

Handy Mrs. Andy Helps Dewar on Pro Job at Waseca, Minn.

MANY times GOLFDOM has had occasion to refer to the important part pros' wives take, behind the scenes, in the golf business. Feminine intuition and plenty of work on the books and in buying and selling advice has been responsible for the completely successful handling of numerous pro jobs.

One pro's wife who does her helping in public is Mrs. Bernice B. Dewar, wife of Andy, pro at the Lakeside CC., Waseca, Minn. Mrs. Dewar handles women's instruction at Lakeside and turns out many competent women players besides stirring up an unusually large amount of women's play at the club. She has taught golf for 16 years. For a good part of the last six years she has had to concern herself with house operation, so that teaching takes up nearly all the outside time she can spare. Nevertheless, she still is able to bat around the Lakeside course in the low eighties.

Andy brags about his talented spouse's versatility, saying: "She has learned club

repairing and club making and knows a lot about greenkeeping. She understands planting of bent greens either by seed or vegetative method. She's a star at getting and keeping women interested in club affairs and this fall organized a women's 'stag' party that was very successful."

Mrs. Dewar is not a believer in group teaching unless to absolute beginners and then only to teach the fundamentals. After these fundamentals are acquired she prefers individual tuition. She maintains that one adult in a group class might properly require an upright swing and another a flat swing. Instead of group lessons she offers a sharp reduction for an introductory series of five or ten lessons, which she says please the patrons and give better instruction results.

Among the details of golf club work at which Mrs. Dewar proves a valuable assistant to her husband is that of caddie supervision. She tells of an amusing incident that happened while the Dewars were at Duluth.

"We had," says Mrs. Dewar, "a particular noisy, mischievous but good bunch of caddies. One morning they were especially boisterous and suddenly became

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as quiet as death. In amazement I opened a window in the clubroom and looked for the explanation of the good behavior. Every caddie was standing like a statue and some were scarcely breathing. I asked what the trouble was. One boy rolled his eyes toward the center of the rigid group. There, to my consternation, I saw the only thing I've ever seen to keep a lively outfit of caddies perfectly quiet. Before the boys, and in a leisurely and defiant parade, was an old mother skunk and her kittens."

There Is a Lot of Work Ahead Improving Caddie Training

By William Livie, Pro.,
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GOLF clubs, their caddie-masters and pros need to consider carefully for 1937 the matter of caddie selection, training and welfare.

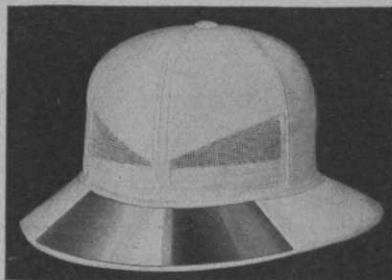
We have not been getting the type of caddies we should have during the past several years and the reason is not economic. The reason has been gross neglect in the choice and supervision of caddie material. The caddie gets a lot from the club and he means a lot to golf. Permitting the caddies to be dominated by tough, irresponsible young loafers, as many clubs have done during the depression, has had an alarmingly extensive effect in keeping highly desirable young Americans away from the game.

Consider your own caddie situation for evidence of what your club has been doing. Are crap games, hell-raising, rank untidiness, ball stealing and general failure to maintain proper conduct in evidence? If such indications are apparent, the fault is mainly yours and not that of the boys. There are plenty of the right type of boys available, boys who need the money and other benefits of caddying just as much as the nondescript bums many clubs have permitted to work during the past several years.

Care in selection, training, supervision and reward of caddies is one of the very important golf club responsibilities for 1937. This phase of golf has been grossly neglected since 1929 by clubs, amateur associations and the PGA.

It is dangerous to allow the neglect to continue.

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