

O'Hara's 1941 Caddie Instructions

Tom O'Hara's do's and dont's for caddies changed but little over 40-year period.

MORE than 40 years ago Tom O'Hara compiled the first printed caddie instructions seen in golf. From year to year these instructions have been revised in details, but substantially they have remained the same.

This year's edition of the O'Hara instructions reads:

It is not easy to be a good caddie and a bad one is worse than none at all, so read the rules.

Do not forget that they are made to be always carried out, whether you are with a good player or a beginner.

1. Do whatever you have to do promptly and cheerfully.

2. Replace any turf cut out by player.

3. Do not talk with other boys while on duty.

4. Keep right with your player, never let him have to call you to come on.

5. When he is going to play stand well to the side of him, never behind the stroke.

6. Keep clubs in bag, never take them out and swing them; you are paid to work, not to play.

7. Never hand a player a club unless he asks you to. Learn the clubs so that you make no mistakes.

8. Never touch a ball or move anything within a club's length of it without orders from the player.

9. Wait until the players have holed out before walking to the next tee.

10. When any player is about to play keep perfectly still even if some distance away.

11. Remember you are responsible for finding the ball; you must mark it down very closely and keep your eye on the ball until you walk to it. If you watch others drive you will forget your line.

12. Give the player the putter and walk to the flag; do not stand with your feet close to the hole nor rest the iron on the putting green; never walk across the line of a putt.

13. When waiting at the tee do not sit on the benches so that the players have no room to sit down. You cannot see the ball when sitting down.

14. Caddies must stay around the caddie house; caddies not allowed in locker room.

15. Caddies not engaged must keep still while players are putting on greens near caddie house.

16. Caddies must only caddie for members to whom they are assigned.

17. Caddies must keep quiet while waiting for members at the first tee.

18. Any caddie interfering with any tree or bush or any buildings on club grounds will be discharged.

COLORADO SPORTS PERSONALITIES :: --By Bill Brown

TOM O'HARA (Denver's "Grand Old Man of Golf")



Born in Brooklyn Tom O'Hara's first job was as a runner for Fish and Company, Wall Street Brokers.

His first caddie assignment, in 1894 was to carry clubs for his boss Nat Fish, uncle of U.S. Rep. "Boss" Fish.

Tom became caddie master at Dyker Meadows, New York, in 1915 and wrote the caddie rules which are in force nationally today.

In 1910 Frank Woodward brought Tom to Denver and installed him as caddie master at the Denver Country Club.

First and foremost rule in Tom's caddie book is "Be polite always say 'yes sir' and 'yes ma'am' to any player, no matter what the occasion."

Thirty-one years ago last Thursday Tom O'Hara came to Denver and to the Denver Country club.

Frank Woodward, then club president, as a tip to Mr. O'Hara had sent him to visit the Denver Meadows on an Long Island. O'Hara was the caddie master there.

O'Hara's handling of the caddie—rather rough, rough of him in those days, as happened Woodward that he expelled the young Irishman and brought him to Denver.

"Come up with the country—ad with the game," Woodward said.

O'Hara, now known as "the grand old man of golf" in Denver, has been in the Denver Country club ever since. "You'll never be in the past of best caddie master. He is a great man."

O'Hara has been "in golf" since 1895.

He has been a member for the New York's best known club, the New York Golf Club, since 1895.

He will be 62 in June. Denver Country club members are planning a birthday party for him.

The club is proud of Tom O'Hara—and O'Hara is a mighty spirit of the club.

This 5-column feature by Bill Brown in the Denver Post is the biggest play, so far as GOLFDOM knows, a caddie-master ever got in a newspaper. The tribute to Tom O'Hara is deserved by one of the game's grandest fellows. Tom's been a caddie-master 47 years, coming to the Denver CC from the New York Met district 31 years ago.

Tom has been—and is—one of the great character-builders of the game, having a performance in this respect that outdoes the highly lauded work of football coaches. O'Hara's perennial youth reminds you of what the French say about a woman never getting old until she gets wrinkles on her heart. Tom's heart is unwrinkled. He's kept pace with the kids.

