

etc., are so much Greek. Your helpful pupil probably won't pipe up and reveal his or her shameful ignorance.

At this point some of your golf-wise professionals are saying, "you should start them off with the short shots and teach them how to control the club with the hands." Whether your teaching method involves working up from the short shots or from the big swing down to the wee ones shouldn't matter. I personally like to start an aspirant out with a driver because I think he gets more of a kick out of it. Should he exhibit a marked inability to hit the ball a quick switch is made to a mashie. The moral might be, "never let your pupil fail."

I'd like to have a shilling for every pupil I've tried to teach too much or tried to teach him something he couldn't do. I allowed those pupils to fail. If I get an awkward pupil and have to start him with a one inch putt and keep him at putting for a whole series, it will be because I won't let my pupil become discouraged.

It doesn't take a Dies investigation to prove that golf, on the whole, is badly played in this country. When I look at the list of 30 handicappers who belong to my club, the Minneapolis Golf Club, I feel a sense of humility at my inability to reach them. If we pros, as salesmen of golf, could only get close enough to these high-handicap players long enough to make them realize nobody can expect to play good golf until he has learned to swing into the ball from inside the line of flight, there might be less weeping and gnashing of teeth at the locker-room bar.

A golfer who swings into the ball from outside the line of flight has about as much chance of waylaying General Par and Colonel Bogey as a driver going down the wrong side of the street has of living.

WHEN you're boosting your junior classes for the good will, insurance, and professional pride that's in this pro activity, you might use a line like Jack Fox uses in his junior class announcements.

Jack says:

"If you have any old clubs that can be cut down for these youngsters, I am sure they would be appreciated. There is no charge for my services."

This overcomes the reservations of the parent who would like to have his youngsters take up golf but is scared that new expense for clubs immediately will be slapped on him.

Baseball Players to Compete for New Golf Trophy in '41

PARTICIPANTS in the 1941 National Baseball Players' Golf Championship, to be conducted at St. Petersburg, Fla., in 1941, will compete for a new trophy to be awarded by J. G. Taylor Spink, publisher of *The Sporting News*, national baseball weekly.

Publisher Spink offered the new award after the Powel Crosley trophy, placed in competition by the president of the Cin-



cinnati Reds, was retired as the permanent possession of Pitcher Wes Ferrell, whose 1940 victory was his third in the event.

The Sporting News Trophy, in ivory and gold finish, is surmounted by figures of baseball and golf players and provides space for the inscription of the names of the yearly winners.

Willie Hoare Keeps Active—Willie Hoare, widely known veteran pro, continues to keep sprightly in spirit and light action, despite an illness that's had him confined for almost 5 years. One of Willie's recent enterprises has been that of getting together a collection of postage stamps bearing signatures of U. S. and British Open and Amateur champions.