5,800 yards are in one class; those on courses over 5,800 yards in another. Handicap classes are 1-10; 11-20, 21-30. There is an additional handicap class of 31 and over for women entrants.

Invitations and official scorecards are issued by local agents of the Indemnity Insurance Co. and the contestant may play over his own course if he, or she, so desires, so long as the scorecard is attested by a playing companion and okayed by an Indemnity agent.

The initial Remote Control tournament got considerable publicity last year as the first venture of a large business in sponsoring a national handicap golf tournament. It was played on one of the hottest days experienced in many parts of the country, nevertheless its competitive interest was responsible for a definite increase in club patronage in cities where the Indemnity Insurance Co. local agent was active in promotion of the event.

Golf Clinic for High School Golfers Is Big Success

By Stan Larson

FIRST annual golf clinic for high school golfers at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, was held March 8 and 15. The university’s athletic dept. was sponsor of the event. Eighty golfers took part in the program, which consisted of a 45-minute lecture on the fundamentals, a 15-minute demonstration showing the most common faults of the swing, and one hour devoted to constructive criticism of the individual swings.

Average age of the boys attending the clinic was 17 years—probably the most formative period a young golfer-to-be passes through. Working on the assumption that good hand action cannot be obtained without good foot work, I stressed the square or slightly closed stance (on distance shots) with the left knee breaking in a 45 degree angle toward the right toe. This, in my opinion, automatically gives a golfer the correct hip and shoulder turn, which leads to a uniform starting down position from the top of the backswing.

I attempted to build in their minds the exact relationship between the hands and clubhead in all phases of the swing, which puts them in a position to correct faults that occur during any round of golf. The most common fault I noticed was the preponderance of fast backswings—leading to the inevitable mistake of hitting too hard, too soon.

The reaction of the boys and their coaches was very favorable, and plans are already under way to make next year’s clinic bigger and better.

Second Annual Golf Clinic at U. of Baltimore in April

University of Baltimore in collaboration with the Mid-Atlantic Section of the P. G. A. is holding its second annual free public golf clinic on April 8, 15, and 22 in the university auditorium.

Early program plans as announced by B. Herbert Brown, Jr., director of athletics at the university, include personal appearances on April 8 of Dick Metz and Horton Smith, on April 15 of Johnnie Farrell, and on the 22nd, of Helen Dettweiler.

Following the clinic, golf promotion will be carried on in Baltimore through radio station WBAL which has announced a weekly fifteen-minute sustaining program beginning May 4 and running through September. The program will be called the “Golf Clinic of the Air” and will be under the direction of Walter Lithicum, sports commentator of WBAL.

Mark G. Harris, Author and Putting Expert, Dies

MARK G. HARRIS, whose putting and approaching performances and books on the short game made him a widely known character in golf, died March 21 in his apartments at the Standard Club, Chicago, following an illness of a few days.

Harris at one time was politically prominent in the midwest and a wealthy manufacturer of clothing. He retired in 1923 and took up golf in accepting the challenge of a friend who declared that no older man could master putting.

In collaboration with the late P. A. Vaile Harris wrote “Putting Made Easy,” an explanation of the Harris method, and two years ago he wrote a further exposition of the Harris method, a book titled “New Angles on Putting and Chip Shots.”