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him the best of service, (if the item is not in stock, make an attempt to get it), and give him all the value possible in teaching the game.

A married couple, (both pupils of mine), went to Manila for three years. Before they left I contacted Manila, and as soon as they are desirous of playing golf there, all they have to do is to go see the pro friend of mine I introduced them to, and I am sure they will receive the best of attention.

In the event any of my pupils leave for a golfing vacation, I usually give them an introduction to the pros they would come in contact with, and rest assured should any golfer come in my place with a word from an out-of-town pro, they will be given every service.

Then we have the ladies to think about. My wife, a fine Texan, and a good golfer, greets my feminine clientele with ease. A sound golfing conversationalist, Mrs. Schofield takes care of the wife while I am busy teaching the husband how to 'break 100'.

MEMBERS REJOICE AT GOLF ON GRASS, NOT WEEDS

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Beyond doubt one of the most enthusiastically endorsed course maintenance results ever presented to our club’s members has been the successful outcome of our 2, 4-D application. With fertilization to assure prompt filling in of the spots vacated by weeds the improvement of golf turf after 2, 4-D application was almost beyond belief, and certainly beyond our brightest hopes.

We had more than our share of dandelions, plantain and buckhorn but after one application of 2, 4-D one really must look rather sharply to discover any of these weeds on our course, with the exception of the places where it was impossible for us to reach with the large boom of our spraying device. Possibly our results, for some reason or another, surpassed those normally attained but we followed recommended standard practice.

Fairways that once were the worst on our course now are our best. The grass spread rapidly when the weed competition was removed.

The bad lies that usually call for skill beyond that of the average player no longer exist. It's our opinion that the tendency to play "improved lies" is not only a bad thing for the spirit of the rules of the game but is a check to the development of the game of the average country club member. Now we have no more bad lies and all members play their shots with more confidence than ever was possible on weedy fairways.

One point about this 2, 4-D job that especially appealed to us is that we now are not compelled to mow the rough so frequently to keep new crops of weeds coming all over our course. With the difficulty of getting labor and the high cost of labor we figure that it will be only a comparatively short time until the cost of the entire 2, 4-D application will be offset by the saving in reduction of rough mowing costs. Another point, not often thought of in connection with 2, 4-D application; is that its elimination of weeds in the rough makes finding of golf balls much easier, thus answers one argument often made for abolishing the rough and doing away with a testing and valid feature of real golf architecture.

Another maintenance practice we have been able to follow this season is that of mowing the greens 6 times a week. This certainly has helped in getting our greens back to their best pre-war standard.

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