



CADDIE PROBLEM Tackled by New Gadget

Kaddie Kart in use at Jackson Park, Chicago's most popular many course. Four of Jackson Park's women experts line up to roll their own.

ONE of the most useful gadgets in golf is some arrangement to eliminate the load put upon the golfers and the caddie by the caddie-bag and clubs. There are many of these devices, but until recently most of them failed to register with the golfers.

In 1939 a Chicago inventor by the name of Sam Caron perfected a device that is becoming widely used. Caron, in commenting on his device, states that the two biggest obstacles to the use of his Kaddie Kart are the fact that a great many players are naturally afraid of being ribbed for not being he-men and not carrying their own bags, and the fact that the caddie-master and pros are afraid that the caddies may lose their jobs.

A canvass of those who have just gotten through using Kaddie Kart reveals that these objections are vanishing.

Caddie Shortage Problem Solved

Recently at the Roselle (Ill.) CC a tournament was held on a week day. It was impossible to recruit enough caddies for this tournament and the club was in an uproar. The professional, Byron Harcke, immediately ordered 10 Karts to be placed in operation. The club's manager stated that the Kaddie Kart has been the solution of caddie shortage problems for the club.

Many clubs throughout the country are far away from adequate caddie supply. It is evident that many players will not

play golf unless they have a caddie. At these clubs Kaddie Kart becomes the most welcome substitute, as it will eliminate entirely the necessity of the player carrying clubs, and in a great many cases will eliminate some of the aggravations that a caddie often gives the player, especially in carrying double. Private clubs in the Chicago area have adopted Kaddie Kart as a welcome auxiliary to their caddie system. Maurice White, pro at LaGrange CC, used them last fall and found they were exceedingly well received by the membership. In fact, a great many members who have big bags often are willing to pay the extra rental fee of 25c to relieve the caddie of the weight.

Tom Walsh, PGA president, has a number of Kaddie Karts in continuous operation at his course, Westgate Valley. In comment about Kaddie Kart, Tom said, "At first I was skeptical and did not think that they would be practical, but I find that there are a certain class of people that Kaddie Kart appeals to and I believe that it has kept a number of these coming to my course that ordinarily would not come, simply because they can get a Kaddie Kart to carry their clubs. I find also that it in no way interferes with the caddie business, because the players who ordinarily have caddies will not substitute a Kaddie Kart for the caddie. In fact I believe that it is a good way to get players started to using a caddie by giving them a taste of the game without carrying their own bags."

There are a number of precedents in the golf business that have been overcome throughout the years, and the Kaddie Kart people are confident they are downing the traditional avoidance of mechanical caddy-devices.

The veteran Dave Cuthbert, pro at Brunswick (Ga.) CC, is another one who comes up with a kid he claims is promising material for the National Amateur title within the next 6 years. The kid is 14-year-old A. E. Fiveash, Jr.