Two-bits a hole for low ball. Two carry-overs for tied holes. And here was H, last putter, all set to win third hole and carry-overs with an unmissable fourteen-incher.

All was tense and quiet. The putter went slowly back. The stroke had barely started for the kill when “Woof!—Swish! —a frisking pup appeared from nowhere up over the edge of the green, engaging H’s eyes and attention. The putt finished but it finished wrong—leaving H a longer putt than he had before.

H, eyes gleaming madly, now developed a sudden, raging urge to putt the dog. The putter, hurled boomerang-wise, having missed its mark, H took after the dog to boot it, or anything. Whereupon the pup made for the rickety boundary fence, squirmed through to refuge, and contemplated H curiously from a safe distance.

Golfer H is for golf fence that keeps out dogs and any other thing that can ruin a $3.00 putt.

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Golf is a game of happiness tempered with grief. The fee-player or club member will play by choice where grief hazards—not of the game—are reduced to a minimum. It is really remarkable how many of these unnecessary, soul-tearing golf gripes can be fenced out.

In addition to its effect upon membership good-will, adequate golf fencing stops definite losses of equipment and revenues, ends property damage.

Unfenced golf courses report losses of sprinklers, hose and other maintenance equipment. Everything loose disappears from open courses.

Some courses have been fenced to end the picnicking evil. Picnickers with fire, food, paper and other debris to leave and scatter seem to consider an unfenced golf course a sort of forest preserve tourist camp.

Still other unfenced courses complain of the “short-cutting” evil. Paths are beaten by outsiders across greens and fairways. Accident liabilities are greatly increased.

Fences are absolutely necessary, also, to protect gate receipts at tournaments. Every club needs tournament activities and revenues. No unfenced club can hold tournaments and collect admission fees successfully.

For these many reasons impregnable fencing is a golf club asset which pays for itself in protected revenues and prevention of liabilities. No club worth the name can afford to be without it.

Kansas City Site for NAGA Convention Is Aim of H. of A. Assn.

THE Heart of America Greenkeepers’ Assn. has begun a campaign to get the 1939 National Association of Greenkeepers’ convention for Kansas City.

P. L. Pepper, secy. of the organization, who is putting the group’s bid before greenkeepers and association officials, tells there are 220 courses in Kansas and 160 in Missouri. Greenkeepers in these states and in Iowa, Nebraska, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas say the Heart of America association officials haven’t been able to afford the expense of attending conventions farther east and that they need the valuable educational contacts with the expert greenkeepers to the east and north of them.

A national greenkeepers convention making use of Kansas City’s attractive and adequate convention facilities would have a tremendously important influence on golf clubs in the mid-continent, says Clarence Radke, president of the H. of A. Assn.

Its v.p., Harold Henry, expands the Radke remark by saying, “Greenkeepers have been asking for an opportunity to win deserved prominence in the golf spotlight. In the “Heart of America” territory greenkeepers organized for the progress of golf have been doing extraordinary work not only in maintaining their own courses under severe discouraging conditions, but in helping smaller courses get established on a basis of good maintenance.

“Centering the attention of the mid-continent’s golfers on their greenkeepers’ achievements by bringing the practical brains of America’s greenkeeping into sessions at Kansas City would be a valuable exhibition of the greenkeepers’ earnest interest in the advancement of the game.”

Chi Managers Beat Detroit Gang—Chicago club managers 16-man team defeated the Detroit managers team 1,256 strokes to 1,258 at Oak Park CC (Chicago district) Oct. 4 in the annual joint meeting of the two organizations. Added starters were several managers from the Ohio Valley section of the club managers, among whom were Fred Crawford, manager of the Pendennis club, Louisville, Ky. On Oct. 18th the Ohio Valley chapter will hold its annual election and president’s dinner. There will be golf in the afternoon. Members of the Detroit and Chicago managers’ associations have been invited to join with their Ohio Valley pals in the gathering.