PGA Considering Rating of Pro
Instruction Ability

Bob MacDonald, noted golf instructor, with
his instruction device which is being
adopted for school practice.

RATING PROS on the basis of their
qualifications as instructors, an idea
that some of the veteran PGA officials
have discussed informally for several
years, recently was given impetus by a
newspaper syndicate article written by
Bob Jones.

Jones, in commenting on a letter written
him by Myles Coen of New York, relative
to the public's vague idea of the meaning
of the term "golf professional," says:

"Obviously, the competent authority of
certification (of pros) should be the PGA
and the men at the head of this body have,
for some time, been mindful of this prob-
lem. * * * The appearance of chaos (in
golf instruction) has been fostered to a
large extent by the utterances of the very
incompetents which a procedure of this
kind would discredit."

Bob further says that before any good
can be done in this matter by the PGA it
must have the complete confidence of the
golfing public so the PGA certificate of
instruction ability will be accepted as
substantial.

Just how this ambition of rating in-
structors can be put into practical work-
ing is perplexing PGA officials. George
Jacobus, president of the organization, is
consulting other PGA members who are
among the country's foremost instructors,
in an effort to work out a plan. The
Jacobus idea at present calls for a pre-
liminary session at which leading pro
instructors, prominent amateurs, doctors
and sports writers will be consulted.

It is evident that golf clubs again are
beginning to appreciate the value of au-
thoritative pro instruction. There still is
some difference of opinion about the possi-
bility of business men's instruction volume
ever amounting to much. Men don't have
the time or the inclination. They prefer
to keep their handicaps at the point
where they can take in some nice bets.
The women's and children's instruction
business, however, is still not worked any-
way near to the warranted extent by the
pros. It is in these fields that the pros
can extend their tutoring business and by
so doing tremendously increase the in-
terest and activity at their clubs. There-
fore, the pro attempt to get instruction
on a better basis is an affair that should
draw whole-hearted cooperation from club
officials.

R. Arthur Wood, president of the West-
ern Golf association, in proudly point-
ing to that organization's slight loss of money
from its Junior championship, said he con-
sidered the Western Junior championship
the association's greatest contribution to
the game and to the country. There was
a field of about 300 at the 1932 Western
Junior.

This year, Albert R. Gates, business ad-
mistrator of the PGA, is sending to all
members a letter asking the pros to pay
special attention to the development of
players for the Women's Western Junior
Open championship. Mrs. R. D. Raymond,
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FEE COURSE TRUCE
Detroit Owners, Facing Ruin From Price War, Agree on Schedule

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, at Detroit Leland Hotel, Detroit, Mich., owners and operators of about half the daily-fee courses in the Detroit district and several owners of courses in other parts of the state took action to stabilize fee-course rates for the coming season. Detroit action followed the plan of the Chicago fee-course owner who, after four and a half months of debate and deliberation, adopted the following minimum price scale:

WEEK DAYS—
18 holes $ .75
All day 1.00
Replay .50
After 4 P. M. .50

SATURDAYS—
18 holes A. M. $1.00
18 holes P. M. 1.25
After 4 P. M. .75

SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS—
18 holes A. M. and all day $1.50
After 1 P. M. 1.00
After 4 P. M. .75

The above rates do not apply to the better class courses in the Chicago district. These courses will maintain a premium of 25 cents over most of the rates listed above. Ratings of courses as originally intended in the Chicago district were adopted at Detroit with the addition of a third classification, nine-hole courses of which there are plenty in Detroit and very few in the Chicago district.