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Pro Leaders Experience Shows Teaching Is Profit Basis

By HERB GRAFFIS

I KNOW OF a case where a competent conscientious pro narrowly escaped being fired this year. He is not able to click in the tournaments. He is a quiet fellow, but dependable and has about 15 years of master pro service at good clubs to his credit.

Because he wasn't doing anything especially notable some of the members of his clubs were all for canning him and getting a livelier man. Heading the group in favor of a pro change is a fellow I know fairly well. This bird had been playing badly and complained to me about his game.

I suggested that he take a few lessons. "O.K., but from whom?" he countered.

"Why not try your own pro. You've been bemoaning about him but so far as I know never have given him a chance as a teacher."

The complainant took the first of his lessons. He won his match in his class championship and $2.25 with it. I saw him the next day and he opened up.

"Say, I've changed my mind about our pro. He knows his stuff. He straightened me out after a few shots. I'm all for him. I tipped him off to get acquainted and make boosters by giving more lessons."

Therein lies one of the biggest of pro opportunities. Lesson business to men has dwindled sadly and with this slump has vanished the opportunity to form the close acquaintanceship with members that the elder pros enjoyed to their profit.

Lesson business isn't something that just comes in. It must be solicited energetically according to a definite plan. If there's one outstanding thing taught by 1933 pro business it is the necessity of starting well in advance to increase 1934 instruction.

Let's see how some of the most successful professionals go about building up golf interest and instruction income at their clubs.

Consider first the case of the veteran Dave Ogilvie at the Oakwood Club (Cleveland district). Dave's assistants have graduated into some of the best-handled pro jobs in the country and seeing how he has gone about developing women and child golfers at Oakwood gives you a good idea of the logic and success of the Ogilvie methods.

Dave says: "We have quite a number of women players at Oakwood and quite a number of young girls between 12 and 18. Every Tuesday morning we hold a tournament of some kind and a lot of interest is taken in these tournaments. Then we have monthly flights. I have always taken as much interest in my women players as possible and it is a pleasure to work with them as they are all very keen.

"I am lucky to have my practice tee, which I run as a driving range, close to my shop and I encourage them to practice as much as possible. Many mornings in the middle of summer there will be as high as ten practicing at one time. I sometimes go out and give them some points just to help then a little. Dave, Jr. and I have been giving class lessons for women last summer, once each week and we have been very popular. We would have as many as ten to twelve in each class. For two months we had to have the class twice each week. We pass along from one to another giving points. Each woman has 80 balls and it takes just about an hour to drive them off. We are going to continue these classes next summer, and also intend to have a class for children under 12.

In Pro-Shop Atmosphere

"Children under 12 are not allowed to play on our course, but I get the parents to let them come and practice. I encourage the young players to come around the shop, as in that way they get a lot of golfing knowledge which helps them later. They also see whatever club-making is done and soon understand what a good club means. When they want clubs they come to us for advice."
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"A lot of interest is taken in women's golf throughout the Cleveland District. There is a well run women's golf association which schedules team matches during the season, two divisions of 8 teams each from 16 clubs. Each team consists of the 4 low handicap players from each club. The team matches take place every two weeks and the team with the most points at the end of the season is the winner. I was lucky enough to have my team from Oakwood come home the winner this year. A lot of interest is taken in these matches and there is a keen fight in each club to get on the team. The teams being composed of the 4 low handicap players keeps them all trying to get their handicaps down. The Association also has a one day tournament once each month at different clubs and usually there is a very big entry.

"The pro can do a lot to encourage women at his club. He has to take a personal interest in each one. A free lesson now and again lets them see that you are really interested. Even a few minutes will help. Asking them, when they finish a round, how they have been playing and then a suggestion or two may make them keen to try it again. Encourage them to come around the shop, talk to them about the crack women players and how these stars play. Explain the different swings they use. Keep their interest and let them know you are anxious to see them improve their golf.

"The pro can't go wrong in doing these things as it helps the women players and helps the club, for it keeps the club busy. It also helps the pro as he has more golf played, has more sales, gives more lessons and has the satisfaction that his club is flourishing and that he is helping to keep it that way.

"If a pro loses interest in his members the club suffers and will soon go dead. In my opinion it is up to the pro to keep things humming around his club by his personal interest in the players."

Nothing sells like sincerity. You always have seen sincerity sticking out of Ogilvie's efforts and growth in women and children's golf is attributable to this earnestness rather than to any commercial motive.

Roland Wingate, pro at The Country Club, Brookline, Mass., is another who believes that the women's and children's development in golf gives the conscientious pro a delight that transcends any mone-
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mechanics of the game. He studies with
the pupil as well as teaches the pupil and
in that way keeps his own game up.

On the point of a good game being the
teacher's great asset, Smith comments: "I
feel that my game helps me in teaching
and I know that it gives the pupil confi-
dence in me."

Smith remarks:
"The advertisement I seek is a satisfied
pupil who has definitely improved his game
through my instruction. He will be a
great booster and will spread the gospel
for me. This is the best method of stimu-
ling lesson interest.

