Pat Mahoney starts Dorothy Middaugh out right by showing her how to grip a club.

California Project

Physical Ed Teachers Do Graduate Work at Third All-Golf Clinic

Golf professionals and teachers met in Monterey, Calif., in July for the third All-Golf clinic, making it their biggest summer gathering to date. About 175 recreation leaders and physical educators took part in a 3½ day workshop aimed at making teachers better students of golf instruction.

Five PGA professionals and five collegiate teachers formed the staff that presented a course covering topics ranging from “Procedures in Beginning Group Instruction” to “Advanced Golf Rules.” The scope was broad, yet complete enough to provide a unit of credit in Physical Education through the extension services of San Jose State College.

Guy Bellitt, an old pro at group instruction and teachers' clinics, represented the So. Calif. PGA Section as did Ben King, young head professional of Los Coyotes CC, Buena Park.

No. Calif. PGA representatives included Pat Mahoney, the well known instructor from Palo Alto, Dave Mancour, head professional at Silverado GC, Napa, and Shirley Spork, Tanforan CC, San Bruno.
Miss Spork was the first LPGA member to serve on the All-Golf clinic; Shirley felt right at home with the educators, as she majored in Physical Education at Eastern Michigan University while winning the Women's Intercollegiate championship. The collegiate staff also contained the familiar name of Cecil Hollingsworth. He not only is instructor of physical education at UCLA but is an operator, with Gomer Sims, of such well-known Southern California courses as Alondra Park, Meadowbrook and Singing Hills.

Other instructors included Norm Duncan, also from the P. E. Dept. of UCLA; Golf Coach Ken Griffin, Los Angeles City College; Hal Buffa coach of Diablo Valley College and Ray Balsley, whose San Mateo Jr. College golf teams have won three consecutive state J. C. Championships. Bob Hanna, executive secy. of the No. Calif. Golf Assn. and Harvie Ward, former U. S. Amateur champion, rounded out the instructing staff.

Weight Shift Studied

One session of much interest to the students was a film study that measured weight shift in the golf swing. Conducted by the Research Staff of UCLA, the film showed the swings of professionals who

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but not made due to the dry weather.

Tees: In need of fertilizer like the fairways, they received the same treatment as the fairways.

The pH of the water was pH 8.2. It was bringing our soil pH up to this level and caused us to have iron and other mineral element deficiencies. We had to spray frequently with iron chelates on greens, tees and fairways. By using ammonium sulfate we hoped to reduce the pH.

We had several worm attacks in April and May and also infestation by an insect known locally as the "Changa." This creature is similar to the mole cricket. We had only one light rain in 36 days. Without an efficient watering system the course would have dried up.

The grass is Gene Tift Bermuda on fairways, greens and tees. I think we would have nicer turf with a Tifton 328 — Ormond Bermuda combination or a Tifton 328 — Tifton 419 combination. The grass at Dorado was planted before the Tifton 328 had a chance to be introduced in the tropics.

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competed in the Los Angeles Open. The tests were made using special platforms provided by the Toledo Scale Co. and installed on the driving range at Rancho Park.

This, and other special sessions relative to teaching methods and techniques, have helped establish the All-Golf clinic as something more than mere experiment.

Started by the National Golf Foundation and the California Assn. of Health, Physical Education and Recreation at Fresno in 1959, the clinic has had a boost in attendance of 200 per cent in just three years of operation.

Clover Control Program

John McCoy, supt. of Cincinnati (O.) CC, points out that there isn't much of a trick to controlling clover if a consistent fertilizing program is followed on both fairways and roughs. He uses a fertilizer that is high in nitrogen and potash and very low in phosphate. McCoy and Marion Mendenhall, also a Cincy dist. supt. run their topdressing material through a No. 6 screen. This produces a highly refined product that gives a prime finish to a green. McCoy long has been an advocate of monthly topdressing.