Today's kids around Denver and many middle-aged successful men in various parts of the country who were caddies under Tom respect and adore this young-hearted old guy for the influence he's had in teaching them to do a modest job superlatively well, and in being gentlemen sportsmen at all times.

19. Caddies should not go in bunkers or on top of mounds in bunkers.

20. Your most important duty as a caddie is to know where the ball is every time, and beat the player to it.

21. Caddies should keep ball clean, and if it goes in rough it will be easy to find.

22. Caddies should not enter club grounds before 8 A. M. unless asked to do so by caddie master, and caddies should be off club grounds by dark.

23. No caddie can be engaged to any player only during tournament play.

24. No caddie will be assigned to any player nor reserved for him until player has entered club grounds, and has applied in person to caddie-master for a caddie.

25. No attention will be paid to request for caddies over telephone.

These rules must be obeyed.

TOM O'HARA,
Head Caddie-Master,
Denver Country Club.

Whether This Golfer Does Dishes Depends on Pryor

THE heat is on Bob Pryor, Dunlop's adv. mgr. Applying the heat is Leslie E. Fenster, a member of Crystal Springs GC, Burlingame, Calif., where Everett Goulart is pro.

Goulart spread the word of the Dunlop "Break 100-90-80" certificates as inducements to improve go'fers' performances. It worked on the Fensters as it has on thousands of other pros' members.

Mrs. F. was playing around 120; Mr. F. in the low 80s with a rare break into the 70s. Mrs. F. swore she was going to get a "Break 100" certificate. Her spouse made the mistake of saying he would get a certificate for breaking 70 quicker than she'd get one for breaking 100. The bet was that Pa would cook breakfast and do the dishes for a year if Ma won. The Fensters began playing a lot of golf and taking plenty of lessons from Ev Goulart.

The letter in which Mr. F. tells of the campaigns is one of the most amusing chronicles of golf. When he was driving, an automobile accident resulted in Mrs. F. getting a broken shoulder, which she felt was unfair tactics.

Mr. F. by a miracle broke 70. Then he learned Dunlop has no "Break 70" certificate. If he doesn't get a certificate for

his feat before Mrs. F. gets hers when she breaks 100 Pryor will be out of luck for the success of his golf-improvement reward idea. It looks like Bob will be stuck for the cost of a special certificate to be sent to Mr. Fenster.

Tam O'Shanter Club Prepares for \$11,000 Event

PREPARATIONS are nearing completion for the \$11,000 Tam O'Shanter Open to be held September 4-7 at the Tam O'Shanter club in the Chicago district. The tournament is being staged with the cooperation of the PGA, the Chicago Assn. of Commerce, and the Chicago District G.A.

The \$11,000 purse, incidentally, is the largest offered in the country this year; the first place winner will draw a neat \$2,000, \$1,400 will go to the second spot, and an even \$1,000 is in the pot for the third man. From there, the cash awards range on down to \$50 for 30th place. Another \$400 will be paid out in prizes to the low scorers in each 18-hole round, and an additional \$200 will be split among the three lowest scorers in the qualifying round.

George S. May, president of the Tam O'Shanter CC, is the 'man behind the Open,' and assisting him is a group of enthusiastic club members headed by Harry G. Daumit, general chairman, Harry A. Rheiner, Albert J. Smith, P. F. Lowder, Matt E. Niesen, Edmund G. Weichmann, George Mallory, Claude C. Crandall and Pro William C. Gordon.

In spite of the large purse, the tournament will be offered to the public at one of the lowest admission prices ever charged for a major golf event. Tickets good for admission all four days have been priced at \$3.00 while daily tickets will sell at \$1.00. This dollar price holds good for the Sunday finals as well and, since the tournament is a benefit (all profits from the event are to be divided equally between the Chicago chapter of USO and the British War Relief Society), there is no tax to be added on.

Entries close August 20, and the qualifying round has been set for Tuesday, September 2. Entry fees, which are \$11, should be filed at the club, Niles, Ill., on or before August 20.