

'Dictionary of Golf' defines all you would want to know from A to Z

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Bob blocked the balata from the bunker with the backscrow of his baffle. Or was it his brassie? But the banana ball burrowed into the Blue grama where billbugs, barley yellow dwarfs and blister smuts blended.

Now, if you translated that bit o' blarney you're either a golf fanatic or you probably just bought "The Dictionary of Golf," a 79-page handbook containing definitions of everything from abiotic disease to Zoysia patch.

The book contains the definitions of myriad grasses, their diseases and insect problems as well as words used for the game, courses, equipment, scoring, competitions and penalties.

Rutgers University academicians and golf buffs Spencer H. Davis, Steven R. Langlois and Louis M. Vasvary have more than 75 years experience teaching superintendents and researching golf course problems.

They pooled their knowledge to produce an entertaining dictionary that should help superintendents, pros, greens committee members and golfers better understand one another through a common language.

Following the definition section are easy-to-read appendices list-

ing the common and scientific names of common grasses, turfgrass diseases and pathogens, as well as past winners, scores and locations of the major men's and women's professional tournaments.

"The Dictionary of Golf" is available for \$9.95 through pro shops and book stores or for \$10.95 from Carlton Press, Inc., 11 West 32nd Street, New York, N.Y. 10001.

Oh yeah.

Remember Bob?

Well, the poor guy pushed his shot by delaying the rotation of his

wrists and hands (blocking). He struck the ball, the cover of which is made from the sap from of a tropical tree (balata), with the screw at the heel (backscrow) of a wooden club, either his 5-wood (baffle) or 2-wood (brassie).

Unfortunately, he sliced it (banana ball) into a semi-arid grass (Blue grama) that was afflicted with weevils (billbugs), a virus-caused disease that yellows the blades (barley yellow dwarf) and black, elongate blisters with chlorotic haloes on the leaves (blister smut).

Ah, but you knew that.

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