

How I Teach Group Golf

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FOR the past three years, I have been teaching at the University of Louisville. I do all my teaching at the golf course and do not go to the school at all. I am going to try and make arrangements to take my classes on the inside as I run into unfavorable weather conditions quite often. The ideal method of indoor teaching at schools would be to use a canvas to drive balls into so that about ten pupils could be hitting at the same time but in the earlier stages of school golf instruction the cost is prohibitive.

The system I have been using is outlined as follows: When school opens in September, the athletic director signs up the girls who wish to take golf. She tells them to report to me at the course twice a week until they have taken 15 lessons. I try to keep my classes to no more than 15 persons, as I believe when there is only one instructor that any larger class than this gets out of hand. Girls of that age, 18 or 19, are pretty much the same as boys of the same age. If you are not with them every minute they are inclined to play and loaf.

Fundamentals First

The lessons last for one hour. The first few are on fundamentals only. After explaining something about the game to those who have never been on a golf course before, I go into the grip, then the stance, and then a general explanation of the swing.

I try to illustrate to them what position the body and arms are in at various stages of the swing. Then we go into some exercises and here is where they get the idea of how to pivot, shift their weight; how their arms and wrists should look at the top of their back swing and also on their follow through. At this time I have them line up and we go through these exercises with me counting the same as one does on setting-up exercises. There are two forms of these exercises: one for the pivot, the other to learn the arm and wrist movement.

After about the third lesson they are ready to take regular swings, and you would be surprised to see what good swings some of them have after starting in this manner.

After this, I line the whole 15 up across my practice fairway and let them hit balls. From here we go through all the clubs from the short chip to the drive. They are pretty much under control by this time and I just walk up and down in back of them spending a few minutes with each girl polishing off the major rough spots.

I try to spend a good bit of time on the etiquette of the game and the care of the golf course; such as not playing in high heels, and so on.

So far I have had very good success with them. My class last spring had 37 in it and last fall 15. The spring class is always larger. The girls are required to take some kind of sport their first two years and quite a few take golf every semester. They get credits for this just the same as any other study.

Caddies Report on Ass'n Health

WILSHIRE CC's (Los Angeles district) Caddies' Assn. submitted its first annual report in the *Wilshire Club News*. The kids made Olin Dutra, the club's pro, president of their organization.

The report tips off something that's being done with substantial benefit to clubs and caddies alike by several Pacific Coast clubs, and which should be adopted by many other clubs. Excerpts from the statement Dutra signed:

"Our Caddies' Assn. consists of approximately fifty regular members who pay monthly dues of one dollar, as do about fifteen part-time caddies. We also have week-end school boys who pay a small tuition in accordance with their earnings.

"Our last report from the treasurer, Kurt Apel, shows a working cash balance in the bank of approximately four hundred dollars. A record of the allocation of these funds shows that the Assn. already has given to its members in the neighborhood of fifty dollars for the relief of sickness, and on another occasion issued a loan to one of the members of twenty-five dollars in order that he might have sufficient funds to attend the funeral of his father who had passed away in a neighboring state.

"Our Association is pleased and proud of the fact that it has its own rainy-day

Visitors attending the San Francisco World's Fair will have plenty of opportunity to play all the golf they desire. Both Ingleside and Crystal Springs golf courses are available throughout the duration of the Fair at the regular rates. In addition, a separate tournament will be held each month in the following classifications: pros, senior men, class 'A' and class 'B' competition for both men and women, and junior boys 18 years and under.

fund and that already a nice tidy sum of money has been loaned to the members in order to pull them through rainy-day sessions such as the last record breaking storm witnessed in the southern metropolis.

"We are confident of the fact that the Wilshire CC will feel very appreciative of the curtailment of this responsibility on their part, notwithstanding the fact that this rainy-day program must be carried on every winter and that it entails a great deal of detail in properly allocating the moneys, in collecting them later and in making the necessary records thereof.

"The only source of revenue to the Assn. is through the collection of the dues from its members, through donations by individuals and by means of sweepstakes which the club might care to make periodically. Neither one of the latter have been solicited to date, however, but plans are under way to encourage a program for the raising of funds to be added to our present savings—this money to be used solely for the welfare of the boys as the board of directors of the Caddies' Assn. may see fit."

Invents Device to Teach Footwork

GUY Paulsen, well known and competent golf instructor, is inventor of a teaching device that a number of the authorities in instruction say is a most effective contrivance for facilitating learning correct footwork.

Paulsen's device is a platform on which is mounted two pedals. The left pedal is on a universal joint and tips into a depression in the platform. When the player swings, the performance of this pedal tends to give automatically an almost perfect pivot. The right shoe is adjustable for width of stance, and may be set for open, closed or square stance.

Hundreds of demonstrations of the device, by pros checking their own pivots, or by their pupils during instruction, have

revealed the Paulsen invention will help tremendously in getting the player's feet acting in a manner to assure a proper pivot. Manufacturing arrangements are being effected. The device probably will sell for around \$10.

This invention for getting across simply and effectively the pivot from the ground up, is one of the elements in a system of planned golf instruction that Paulsen has submitted to the PGA. The plan is an ingenious one based on the principle that



coaching is the fundamental of golf pro value to a club. Paulsen works on the idea proposed sometime ago by Willie Ogg, and since adopted with success at several clubs, that club membership and annual charges should include a set fee for pro instruction available to all members of the club.

Pros interested in further details of the Paulsen instruction device may secure desired information by writing Guy Paulsen at the Augusta National GC, Augusta, Ga.

Official publication of the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce, *Future*, gives some interesting facts regarding sports and hobbies of the organization's 100,000 young business and professional men. Golf is tops in sports preference with a rating of 31.5%. Hunting is next most popular with a percentage of 18; tennis is third with 17.5% and fishing fourth with 13.2%. Swimming got last place in the list of physical tastes. It had a rating of 5.5%.

Amateur photography took first place in the list of hobby preferences. Music and books tied for the next most popular hobby.