#### Week Day Fee Play Takes Hold in Britain

SEVERAL English golf clubs are making their courses available for daily fee play during week days and reserving use of the course for members exclusively on Saturdays, Sundays and other holidays.

Although the idea apparently has its big interest for the English in its supply of golf playing facilities for those of the country's prospective and present players who are not club members, it also is worthy of consideration by many clubs in the United States as a source of additional revenue. Particularly in the case of many clubs in smaller towns can the week day daily fee idea be employed to get enough more revenue to put and keep the course in first-class condition. Despite the fact that some damage is done to the course by the daily fee players, it can more than be repaired by a very small fraction of the fee income.

Commenting on the playing facilities for those who prefer to pay spot cash for their golf, Golf Illustrated of London says:

"It is, at any rate, a more businesslike scheme than the ideal of free golf for small numbers of local people at stipulated hours; for presumably most of those who qualify to play in these circumstances occasionally pay something to go to the pictures or a billiards saloon and could just as well pay something for their golf. The Shooter's Hill Club, in the southeast of London, is now trying an innovation. It is a club of the kind that is usual round London. The members pay an annual subscription of seven guineas a year. They also have to take up a £5 share. As elsewhere in the metropolitan district, which, after all, is the hub of the British

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business world, the members-being mostly people in responsible positions-now play chiefly on Saturdays and Sundays. They are protected from overcrowding on those days by the usual restrictions as to green fees, but it has been decided that from Monday to Friday, inclusive, anybody shall be allowed to play on the course by payment of 1s 6d a round and without the formality of introduction by a member or the necessity of being a member of some other recognized golf club.

"In short, Shooter's Hill becomes virtually a public course for five days in the week. We are informed that the same freedom prevails at the Honor Oak and Forest Hill Club, which is hard by the station and within twenty minutes' run of London bridge. This scheme is worthy of consideration as a means of enabling golf to find the outlet which it is seeking-and seeking mostly in vain-as a game for the community in England. It gives would-be beginners a chance to take up golf; it opens up a new field to people who used to play, but who have been unable to continue on the score of expense, and it is far better than the principle of free golf as a charity. Club house staffs and greenkeeping staffs have to be maintained throughout the Where the courses are normally almost empty except at week-ends, they might just as well be populated."

#### Picking the Pro for Winter

BY J. MARTIN WATSON

SOUTHERN clubs looking for the services of a capable professional for the winter months should take the matter in hand at this season of the year. It takes time to make a selection and it involves a good many details which should be given consideration from every angle. There are so many more worthy men in the profession today than formerly that the choice should be no longer a gamble if clubs will

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