

## HON. SECRETARY'S NOTES



### F. G. Hawtree Memorial Fund & The Tournament

The Spring course at the S.T.R.I. is already booked but I am hoping that it will be possible to include one more greenkeeper. Two places in the Autumn course are already reserved and I shall be inviting applications later.

It looks as if the popularity of these courses will require booking as far ahead

### DO WE CARRY TOO MANY CLUBS—OR TOO FEW?—cont.

battery with which, truth compels me to admit, he peppered the green with deadly accuracy. But he would have been equally effective, I am persuaded, with only half as many. And who is to say that Vardon would have won more than his six Open Championships if he had carried 18 clubs instead of nine?

### Clubs Used.

Let me suggest for those who may seek to anticipate the day when the 14-club limit may be raised a simple exercise in recollection. After your next round of golf make a count of the clubs you used. And count, too, the number of times you felt at a loss for a club. If your experience is anything like mine you will have to admit that you did not use more than three-quarters of your clubs and that you would not have trimmed your score by a single stroke if you had had an extra club to play with.

Most people have the standard set of clubs—four woods, nine irons—from 2 to 9 and the wedge—and a putter. How often, I wonder, do you use your No. 2 iron? And if you do use it how often do you play a satisfactory shot? For

After visiting the Sheffield Section to hear Mr. Hawtree's lecture on golf course design at the end of November, I travelled down to Bristol with him in December to hear a repeat performance for the South Western Section. A. A. Cockfield, the Section's Hon. Secretary had brought along a strong contingent from his club at Sham Castle, and as usual question time was a lively feature of the entertainment. I hope to get along to the Southern Section lecture on 31st January, and possibly to another Section this winter, if I can get a lift in the right direction at the right time.

as does August accommodation for the Tournament which will take place this year on the 13th, 14th and 15th August. Prospective competitors should be thinking about this. I hope we shall have an even bigger attendance this year.

A Happy New Year to you all,

C. H. Dix.

that matter, how many of our professionals will back themselves to hit and hold a green with a No. 2 iron? Precious few of them, for the bigger the iron the less assured are they, and the majority of golfers, of hitting an adequate shot.

No doubt the power of the modern professionals and the excellence of modern equipment combine to give them few opportunities of playing very long second shots. They are wonders with the medium and short irons, but notably weaker vessels when they have to use the big stick through the green. Why then should we handicap golfers think that we can rifle long iron shots to the heart of a green?

Perhaps these rather sour reflections are the best kind of argument for carrying the No. 5 wood, and we might have to be very strong-minded to jettison the No. 2 iron in its favour. I prefer to think that the Royal and Ancient, despite its known passion for solidarity with our American cousins, will cry "Hold, enough", and not tamper with at least one rule that has done no harm to golf and golfers.

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