BOOK REVIEWS


This is an interesting history of the tournament begun in 1934 and which now vies with the National Open as the top golf championship of the U. S. Bob Jones covered in an authoritative way in his book, "Golf Is My Game," the story of the beginning of the Augusta National club and the Masters tournament. Flaherty takes it from there with detail and color filled in on the results of the various Masters events. There are well chosen illustrations, many of them color plates that appeared in Sports Illustrated.


Sam has written more words than Shakespeare; anyway the by-lines say so. Night after night he is up there in the attic scribbling by candlelight and giving birth to another epic. The fact that he hasn’t won a Nobel prize for literature shows the competition ain’t on the level.

But any book with pictures of Snead’s method in it is bound to be a good golf book for, as Sam cites the old proverb, “a picture says more than a thousand Chinese words.” Whoever did the words to the music of the Slammer’s swing (in the remote possibility that anybody wrote the book for Sam) must be credited with a good, sound, simple and helpful job. It’s one of those things like a doctor’s advice to get plenty of sleep, a lot of fresh air and pure water, eat modest quantities of non-fattening food and chew it well, exercise, don’t worry and keep the bowels open. All this and regular hours, too.

The book is worth the money. Sam should read it or look at the pictures, anyway. They are great!


This 8½ x 11-in. paperback volume that runs to 80 pages is not designed to be an instruction book, but rather is a supplementary instruction text that may be best used by persons teaching golf in schools and colleges. The author is connected
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with the Physical Education dept. of Long
Beach (Calif.) State College. Her book is
a collection of material on directing golf
classes that has been compiled over a
period of several years. Subjects covered
include fundamentals of the swing, put-
ting, practicing, competition, etc. There
is a glossary of commonly used terms,
check lists covering different parts of the
swing and even a pair of crossword puz-
zes for students who may be short on
agility but long on intelligence.

Robert W. Schery, who has been a
speaker at meetings of the Central Plains
Turfgrass Foundation and other mid-west
and central states conferences, has written
"The Lawn Book", which is published by
MacMillan. While not aimed at the pro-
essional turf manager, there is much
usable information here. Of particular in-
terest are the debunking paragraphs at
the end of each chapter.

New York Leads in Course Sites
But California Closes Gap

According to the Greenline, West Coast
publication of the National Golf Founda-
tion, California has become the second
ranking state in total number of golf
courses, but still trails New York by 75.
In the last 30 years, California's total has
been increased by 102 while New York
has gained only a single course. States such
as Illinois and Wisconsin have shown ac-
tual decreases in playing sites in the last
three decades. Massachusetts is even,
Florida has gained five and Michigan,
six. Par 3 courses are taken into consid-
eration in the following tabulation:

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Shifting population, real estate de-
mands, the Depression and changing pat-
terns of play (i.e., Par 3 courses) are said
to be the main factors affecting the in-
crease of courses in various parts of the
country.