

the professionals themselves and the golfing public. They both have equal responsibility in the matter.

The professionals can do much through their organization by weeding out the undesirables. Those whose lack of the essential qualifications for teaching are giving the profession a black eye. This can be done by formulating a strict examination for new members before granting them a certificate of membership in the association. There are indications that both of these points are receiving consideration.

The golfers at large can do their share by renewing their interest in the game and in its teachers by patronizing only those of experience and proven ability and, in so doing, giving these their unqualified cooperation.

Atlanta PGA Wants Your Tips for Its Reference Book

HARRY R. STEPHENS, for 11 years pro at Druid Hills G. C. (Atlanta, Ga.), and president of the Atlanta PGA, tips off club officials to what the master pros are doing to uplift their profession in advising GOLFDOM of the Atlanta pros' plan for compiling a reference book and manual on the pro golf business.

The Atlanta activity reflects the spirit of the pros who are looking ahead to a better, brighter day for pro golf. To hasten that day as well as to see that its dawn finds competent men available, the Atlanta men are getting up a comprehensive manual. Much interest in such a work was aroused by publication of the U. S. Rubber Co.'s *Pros' Handbook of Business*. To carry this educational work into detail is the task to which the Atlanta men have pledged themselves. They want all the suggestions they can get from other pros, so any of the fellows who are genuinely interested in contributing to the educational work through which pro golf will be put on a stronger basis are invited to write Stephens their ideas.

In giving details of the plan Stephens tells GOLFDOM:

"We of the Atlanta PGA are endeavoring to compile a reference book which will include all subjects pertaining to golf. We realize that we have set ourselves a big task and will need a lot of help. At this time we are building this book in loose-leaf form with the hope that some day we

may be able to get it printed and bound in regular form.

"We are seeking authoritative articles on all golf subjects. All approved articles are placed in the book with the author's name and business connection. Advertising matter or competitive claims of any article or method cannot be accepted for inclusion in the book.

"We have taken this work on ourselves with our object being solely one of uplift and enlightenment. Our desire is to get it away from the "caddie" background. Do not misunderstand me; in no way are we trying to depreciate any man who was a caddie or any boy who now is. Our object is to help the pro of today and tomorrow (including ourselves) to be professionals in the complete sense of the word, "a professor of golf."

"We cannot create a college or varsity background, but we can at least prepare and build up books that will ultimately serve a similar purpose. It is purely a matter of education and professional prestige that we are aiming at now."

PGA and TGA Fall in Love at Dinner to Jacobus

FEBRUARY 10, members of the Tournament Golfers' Assn. who were warming up for the Gasparilla Open, had as their guest for a dinner meeting George Jacobus, president of the PGA. As was forecast by GOLFDOM, the PGA and TGA when they sat down and discussed the purpose of the TGA, found no reason for considering the TGA a red riot.

Members of the TGA, all of whom are members of the PGA, gave Jacobus a vote of confidence but vigorously proclaimed that the tournament pros had a right to finance and join any enterprise for the further promotion of tournament golf. Jacobus pledged the fullest co-operation of the PGA in extension and protection of tournament golf.

Bob Harlow, manager of the TGA, explained the purpose of the tournament organization. By specific reference to the close attention the TGA gave the southern possibilities Harlow showed that the tournament pros by their own organization efforts had added enough prize money to justify the TGA formation and expense.

The dove of peace cooed all around the dinner.