pies made available for the members under the locker-boy’s ministrations. If this is done, the cook might be found unnecessary in the club kitchen, although the club that decides to go after winter patronage in a serious way ought not cut down too severely on the service and comforts about the building or the members will find it too unattractive and crude to keep them coming out.

**Profits from Renting Tackle**

If you exclude the intangible benefits resulting from preservation of member interest through year-round activity, none of the departmental profits mentioned above would in themselves warrant keeping the club open through the winter. But there is profit to be expected from the game of archery-golf itself which, added to the profits from the departments, bulk comfortably large.

This profit results from several phases of the archery-golf situation. First of all, it is impractical to expect the members of a club to go out and buy bows and arrows without first trying the game to determine whether or not they are going to like it. So, archery tackle should be available for rental at whatever nominal rate the club may decide is appropriate. Clubs in the Cincinnati and Cleveland districts rent a bow and six arrows for 50c to $1.00 per round.

Let’s figure what that can amount to. Assume that through proper promotion and club interest, the number of rounds of archery golf through the winter season of 20 weeks averages 75 rounds weekly. That is 1,500 rounds; at 50c per round, the winter’s income from this source will amount to $750. First class equipment, sufficient to handle a patronage of 75 rounds per week, can be purchased from archery tackle manufacturers for not to exceed $350, thus leaving a profit on the season’s operations of $400. Moreover, the original equipment is very little depreciated.

**Players Soon Buy Own Tackle**

In actual practice, the rental money will not reach this total, because soon after a member becomes sold on the lure of archery-golf he decides to purchase his own equipment, and since archery tackle is not readily purchasable everywhere, he will have no objection to making his purchase through the club. In fact, the member has probably found a particular bow among the rental sets that meets with his fancy.
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Since the club has purchased this bow at a discount, it is in position to make a profit in the neighborhood of 35 per cent on the sale.

When a man goes out to play a round of golf, he expects to lose or render unplayable one or more golf balls, and he does not protest loudly against this item of overhead. In archery golf there is a similar breakage or loss of arrows, although it is less frequent than in golf balls. Consequently, whether the member rents his archery tackle or uses his own, he will be forced occasionally to buy arrows to replace those he has broken. He buys them naturally from the club's stock, and on these sales the club or the pro makes a profit that mounts up nicely through the season.

Game Is Not Dangerous

The commonest objection to archery-golf is the feeling that the game is dangerous. As a matter of fact, there are no more hazards to the game than to golf. An arrow does not slice or hook; it goes straight from the bow and only in the very highest winds will it drift off the fairway into the rough. Thus, the archer has full control over the arrow at all times. Moreover, the very fact that arrows are being shot makes the player careful to observe ordinary caution.

To make it possible for archers to exercise care while playing the game, blind holes and dog-leg holes are never found on an archery-golf course. The usual practice is to follow closely the sequence of the holes as played for golf, but where a dog-leg or blind hole is met it is customary to shift the "shooting post" and target slightly to eliminate all possibility of archers not being able to tell whether the men in front of them are out of range or not.

Briefly summarized, archery-golf offers a means of holding a club's membership interested during an otherwise inactive period; it will bring certain departmental income into the club to help meet the expenses of the winter and probably permit them to operate at a profit; it will result in a sure profit through the rental and sale of archery tackle.

This being the case, GOLFDOM believes it will pay clubs to consider carefully the possibilities of archery-golf. Readers interested in the rules of the game and information regarding leading lines of archery tackle can obtain this literature by checking "Archery Supplies" on the Buyers' Page in this issue, page 27, and mailing to GOLFDOM.
DAILY-FEE course business is sick and suffering with an acute attack of fiscal anemia which the patient itself is having difficulty in diagnosing. In the absence of correct diagnosis and prompt, effective treatment it is certain that the golf season of 1933 will open minus the presence of some of today's operators of fee-courses.

What hope there is for these doomed operators depends entirely on the attitude of the receivers or other heirs to the properties now on the ragged edge. And there's not much hope there for, even with properties bought in for 30 cents on the dollar, the new owners are not going to take a chance on future operation by fellows who have registered one flop on the job.

But the golf business seems to have been blessed by the benevolent attention of a gracious providence which up to this time always has given the unfortunates within its fairly prosperous ranks "one more chance." This happy and promising aspect of the present plight appears in Chicago, the most intensely developed daily-fee course territory in the golfing world.

