

conception of playing around, wearing Kampus Kut garments and haberdashery, being pursued by good looking, weak and willing dames and operating a business with no overhead and all the customers flocking in.

Jack De Visser, Oakland Hills president, earlier had referred to the pros being entitled to applause for less complaining about sour business conditions than is heard from the average business man in other lines. Graffis grabbing this remark as a tip-off that the members highly rate

a pro who works at all times without crying, told of what the pro had to do before he made himself a first class pro. The general tendency to condemn all pros for the mistakes of a few is one of the burning loads pros have to carry, said GOLFDOM's editor. He also commented on club politics that frequently throw a pro out of a job simply because the pro happens to run counter to some selfish and powerful member's desires when the pro attempts to protect the interests of all members of the club.

## DIVOTS FROM CLUB MAGAZINES

*Out of the Bag*, house organ of Red Run G. C. (Detroit district), A. P. Lauer, Editor.—“To improve all of our games Mortie Dutra is donating two half-days each week for play with members. Tuesday mornings at 9:30 is assigned to lady members; Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 for the men. Don't let your ability as a golfer keep you from signing up in advance for play.”

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*Hyperion Topix* of Hyperion Field club, Des Moines, Ia., J. A. Swan, Editor.—“There are 100 golfers at Hyperion who play under 90—something not found at the majority of clubs. I believe Hyperion could take 50 or 100 golfers and play any club in the country in a team match and come out winner.” Chuck Heaney, Hyperion pro.

*Topix* has far more news photographs of club activities than any other club magazine GOLFDOM receives.

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*Fairway News* of Ranier G. & C. C., Seattle, Wash.—A golf ball is given as a prize for each of the four best suggestions received each month concerning improvement of the club and course. Details of the membership drive are published. A full page of this four-page magazine is devoted to women's golf activities. Competitive calendar and results are printed. Space is given to aces made by members who were awarded pairs of shoes by a local shoe dealer.

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*Backswing* of Alderwood C. C., Portland, Ore., F. H. Young, Editor.—A one-page lively, chatty house organ from one of the liveliest clubs in the country. The editor expresses an opinion: “The rank and file of private club golfers simply don't have

much time for golf lessons during the week. A few sneak in a lesson or so on Saturday or Sunday. But it is a self-evident fact, proven by the heavy turn-over in golf club professionals who don't stay put, that teaching at private golf clubs isn't a very lucrative occupation.”

Brother Young has much more to say about the pros' position in golf but nowhere in his comment does he seem to realize that, at the last four years' rate of increase, there will be more women than men playing golf in 7 years. About 70% of pro lessons are given to women. If there isn't a pro right on the job for boosting women's golf interest with instruction and encouragement, the club is blind to one of the biggest insurance items—that of getting the women to come out.

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“*Putter*” of Indian Hill G. C. (Kansas City); E. A. Weishaar, Editor.—“The tramp golfer is a sponger, even though he may try to refute you with the argument that he pretty nearly always pays his green-fee; a sponger because he doesn't contribute a nickel to the many other aspects of golf which are as much a part of the complete enjoyment of the game as the greens, fairways and tees. \* \* \* There are such things as showers, soap, towels, lockers, clubhouse, grounds, employees and supplies; all of which the tramp golfer enjoys but which the regular member pays for.

“The tramp golfer has become a serious problem for private clubs. He refuses to become interested in a club membership under any circumstances but will play around at private clubs introducing himself as a guest of a member or seeing to it that he has friends in various clubs with whom he alternately plays.”