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Promoting Prep Golfers Is Seattle Park Plan

By C. M. LITTLEJOHN

SOWING the seeds of more widespread interest in golf by encouraging crops of high school golfers to play the municipal links under special arrangements, permits the astute park department to turn back substantial profits into the general fund of that city.

As to this rara avis, profitt, it might be pointed out with pardonable digression that the Jefferson and Jackson Parks of Seattle, the city's two municipal golf courses, had a combined income in 1933 of $54,880.32, despite the fact that last season was about the worst in golf history from the standpoint of backing the greens with greenbacks. Of this amount, $22,818.55 was computed “net profit,” and turned into the general fund of the city—and was it welcomed by the City Treasurer!

And as to the yearly crops of high school students that add a lively interest to golf in the Puget Sound community, where another green winter was enjoyed due to absence of snow, the park board provides for city wide attention and assured parental participation as follows:

Each of the nine high schools grinding out golfing students in Seattle is allowed twelve playing privilege cards. These are approved by the high school principals and issued to the best bets of each high school. The ranking eight players of the twelve comprises the high school’s official team. All of the student players, however, may enjoy their extra curricular school work on the Jefferson Park course without formality of green-fee for a whole month's preliminary practice.

A ten-week tournament season is provided without fees. This year the team matches open March 17th, with teams of eight playing every Saturday morning in a series of 18-hole matches, three points to a match.

G. H. LASH, Canadian National Railway's press agent, wins the title as high priest of golf yarns from his competitor, Kellie of Canadian Pacific. Latest Lash tid-bits:

A bear gobbled up the ball of Col. Nagle at Jasper Park. Nagle sent for rule-book to learn what to do with the bear, but the beast walked out-of-bounds!

Bruce Boreham, sliced from the tee on the 400-yard third at Minaki (Ont.) Lodge course, hit an oncoming locomotive, and his ball rebounded within 10 feet of the pin. Guess what road owned the locomotive!

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