



This practice putting green at Wellshire Municipal Golf Course in Denver is practically always in use. Clubhouse is in background.

## Denver Is Golf Minded!

PLAY on Denver's five municipal golf courses for 1938 showed a nice increase over the amount of rounds played in 1937, according to reports from the Department of Parks in Denver. The total number of rounds played in 1938 was 144,068 compared to 131,502 in 1937, an increase of about 11%.

This increase was due to the interest created by the great success of the National Open tournament held at the Cherry Hills CC in Denver last year; to the publicity given the municipal courses by the publication of a unique golf folder describing the various courses, giving the yardage, clubhouse facilities, two views

of each course, and a map showing the shortest route and location to each course. These courses were kept in excellent condition, and improvements were made on every course to make the game more interesting for the golfers.

"Play Golf the Year Around in Denver," is a popular slogan the players have adopted. Denver has the distinction of being one of the few cities in the country to construct a course among the towering pines and within a stone's throw of the snowcapped Rockies. The Denver Mountain Parks municipal course at Evergreen, Colo., a short 30 minute drive over surfaced highways up scenic Bear Creek can-

Portion of attractive folder to promote more play on Denver's municipal courses is shown above. Front cover of folder, which was widely distributed, is shown at left of map.

Ed Livingston, professional at the Elmwood Park G. C., Sioux Falls, S. D., recently shot four holes in 10 strokes. He had a par-3 at the 6th, an eagle 2 at the 7th, a birdie-2 at the 8th and a birdie-3 at the 9th.

yon, is such a course. This 18-hole course attracts the tourists from the entire nation.

Denver was one of the first cities in the country to build and operate a municipal golf layout, this course being City Park GCse. It was built in 1911, first as a 9-hole course with sand greens. A few years later extensive improvements were made and a clubhouse erected, and today it is one of Denver's most popular courses.

The Denver Public Golf Assn., composed of prominent business and professional men, and Park Department officials have launched an active campaign to bring to Denver the 1940 Public Links Golf Tournament and if successful, the tournament will be played at Case & Wellshire Municipal Golf courses. These two courses are considered two of the finest and most beautiful golf courses in the West.

### Hillcrest CC Solves Used Golf Ball Problem

HILLCREST Country Club, Kansas City district, comes up with a smart idea on what to do with all the old balls that accumulate in players' bags, in lockers, around the house, etc. Its plan is to collect all these balls in a barrel located in the pro-shop, and make them available as practice balls for the members. "The Hillcrest, Hillcrest's newsy monthly magazine, tells of the plan:

"We are going to try out a new idea on practice balls. A practice ball barrel will be placed in the golf shop. It will be painted white with blue stripes so that even the near-sighted will have no trouble in locating it. The idea is this. Put all of your practice balls in this barrel. The golf shop will keep a number of bags of practice balls available, using the balls put in the barrel by the members. These bags of practice balls will be furnished free to any member wanting them for practicing. It looks like a pretty good idea but it will work only if all members cooperate by putting their practice balls in the barrel. Dig all those old balls out of your bag and out of your locker and hunt up the big white barrel with the blue stripes."

## GOLF CLINIC SHOWS VALUE OF COACHES' SCHOOL FOR PROS

By Herb Graffis

PRO golf came through with its second coaches' school when the golf clinic of the Illinois PGA was held May 1 at the Morrison Hotel in Chicago with an attendance of 81. The first cautious experiment in this field was made several years ago, spurred by the late R. W. (Doc) Treacy. It showed promise but this year's affair, in its first session, proved that the idea has tremendous practical value for pro golfers, their clubs and the game. The May 1 session was the first of two; the concluding session being scheduled for May 8.

Alex Cunningham, pres. of the Illinois PGA, pushed this clinic into operation despite numerous handicaps. It scored so strongly that other sections undoubtedly will conduct their own clinics and provide for pro golf the educational stimulus and training that has so greatly benefited greenkeeping.

Scheduling the opening session for 10 A.M. was the one flaw in the planning. The boys have to get up early, rush in from the suburbs and do their Monday shopping before they can attend the sessions. Several pros from down-state Illinois got up at 4:30 to make the meeting.

Bill Gordon, pro at Tam O Shanter CC (Chicago district) came up with a grand idea at the opening session. Bill described a lesson record card, on the order of the record cards kept by physicians, surgeons and dentists.

Data on the card is the following:

Name .....

Address .....

Telephone No. ....

Handicap ..... Range of scores.....

No. of years played golf.....

Most difficult shot .....

Player's own grading on clubs:

(driver) ..... (brassie) .....

(spoon) ..... (long irons) .....

(short irons) ..... (chips) .....

(putting) .....

There is space for reports on 12 lessons