The Chicago daily-fee owners include some men who have done a pretty fair job of keeping afloat during these troubled times. They have bucked murderous competition of 23 public courses and of private courses that are operating either outright or practically on a daily-fee basis. But this competition hasn't been the toughest spot, or the basic reason for the reddish tinge of the Chicago fee-course owners' ledgers. The worst competition is between the fee-course owners themselves; so the fellows who have substantial investments and an excellent chance of eventual good profit in normal times now are planning to investigate and point out the competitive errors that have played hell with the whole fee-course situation.

Whether any of these owners like it or not, they now are in the spot where they must become their brothers' keepers. The violent ill of the Chicago district fee-course business today is blind, panic-stricken price cutting. That same sickness is raging as an epidemic in many of the other districts. The pestilence started in an easy way. Some readjustment of prices might have been necessary because of the general downward trend of prices. But even this cut was questionable as the accounting methods of many of the fee courses are so haphazard the owners don't know where they stand and operate in the dark until the sheriff steps in and shows them the light—and the air.

Most people think they can run a fee-course better than the fellow who is doing it. They get in and find themselves over their heads in a perplexing business. Take a representative cross section of fee-course owners in the Chicago district, for instance, and you have wide variation in professional and business training that doesn't especially qualify men for fee-course operation in addition to their other duties. Among the businesses represented in ownership roster of Chicago district fee-courses are fruit, dentistry, farming, railroad supplies, lumber, real estate, pro golf, surgeon, physician, automobiles, advertising, hotel, ice-cream, coal and ice, contracting, printing, building supplies, binding, financial promotion, banking, clothing and furniture.

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ash and Perlmutter days when Abe said to Mawruss, “Every man has two businesses, his own and moving pictures.”

Remote control operation has exposed these courses to the public really taking over the management. Some one comes around to a course with the statement that the price at so-and-so is cut. Without stopping to investigate, the operator at the course where the statement is made, cuts the price and the vicious circle is started.

Now the fee-course operators are at the point where they are planning to regulate their business instead of letting it slide hopelessly into the red because of panic-stricken reaction to golf shoppers.

Just what form this regulation will take depends on the response to a questionnaire that soon will be sent out among owners in the Chicago district. This questionnaire will be sent by GOLFDOM to all fee-course owners.

There have been frequent inquiries made of GOLFDOM regarding the possibility of sharply marking the destructive influences in fee-course operation. What can be done in eliminating these influences by acquainting the owners of the costly result of letting these destructive factors continue to run wild?

It may be just another “noble experiment,” but it is reasonable to assume that there will be a general and frank response to this questionnaire for the simple reason that it’s a vital and timely effort to get a legitimate and promising business on a solid basis.

Early reaction to the investigation has been favorable. What the substantial fee-course owners point out is that any suggestion for regulation of the business must be something that has teeth in it, otherwise the fee-course business is in danger of being like the fabled snake that chawed away on its own tail until it ate itself.
Planting and Maintenance Tips that Assure Results and Thrift

By HUGH C. MOORE

VERY SOON the golf clubs in the South will be putting in their winter greens and there will be many mistakes made in doing so. Most club budgets are cut down to the bottom. Care should be taken to get full germination, as most clubs will not be able to plant the second time.

First, I would not sow too soon, especially south of the Carolinas, as young rye, redtop, and Kentucky bluegrass cannot stand hot weather. Last winter many clubs lost their winter grass around Christmas on account of the extreme hot weather.

In planting winter grass it does not require much skill, but it does require some judgment. I do not believe in raking Bermuda grass for in doing so you loosen your smooth putting surface, which will take some time to get back. First take a heavy steel mat, drag it across your greens and then cut your greens the other way. Spike both ways, for in doing this you will make a bed for your seed. Sow your seed with a seeder; I don't believe it can be done evenly by hand. Topdress as little as possible. I have found that most trouble comes from too heavy topdressing. This also delays germination and sometimes causes a scald. Use a little sulphate in topdressing, about 20 lbs. to a green of 5,000 to 8,000 sq. ft. That is done to give it a start and to stimulate the growth, especially if the weather is cold. I do not believe in fertilizing until the greens are 4 to 5 weeks old; that is where many greens are lost. Start fertilizing with just enough to keep the color and necessary growth. A very good fertilizer is part milorganite with a little sulphur; the amount depends on the condition of your greens.

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