

and keeping a building or room for gambling.

As club officials and members in other cities generally view the Pueblo case the Pueblo G&CC was made "the fall guy" in a situation that according to the laymen's view involves a constitutional liberty. However, legal advisers of golf clubs are investigating the specific points of fact and law in this case in order to protect other clubs against similar embarrassment.

The Pueblo case was stirred up by a discharged employee who kept records of credits due poker players at the conclusion of each session. Just what part of the former employee's business poker auditing was nobody seems to be able to explain, although bewildered Pueblo members are willing to admit the whistleblower had an eye for his own future.

The employee took his data to a District Attorney who cast his eyes heavenward, cleared his throat and in ringing accents proclaimed "crime must go!"

It all would be strictly comic opera except for the nuisance and expense it's caused the club, and the concern it's given managers, officials and members of clubs in other states where the gambling laws are substantially the same as in Colorado. The Pueblo case is the only one of its kind in Colorado where it is popularly supposed that a man's home is his castle, and his club is even better because he can do more complaining at his club without Ma telling him to pipe down.

## Organization of Divot Diggers Solves Tough Problem

A SIGN printed on a round metal background about a foot in diameter and stuck on the first tee of Kansas City's Swope Park municipal course No. 2, intrigues the player at that excellent muni establishment.

The sign reads "Are you a Divot Digger?" It has a large interrogation mark in red behind the black lettering.

About 50 yards from the tee at the left of the fairway, is another sign identical with the one on the first tee.

Then, at intervals of about 25 yards along the left of the fairway are three other signs. They have the continuity interest of those Burma-Shave roadside poems.

The second fairway border sign reads:

"You can be a member, you know."

The third one reads:

"How and Why? Easy and Free, too!"

And the final sign bears this message:

"Just replace the turf, brother."

The ingenious and effective procedure to remind players to replace divots is the idea of Harry Railsback, managing superintendent of Swope Park. Harry is naturally a diplomatic operator, and was started right in golf diplomacy as one of the proteges of Joe Matthews, widely known veteran of golf in the midcontinent.

So Harry tackled the tough problem of getting public course players to replace divots and otherwise cooperate in the players' responsibility of course maintenance by using this "teaser" series of signs rather than relying on the usual policy of censuring the players by printed and spoken word.

The Divot Diggers is an actual organization of Swope Park players to whom is issued an attractive and amusing little membership card designed by a prominent local artist whose golf interest also has produced a great series of newspaper cartoons giving a close-up on golf.

Railsback, Greenkeeper Ed Brugger of the Swope Park courses, and Leland Gibson, pro at Swope Park, all testify that organization of the Divot Diggers has not only been responsible for players having more consideration for the maintenance problems of the course, but has developed a lively interest of private club character which is a valuable factor in operating municipal golf to the satisfaction of its patrons.

Swope Park under the Railsback management of its golf activities is an excellent example of how a municipal course may be developed as a recreation public utility of intimate appeal to its patrons, rather than merely a hit-and-run low-priced golf layout.

Hausen-Nufer Nuptials — Elizabeth, daughter of Pete and Stella Hausen of Chicago's Edgewater GC, was married July 25 to Eugene Nufer, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Nufer of Chicago, at St. Henry's Rectory.

As Bim, and the daughter of the popular and merry Hausens, the new Mrs. Nufer is widely known to club managers and their wives. She's a fashion expert. The groom is scion of a family long famous in Chicago's restaurant business. The kids are honeymooning in Wisconsin.