Golf Books

The American Golfer. Edited by Charles Price. Random House, Inc., 457 Madison ave., New York 22. $9.95. This is a typographically beautiful collection of the best in the first important U.S. golf magazine. The American Golfer was founded in 1908 and lasted until 1935. The emphasis is on golf in the '20's when the game knew its first golden era. Grantland Rice, Ring Lardner and Bernard Darwin, among others, are presented, but O. B. Keeler, Bob Jones' Boswell, carries the book. There is a fine mixture of instruction and general material. Keeler's interview of Stewart Maiden, Jones' teacher, may be the best thing you'll read anywhere. You'll probably agree that the instruction articles in The American Golfer aren't as laboriously written as those you see in present day golf magazines.

Swing Easy, Hit Hard. By Julius Boros. Harper & Row, Publishers. 49 E. 33rd st., New York 16. $4.95. The emphasis here, as the title implies, is on the smooth, relaxed swing that usually produces far more satisfying results than the big swish. The publication date is Jan. 13.

According to the publishing firm, David McKay Co., Inc., 750 Third ave., New York, Paul Hahn has recently completed a book which will appear in March. It is entitled "Trouble Shots and How to Make Them."

Dave Williams, University of Houston golf coach, also has written a book in recent months. It's entitled "How to Coach and Play Championship Golf." . . . George Kinsman, Jr., pro for several years at Point Judith CC, Narragansett, R.I., has a tome coming out in February that will emphasize the futility of trying to teach the average player the polished swing of the pro.

The Encyclopedia of Golf, compiled by Nevin H. Gibson (A. S. Barnes & Co., 8 E. 36th st., New York 10016 — $3.50) and Robert Cromie's Par for the Course (The MacMillan Co., New York — $6.95) are reported to be getting strong sales. They were published last fall. Gibson's Encyclopedia has been updated to include records through 1962.

The Rules of Golf for 1965, published by the USGA, 40 E. 28th st., New York 10016, can be obtained for 25 cents per copy, up to 500 copies, and for somewhat less for 501 copies or more. According to the USGA, changes in the new rules are only minor. For the most part they cover Three-Ball, Best-Ball and Four-Ball matches.