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Under the following men who compose the Park Board, the Municipal Golf Courses of Dallas were developed: Mayor L. Blaylock, President; Emil Fretz, Vice-President; Geo. S. Leachman, S. E. Moss, Harvey S. Trewitt.

To say that the condition of Tenison Park Golf links is due to any one cause would be erroneous. It would be better to say that the fine playing condition which Walter Hagen saw fit to comment so favorably on is due to five causes, namely: 1—The nature of the ground itself; 2—The layout and construction of the course; 3—Proper construction of the greens; 4—Co-operation of Louis Jacoby and the Dallas Country club, and 5—The liberal policy of maintenance adopted by the Park Board.

One Treatment Cures Trap Neglect

THE Greens chairman at a Pennsylvania club has discovered a most successful method of educating the members to cover foot-prints and repair other damage done by them in playing out of sand-traps. The scheme is not only unusual and effective, but is also adaptable to conditions everywhere.

Toward the middle of last season the Pennsylvania chairman caused the follow-

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ing notice to appear on the bulletin board of his club:

Warning to Members!

The Grounds Committee has received the usual number of complaints this year that some of our members are careless about smoothing heel-prints in sand traps.

Members are hereby notified that on an unspecified day within the next few weeks, an OBSERVER will be stationed near certain groups of sand traps on our course and will take note of the degree of thoughtfulness displayed by our various members when leaving these pits.

He will note whether a member smoothes his foot-prints after his shot and whether he takes care to leave from a point where the least damage will be done.

Immediately thereafter, this report and accompanying notes in full detail will be posted on this board.

As might be expected, there was much objection by the members to this plan, the most common complaint being that a member should not be spied upon. The Greens Chairman replied that a man who refused to conform to the common customs and etiquette of golf needed drastic treatment. Invariably, the complaining members hastened to assure the chairman that they were not speaking for their own protection but rather because they thought the principle basically wrong.

The notice remained on the bulletin board and almost immediately the reaction was apparent. It was observed that members were extremely careful to efface all damage done by them in the pits, as they could not be sure they were not being watched. But after a week or so, nothing having developed, they began slipping back into the careless ways of the past, with the result that the pits, after a busy Sunday, once more resembled No Man's Land at its worst. Then the observer was sent out.

At one point on the course a green plentifully surrounded by sand traps lay close to the public highway, and to this spot the observer (who happened to be the chairman himself) drove a Ford one Sunday morning and there spent most of the day behind side-curtains, taking minute notes of the members' actions in the pits. The players paid no particular attention to the car, for cars watching the players were common at that spot, and the side-curtains prevented any of them from recognizing their chairman.

Next day the following notice appeared on the bulletin board:

Notice! Notice! Notice!

On Sunday, July 18th, 1926, a number of our members had the misfortune to land in the pits surrounding the seventh green. Their actions were as follows:

- 8:17 a. m.—Harry S. is a little fellow, but he certainly left elephant tracks.
- 8:29 a. m.—Joe C.'s ball landed on steep slope of pit to right. He knocked down considerable sand in taking stance and playing shot, but carefully repaired all damage before going to green.
- 8:30 a. m.—P. J. K. was playing with Joe, but he forgot to follow the good example Joe set him.
- 8:36 a. m.—Fred C. smoothed away his prints carefully.
- 8:47 a. m.—Fran S. ditto.
- 8:52 a. m.—W. M. W.'s ball landed in a heel-print left by K. "W. M." cursed his luck, played shot out viciously, and then forgot to smooth his own prints!
- 9:01 a. m.—Harry L. was thoughtful of those behind him.
- 9:06 a. m.—"Doc" ditto.
- 9:09 a. m.—Pat ditto.
- 9:21 a. m.—Bert C. allowed his caddy to walk through trap to hand him putter, without reprimand.

The list was a lengthy one and not a member who had entered the pits that day was omitted. Most of the players were commended for obeying the etiquette of sand-pits, but at the same time any display of carelessness or thoughtlessness was noted, as the reader will observe, in a semi-humorous manner.

The reaction was a surprise to the committee. Those members who had acted properly and those who had the good fortune to miss the particular pits in question were delighted to have the opportunity of "razzing" their unlucky fellow members. The majority of the careless ones took their punishment good naturedly. A few felt offended and promptly sought out the greens chairman to tell him so.

The chairman, however, fortified by his own notes, pointed out that the facts were true and that there was nothing he could do about it other than suggest that the aggrieved members be more careful in the future. He called attention to the fact that if they had taken care to smooth out their tracks, as they very well knew how, they would have no cause for complaint. The explosions died down.

The plan was not needed again.