1942 by war production, golf ball and club output came to a halt. Balata, however, managed to escape and, mixed with used ball material, was used in reconditioning golf balls.

Fortunately with the ever increasing golf course maintenance load, the introduction of new and improved machines, materials and chemicals is sharply pointed toward helping the superintendents keep pace with their course management problems and costs—particularly the steadily rising cost of labor.

Over the years the course equipment and supply manufacturers and their dealers have so greatly contributed to golf's growth. At the start Herb and I recognized the unique position held by the dealers and their special services in nourishing the growing, needing golf market, often at considerable financial risk. We learned a lot in working with them.

Fourteen years ago

Ben Hogan came back to win his fourth U.S. Open Championship.