Snead's "Natural Golf" Is Clear Pictured Teaching


Sam writes in this book that he's never taken a golf lesson in his life, by which he means never a formal lesson. He's learned plenty from his own experiences and watching others. He certainly has learned a lot about teaching from his hitches at White Sulphur and playing with many amateurs of various degrees of proficiency.

Sam, and Tom Shehan, who wrote the book with him, turned out an excellent, understandable standard work on golf instruction. The photographs of dramatic moments in Snead's career are especially interesting and informative as they describe clearly the details of making the shot that's pictured. "The "Questions and Answers" are another very helpful part of a book that is filled with sound instruction.

Many of the news illustrations show trouble shots. They'll be valuable to the average golfer who is in trouble a lot.

Thatch in Fairway Turf
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(GCSA Talk)

At the Lehigh CC we have no thatch problem on putting greens cut at ¼ in. or less. Severe raking at least once each spring and removal of clippings prevent any mat formation. The same is true to a lesser extent of our bent grass tees, approaches and collars, cut at ½ in. Clippings are removed from these areas and they are raked occasionally. Dr. John F. Cornman published a very comprehensive paper on this subject in July-August 1952 Golf Course Reporter. Warren Bidwell in March 1952 GOLFDOM discussed thatch control with aerifying, fertilizing and liming.

Many clubs during the past several years have been renovating fairways and seeding bent grasses. In a few years these clubs will have the same thatch problem that we have at Lehigh. It is the biggest maintenance problem on the course. In 1946 and 1947 we renovated our fairways and seeded with a mixture of Colonial and Highland bent. By 1950 we had fairways which looked like putting greens cut at ½ in. They were so tight that clippings would remain on the surface, like hay.