should commend itself to all, for a man's worth is measured by his ability to produce, and the wealth and prosperity of any nation is mainly dependent upon the productive powers of its people.

Business and professional men appreciate the value of recreation, but they often neglect it for lack of interest. Now, if such men understood the principles of gardening, they would find in it a sufficient incentive to exercise and would take much pleasure from a little work in their home garden in the evening hours.

We, as patriotic Americans, want to help our country. We can best help by relieving the Government of this food problem. We can solve this eco-

nomie crisis and benefit ourselves both financially and physically by planting food gardens. In this way we will do our part toward an economic victory. Are we doing so? If not, it is not too late to start now.

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you never saw a more surprised man than he when I marched him out and put a steel tape across the widest part, where it was 65 yards. I consider this too much, even for the grumblers but I have observed that they who grumble about narrow fairways and demand 80 yard widths really have no idea of how absurdly wide such as these are.

When we got Wild quieted down we got back to the Club house and went over the score card. I had made notes of the varying widths of our two-shot hole Fairways, and found the average width about 50 yards, and I know that they compare favorably with the best ones. Very few find fault with them at any rate.

We agreed that we dislike regular-lived Fairways on any holes; you know the kind that looks like Mary's garden.

The gracefully bending Fairway opening out gradually and then closing in again between shots so to speak, suit us all. But I will have more to say of them another time.

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First Caddie (meeting second caddie on course): "How's your man going?"

Second Caddie: "Fair. How's yours?"

First Caddie (contemptuously): "He ain't no golfer, he's a gardener."