

a long sweeping swing with a good turn of the hips for a pivot. Tom Vardon, in his later years, was a trifle heavy around the waist. He used a much more upright swing and the turning of his hips was not so obvious. Jim Barnes was tall and thin. He used a much flatter swing with considerable turning of the hips. Jones was stocky and used more of an intermediate swing with a lot of hip power. All these players were outstanding and yet none of them used the same type of swing or pivot.

Do these facts impress on the mind that the swing must fit the player—not vice versa? Make it easy for the old timers to get back on their game. Develop them into a fair player the easy way by using what they, as an individual, have to offer. You will then have them boasting that golf is not too tough to learn even if their paunch does say 46.

Keep the old timers happy and playing. They are the backbone of any club.

### Chicago Handicap Method Being Tried in Florida

THE Chicago District Golf Association's official handicap system which is combined with a method of rating member courses of the association, is being extended to Florida. David J. Molloy, one of the veterans in Chicago district golf officialdom and an executive at Knollwood (Chicago district) and Indian Creek, Miami Beach, is prime mover in the Florida test.

Chicago's system, devised by a committee headed by Thomas G. MacMahon, began on the basis of the 20 lowest scores. Twenty was found to be too many for practical use so the handicap basis was reduced to the ten lowest scores. This did away with the unfair penalty that one super-hot round put on the ordinary golfer in the former CDGA handicapping system. Formerly the 90-shooter who caught a miracle and happened to shoot one round in the middle seventies carried that burden the rest of the season, if he recorded the miracle on his handicap record card.

Inter-club competition of individuals has been put on a fair and completely satisfactory basis in the Chicago district by use of the present system. Adjustments of district handicaps are made on the basis of course ratings established by yardage, course difficulty and experience. The latter factor has been taken out of the guess category so far as possible by extensive research done on intra-club and

other tournament performances. In establishing its basis of course rating MacMahon's committee analyzed yardage and par of 30 outstanding golf clubs outside the Chicago district, as well as of Chicago District clubs. The national examination revealed A. D. Lasker's Mill Road Farm course as having the toughest fractional par in the country—76.32. Oakmont was second with 76.28. Canterbury at Cleveland, where the 1940 National Open will be held, is rated at 75.84. Pine Valley is rated at 73.19.

Molloy believes that adoption of the system by Indian Creek will be instrumental in extending it to other golfing sections, inasmuch as many of Indian Creek's members are active officials of clubs in the northeastern and central states.

### Peace Descends; "Down Under" Squabble Settled

AUSTRALIAN golf has had an unpleasant wrangle between the Victorian Golf Association (the amateur governing body) and the Victorian Section of the PGA. After eight months harmony has been restored and with harmony, the VGA financial support of the Victorian PGA championship.

The mess was started when the PGA disciplined a member for playing at other courses without first receiving permission of PGA member pros at the courses, and for going after a job held by another PGA member. The Victorian Golf Association contended that the disciplined pro had been invited to play by amateur members of the club, and was solicited by club officials to take the job in question.

A threat of a split of the PGA into two organizations developed from the controversy. By a vote of 15 to 10 PGA members agreed to accede to the amateur association's request that the pro organization modify its regulations so the amateurs would have the privilege of running their own clubs.

From this far away, the set-to seemed to have comic opera aspects and American friends of Australian pro and amateur golfers are pleased to learn that the civil war has been called off before casualties have occurred or good friendships wrecked.

KEEP a watch over members who are in the habit of leaving the club in the summer to go for vacations. See that they leave plentifully supplied with golf merchandise out of your shop.