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Recent Golf Divots

WHEN Southern Hills CC, Tulsa, Okla., was incorporated in 1935, only 10 women members played golf. Since that time, the number has increased to more than 100. That, according to Frank Prior, president, is one of the biggest reasons for the \$25,000 expansion program now going on at the club. . . . Final match for the Chicadees' championship (Shackamaxon CC winter golfers club) was played March 31. G. A. Dietrich and B. B. Bloys were in the final. . . . Marian (Tommy) Thompson, Maplewood (N. J.) CC girl under Pro Danny Williams tutoring, is being tabbed as a woman champ of the near future. . . . A new \$15,000 clubhouse is under construction at Walnut Hill CC, Dallas, Texas.

Castle Shannon GC's (Pittsburgh district) membership got a pleasant surprise on their first visits to the club this spring. They saw the results of an extensive renovating program that included complete redecoration of the locker and club rooms, and installation of new furnishings for the entire clubhouse lower floor. . . . The 1939 Duquesne University golf squad did not win a match. They tied two and lost nine. Prospects for 1940 look bright however. Dick Metz (No. 1 man in 1937) has returned to school. . . . Frank Factor, recently named pro at the Marietta (Ohio) CC, is the third of the Factor brothers to become a pro. . . . For months movie actor Randolph Scott has been threatening to become one of our better amateur players. He recently served notice that he has arrived-he shot a 68 on Los Angeles' Bel-Air layout.

There are almost as many expert fishermen among the membership of the Brookfield (Mo.) CC as there are expert golfers. Reason: the club has a 50 acre lake on its property that has been well stocked with every variety of game fish... Alex Jolly, one of the best known northern Michigan and Wisconsin golf pros for the last quarter-century, recently took over the Little River Golf Course on the Marinette (Mich.) Bay Shore Road. The course is the only 18-hole layout north of Green Bay, and was built in 1927. Jolly's new golf venture was the subject of a recent editorial in the Marinette *Times Union*. ... Julian (Jack) Frost has been engaged as manager of the Hieland Lodge G&CC, Kankakee, Ill.

Adolph Schmidt, Olympia's (Wash.) No. 1 golf fan and 'angel' of the capital city's golf and country club, was the recipient of a golf bag, set of woods and irons, and a large box of wooden tees from his fellow club members... The Los Angeles 1941 Open tourney will be for a \$10,000 purse —an 'up' of \$5,000 from last January's prize amount... Mrs. Johnny Bass, the wife of the Clifton Park (Baltimore district) pro, assists her husband in his golf work. She maintains an attractive shop for Johnny, and is quite apt at making and mending golf clubs.

The Greater Greensboro and the Asheville (N. C.) Opens were played under winter rules. The players were allowed to tee up everyplace but in a hazard. . . . Jeanne Cline, 16-year-old from Bloomington, Ill., and Georgia Tainter, 17-year-old Fargo, N. D., miss, are two of the prettiest girls to crash the top flight of feminine golf in quite some time. . . Robert Burnett, Jr., has been named greenkeeper at the Winnapaug Hills GC, Westerly, R. I. . . . The PGA, upon the recommendation of its tournament bureau, has decided to build a shrine honoring stars of the past, and for housing mementoes of the game.

Things are considerably different in the Washington, D. C. district this year. Five professionals have changed jobs, and leading amateurs have changed club affiliations in wholesale lots . . . New pro at The Country Club, Brookline, is Charles Rice, 34-year-old New Yorker . . . Jim Turnesa, member of the famous golfing Turnesas, has resigned as pro at the Louisquisset GC. North Providence, R. I., to take up a similar post at the Harbour CC, Mamaroneck, N. Y.... Henry Jans, Phelps Manor (N. J.) pro whose leg was amputated because of an infection, has been fitted with a special artificial limb that will let him continue in golf both as player and teacher. Jans was back on the job at Phelps Manor April 1 . . . Sammy Belfore has been appointed pro at the Shenecossett CC, Eastern Point. Conn.