

interest Kearney has worked up by clubhouse operations.

**G**OLFDOM has observed from rather extensive close-ups of muni course operations that when a park board is permitted to have a course operated right by competent men who get reward for their work, in checks instead of cheers, the public gets a bargain in muni recreational facilities. The tough part of the muni course set-up is that too many office-holders still figure the course should be run as the usual political racket, so long as the public doesn't squawk.

**H**OW greenkeepers do it, we still can't understand; but then, we can't understand why they don't get credit for what they have done, so it's all even. The fact remains that the standard of course conditions attained by greenkeepers the past few years' with budgets down to the thinnest point is nothing short of miraculous.

You see municipal and fee courses now with greens up to the standard of the best private clubs eight years' ago, and the first fellows to tell you so are the expert veteran greenkeepers of those deluxe private clubs, who themselves are doing marvelous jobs of getting by on little.

Back-of-the-scenes answers probably are the sectional greenkeeper association meetings, the short courses and the Green Section.

**A**N EXECUTIVE of a leading golf manufacturing company says something worth pro thought: "When a pro takes on a private brand ball in his shop stock, he adds to the confusion that exists in the golfer's mind. There are enough standard brands today to meet any golfer's price demand.

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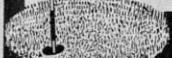
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