

## Here's Code for Caddie Conduct

TOM O'HARA, veteran caddie-master at the Denver (Colo.) CC, this year celebrates his thirtieth year training kids to handle caddie jobs properly. They bally-hoo football coaches as character-builders but if you could look over the roster of some of the kids who have started under Tom, you'll have to admit that the genial, though firm, elderly Turk has been one of the fine character builders in sports. He's been a second father to hundreds of youngsters, even to the extent of whaling the hell out of them when that disciplinary action was dictated by the kid's temperament and actions.

O'Hara began at Apawamis in May, 1898. He was there for a year, then went to Dyker Meadows where he remained for 13 years. Daniel Chauncey and Frank L. Woodward, prominent in golf two decades ago, were responsible for Tom going to Denver. He has been sent to many clubs to install caddie systems and a number of the leading caddie-masters today are graduates of Tom's training school. Pat Hurley, caddie-master at Apawamis for 20 years, is one of Tom's proteges.

Tom issues a small 4-page folder of instructions to caddies. There are a couple of dozen items in these instructions. O'Hara maintains that during the past 25 years he hasn't had to change any of these instructions in order to train kids to supply excellent service.

The instructions read:

1.

It is not easy to be a good caddie and a bad one is worse than none at all, so read the rules.

2.

Do not forget that they are made to be always carried out, whether you are with a good player or a beginner.

3.

Replace any turf cut out by player.

4.

Do not talk with other boys while on duty.

5.

Remember you are responsible for finding the ball; you must mark it down very

closely and keep your eye on the ball until you walk to it. If you watch others drive you will forget your line.

6.

Keep right with your player, never let him have to call you to come on.

7.

When he is going to play stand well to the side of him, never behind the stroke.

8.

Keep clubs in bag, never take them out and swing them; you are paid to work, not to play.

9.

Never hand a player a club unless he asks you to. Learn the clubs so that you make no mistakes.

10.

Caddies should keep ball clean, and if it goes in rough it will be easy to find.

11.

Never touch a ball or move anything within a club's length of it without orders from the player.

12.

Wait until players have holed out before walking to the next tee.

13.

When any player is about to play keep perfectly still even if some distance away.

14.

Give the player the putter and walk to the flag; do not stand with your feet close to the hole nor rest the iron on the putting green; never walk across the line of a putt.

15.

Do whatever you have to do promptly and cheerfully.

16.

Caddies must stay around the caddie house; caddies not allowed in locker-room.

17.

Caddies not engaged must keep still while players are putting on greens near caddie house.

18.

Caddies must only caddie for members to whom they are assigned.

19.

Caddies must keep quiet while waiting for members at the first tee.

20.

When waiting at the tee do not sit on the benches so that the players have no

room to sit down. You cannot see the ball when sitting down.

21.

Any caddie interfering with any tree or bush or any buildings on club grounds will be discharged.

22.

Caddies should not go in bunkers or on top of mounds in bunkers.

23.

Your most important duty as a caddie is to know where the ball is every time, and beat the player to it.

24.

Caddies should not enter club grounds before 8 A. M. unless asked to do so by caddie-master, and caddies should be off club grounds by dark.

25.

No caddie can be engaged to any player only during tournament play.

26.

No caddie will be assigned to any player nor reserved for him until player has entered club grounds, and has applied in person to caddie-master for a caddie.

27.

No attention will be paid to request for caddies over telephone.

28.

These rules must be obeyed.

## Cox, Waldron Urge Pensions for Faithful Pros

PRO thought recently has been aroused by the suggestion of a pro pension plan. The suggestion now being discussed by many professional is the outcome of remarks made by Wiffy Cox and Lew Waldron. Cox and Waldron, contemplating the frequent turn-over in pro jobs and the fact that pros often are helpless in the face of political situations at their clubs, began to ponder about protection for pros who have given long and faithful service to the game.

It was their conclusion that clubs very rarely could be expected to install pension systems for employees, and that the PGA, consequently, must investigate the possibilities of a plan that would take care of "old age benefits." In many cases pros do not come under the government social security legislation.

Cox and Waldron discussed a pension plan that would have no charitable aspects but would be a straight out-and-out business proposition. It would be distinct from the present competently administered PGA benefit fund, which applies to distress cases.

Lew and Wiffy tossed the idea in for consideration by other professionals and the way pros have begun to talk about the matter indicates that an investigation of possibilities will be forthcoming from the PGA.

## Fee Golfers Offered Special Play Rates By Association

ASSOCIATE membership cards, entitling the holders to special playing rates and privileges during the entire season, will be issued for the 1939 golfing season, according to Tom Walsh, pres., Chicago Daily Fee Golf Assn. These associate memberships, which will be sold at a nominal fee, will be accepted at every Chicago District daily fee course belonging to the association.

"Not only will golfers now playing the game be interested in this new membership program, but we also hope to encourage new golfing followers as well," Walsh said.

Walsh is manager of the Westgate Valley CC and has been secretary of the national PGA two years.

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