"I watch all players when possible and
am always glad for a discussion in regard
to any particular swing or any feature of
the golf stroke. I take an interest in all
members, as much as possible. Whether
they take lessons from me or not I en-
devor to answer carefully any inquiry re-
garding the swing. Always I am anxious
to try and get the reaction to my lessons
and I try to check over the pupils' games
with them as much as possible. Playing
with as many members as possible affords
a great opportunity for stimulating inter-
est and enthusiasm regarding instruction
especially if you work in a few helpful
suggestions during the round.

"Free class instruction especially for
children seems a good method of develop-
ing instructional interest. A professional
must have a certain amount of enthusiasm
for teaching if he is to be successful. Mo-
tion pictures should be a great stimulation
and I am surprised that this method has
not been used more generally.

"Exhibitions are useful to aid in arous-
ing lesson interest. The greater the edu-
cation of the players regarding proper
playing methods the greater lesson pos-
sibilities. The more you find out the more
you want to find out."

Endorses Movie Instruction.

Mortie Dutra, pro at Red Run G. C. (De-
troit district) is another of the progressive,
successful younger pros who endorses mo-
tion picture instruction. Dutra, like Smith,
heartily believes that unless a pro has a
genuine, personal interest in all the club
members' games and is alert to tactfully
volunteer helpful suggestions, the pro will
be a flop as an instructor.

It is Mortie's experience that the class
lessons for children and women have been
highly beneficial not only to the pupils but
to the pro in arousing more golf interest.
He is inclined to think that advantage
could be taken of the daylight saving next
season by having free group lessons for
men.

Dutra's comment on this matter follows:
"Most of us have seen an amazing
growth in women's and children's golf
play brought about, in no small measure
by the free group lessons given by profes-
sionals.

"We also have done our best, without
much success, to boost the number of
men's lessons. We excuse our failure in
this direction by saying men haven't the
time for instruction, even if they had the
inclination.

"Why not, instead of giving up this
men's lesson increase as an unbeatable
job, see if we can't stir it up by free group
lessons next year? Maybe the embarrass-
ment of men, their unwillingness to admit
that they already don't know all about
golf, and their eagerness to hurry out on
the course in their available time, will
doom our experiment to failure, but it's
worth a trial.

"I think that the opening will be given
us if the PGA gets somewhere with its
talk about formulating expert instruction.
If something is done in establishing a pat-
tern for first-class instruction, we can
give our men a free sample of it in class
lessons. After all the publicity that this
idea has been getting, I believe that keen
public interest can be brought to a focus
in group lessons. It means that a brisk
publicity campaign must go right along
with the work of the PGA in systematizing
golf instruction to a sound model. This
publicity should make the members curious
about seeing the uniform instruc-
tion plan in action. If we can get them
out for group lessons, then we will be cer-
tain to pick up a lot more individual busi-
ness.

"Tied up with this uniform instruction
should be motion pictures in which full
use should be made of the grand motion
picture instruction idea the PGA had some
time ago, but which was not given suf-
ciently persistent or organized push.

"The one thing that every pro should
remember in planning through the winter
to put more emphasis on his instruction
is that the better a member plays the
more he plays.

"I also believe that the publicity attend-
ant on the winter tournaments should
bring out more the fact that this schedule
is a big factor in golf instruction. I don't
know of a pro who has played in the win-
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ter tournaments who hasn’t picked up some very valuable pointers for use in instructing his club members.”

**Offers Prize to Pupils**

George Arnold, pro at Kildeer C. C. (Chicago district) is a quiet, hard-working, fireside pro who has a lesson business that many widely-known pros would envy. George was one of the first fellows to push the free group lesson business strong.

He has pushed another idea that the fellows would do well to adopt and feature. Here’s what he has to say about a highly successful stunt:

“You know without me telling you that on the average fully 75 per cent of lessons are to ladies. My idea has worked out very well at Kildeer, in offering a yearly prize to the lady reducing her handicap the most on a percentage basis; that gives every one an even chance, e. g., a 10 handicap reduced to 5, equals .500, a 36 to 18 the same thing. I usually give a set of matched irons as a prize, and usually there are 4 or 5 in each class in the running. Nearly always they are taking lessons, the winner in the last 6 years has been a pupil of mine, which promotes the idea of lessons to the others. This year is no exception; a reduction of from 36 to 19 handicap won the prize.

“From my own experience group lessons to the kids pay big dividends in lessons to their parents and in private lessons to children when they can take on mother and father and beat them.

“Give a little free tip now and then to a fellow on the course with whom you may be playing, or see. If the tip works, (and it usually does because it’s free), he becomes interested, and comes back with the roll untied and gets to work.

“These three lesson-getters have worked well for me, and in addition bring people from outside to take lessons, because the pro interest is there. Here is the key-note of all this: The pro’s interest in the pupil, not the pupil’s in the pro’s ability to play the game under par.”

Some of the methods work at some clubs and are complete failures at others. The reason does not seem to be in the club as much as in the pro who applies the methods. Selling instruction is as much an art as is instruction itself, so if a pro cannot employ the lesson-selling method that strongly appeals to him, he had better pass it up in favor of some stunt that he can enthuse about.

My observation causes me to agree with Jerry Glynn, pro at Olympia Field C. C. (Chicago district) who says that some pros are born to teach a lot of lessons but those who aren’t can acquire the knack of attracting pupils and giving them good instruction. Jerry puts it: “If the pro is not interested in instruction, why should the member be?”

At Olympia Fields last year the lesson business was big and the improvement in pupil’s games most gratifying. Glynn and his staff held a 7-week course of free class lessons to women. The first lesson was entirely skull practice, with Glynn and his assistants, explaining the principles of a good golf swing and using simple but carefully thought-out parallels in making the lesson clear to the women, many of whom were beginning golf. By starting the pupils to think golf rather than to swing right away, Glynn prepared them to help themselves with their heads.

This past season I have talked to probably a hundred pros about lessons and have noticed keener interest in this subject than during any previous year. The fellows are beginning to think that a good part of the reason why there are so many more women than men taking golf lessons is simply because the pros have given more study and action to the problem of getting women to take lessons.
What It Takes to Be a Club Official

By MARK GOLDEN
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IT IS AN ACCEPTED fact that any position is filled better when its holder has a practical knowledge of his duties than when filled by one who did not get his knowledge from practical experience. Constant study of any particular subject admittedly is necessary. This is vitally so in regard to a country club.

I am sure that when an organization is functioning properly it has at its head a president who is an able man in this position; likewise, the secretary-treasurer, chairman of the green-committee, the greenkeeper, and the professional. Trying to place myself in these various positions, I am going to try to give a brief synopsis as to just what each one should do in functioning toward the success of the club.

First, if I were president of the club, I would do my best to adhere strictly to the rules and regulations laid down by the club, and grant no special privileges to any one member. I would ask for a monthly report from the various department heads so that at a monthly meeting we could have a complete check on everything pertaining to the club and course. I should likewise handle all complaints and suggestions with the greatest care before taking any action. Most clubs have at their head a man of this kind who has won the distinction of being a success in his particular chosen field and whose advice, suggestions and personality go a long way toward giving the club the proper background.

The secretary-treasurer's job is primarily detail work and keeping records. If his work is kept neatly and accurately, the club has a valuable asset, for these records are vitally important when the time comes to make out a budget for the following year.

The green-chairman has one of the most important positions in the club. The man selected for this job should have tolerance, consideration and diplomacy, and above all should be a good executive. For under him is the greenkeeper and the help employed on the course. Of course, if he has an efficient greenkeeper his burdens are lessened a great deal, but it is he who is responsible for a good share of the club's expenditures and is directly responsible for the care of the course.

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Every good green-chairman should have a complete check on all equipment, be able to buy and purchase all the necessary machinery, seed and fertilizer, be able to hold down the course maintenance, and, above all things, be able to stay within the appropriation given him. He should be on the best of terms with the greenkeeper because on their cooperative functioning depends the well being of the club.

The greenkeeper, to be an asset to his club, must be an efficient man. His executive responsibility surpasses any of the above mentioned heads of departments. He must give the green-chairman a complete report on work being done, get the most out of the men he has hired and at all times have the course in the best possible condition.

The golf professional should at all times keep in mind that the members are what keep him at his job. Members to a golf professional are like votes to a politician. Without them there is no business. If he is unable to do the impossible; that is, please everybody, he can do the next best thing, which is to try. He can assist each and every one of the various department heads. He should be able to tell the president of the club anything he should wish to know with regard to the running of his pro-shop. He can assist the greenkeeper and relieve him of minor jobs that he might be able to do when his own duties are not demanding his time. His kindliness and consideration of the young fellows who are caddies under him keeping them satisfied and content with the job they are doing.

It hardly seems possible that any club should fail if the various heads would get together and iron out any difficulties that they might encounter. But it is still up to the man in the position he is filling at the club, to make it successful.

Pros Profit by Getting Star Pupils into Events

O NE of the best ways in which a pro can increase his reputation as a teacher is to encourage, to the limit of his ability, his star pupils to enter local, sectional and national golf events. This applies both to men and women golfers, and the smart pro will not overlook the beneficial publicity which can result by having one of his junior players show well in a juvenile event, such as the Women's Western GA's annual Junior Open, which this year will be played July 9-12 at Park Ridge C. C., Chicago.

Examples of pros who have developed women stars and as a result have had their reputations as expert instructors built up are numerous. Al Lesperance, for example, is well known for his work with Mrs. Opal Hill; Ernest Jones is widely known as the tutor of Virginia Van Wie; Jack Mackie and Harry Pressler improved their reputations as expert instructors as the result of the publicity their star pupils, Helen Hicks and Leona Cheney obtained. And the most current example is Fred Miley of Lexington, Ky., who sent his daughter—and pupil—Marion, around the women's southern circuit, where she showed to impressive advantage at every appearance.

The smart golf pro will devote a few minutes this spring taking inventory of his golfing prospects among the golfers of his club. If he has a prospective headliner within the membership, he will lose nothing by making arrangements to instruct that individual throughout the season, even if lesson-prices must be cut or entirely forgotten.

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