

# Of Golf . . . . Of Course

Willie Turnesa, 1938 Amateur champ, is teaching golf to the sailors at the naval gunners' school, Hollywood, Fla. . . . Sandy Weir, writing in the Winnipeg Free Press, suggests that a dozen golfers or so in each club leave instructions with the pro to loan their sets to any service man who comes to play unequipped. It's a fine suggestion. . . . Oregon Public Links GA is sponsoring a War Industries Golf League, open to 4-man teams from war plants. Three divisions—championship, B, and C are planned. . . .

Down in Hawaii, barbed wire is strung at intervals over the courses to prevent enemy planes from landing. This has resulted in a new rule, giving a free lift to a player whose ball is under or near the wire. . . . Massachusetts GA had its 40th birthday in February. . . . Fred Corcoran, overseas with the Red Cross, says Yank golfers stationed in Great Britain are having a fine time playing the historic layouts of the Isles. . . . Henry Picard, instead of retiring to the rustic quiet of his farm, has changed plans and is now at work in the safety dept. of an Oklahoma City aircraft concern. . . .

To encourage share-the-ride, drivers of cars with three or more other players aboard will receive a \$1.00 credit toward clubhouse purchases at either Hilltop or Plymouth CCs, Detroit. . . . Mrs. George Zaharias (Babe Didrickson) won the Women's Mid-winter tourney at Los Angeles by defeating Clara Callender in the final 4&3. Babe, who regained her amateur standing this year, shot a 73 to qualify. . . . Ted Marseles, pres. of the New York State GA, is urging all clubs and organizations to schedule full event-calendars this season. He sees no reason to believe there will not be plenty of golf played. . . . Missouri

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## TIMELY TURF TIPS

### HOW TO CONTROL SUR- PLUS GRASS ON GREENS

At the end of 1942 there was too much grass on many greens. It was most noticeable on Washington, Metropolitan, and other similar bent grasses which make a dense tight turf. Matting was aggravated by less frequent cutting.

Turf becomes spongy when there is too much grass. Every footprint is clearly defined and surfaces near the cup become very uneven. Buried stems are an added annoyance. They cause the ball to hop. The course of the ball is deflected by occasional stems kicked out by shoe spikes. Accurate putting is well-nigh impossible in either case.

Matted greens resemble the thatched grass roofs used in Europe. Thatching impedes the penetration of applied water in both instances. Matted grass may cause serious trouble in hot weather. Localized dry spots appear during drought despite artificial watering. As grass begins to wilt, it turns blue. Then it withers, turns brown, and dies. Clover or algae finally appear in the resulting thin spots. In hot rainy spells surfaces stay sopping wet. Rotting, followed by scald and algae invariably occur. Thatched surfaces also prevent effective disease control. The fungicide stays on top, and the disease organism continues uninterrupted growth underneath. Surfaces become badly pitted from the deep scars.

Unless corrected now, an even thicker mat will develop this year, especially on greens which are not cut every day. Setting the mower to cut closer is not the answer. Once turf becomes thatched, the mower rides over the top. It clips leaf tips only.

Removal of the buried stems by vigorous cross-raking and close cutting is the correct answer. In aggravated cases several rakings and cuttings may be needed. The thinning out is best done just prior to the first fertilization and top-dressing in spring—before grass starts to grow.

By removing surplus grass each spring, greens can be cut less frequently and somewhat higher. In a single season the mat does not become sufficiently thick to aggravate disease and complicate summertime maintenance.

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State GA has folded for the duration, but the ass'n funds are being preserved—\$2,500 in war bonds and \$571 in cash—so the body can pick up again after the war. Meanwhile, member clubs pay no more dues. . . .

Barney Ross, named in several polls as sport's hero of 1942, says his companion-occupant of a shellhole at Guadalcanal, and his "best pal," was Marine Pvt. R. C. Atkins of Rome, Ga., who was pro at the Sante Fe course before enlisting. . . . A contender for the 1963 women's national championship, Miss Patricia Jane Walsh, was born at St. Francis hospital, Peoria, Ill. Her daddy is Marty Walsh, pro at the Peoria CC. . . . L. Ert Slack's little booklet on putting, one of the classics of this department of the game, now is available to pros for resale at a good profit. A copy may be obtained from Slack, at 1131 Security Trust Bldg., for the pro price of 25c. . . .

Nearest transportation to Meridian (Conn.) muny golf course is a bus line skirting the 15th tee, a long way from the clubhouse. So players arriving by bus will be allowed to start their rounds at the 15th hole, where a ticket seller will be on duty. . . . Navy has taken over management and operation of Lake City (Fla.) GC, with servicemen paying 25c, the public 50c, to play. . . . Grand Rapids (Mich.) thinks play on its 4 muny courses will be heavy this year and plans to offset rising costs by upping green fees 20%. . . . Sailor Sam Snead and Coastguardsman Jimmy Thomson played an exhibition match against Lloyd Mangrum and Marvin Stahl on Mar. 21 at the San Diego naval training station golf course. . . . U. of Oklahoma golf course at Norman lets servicemen play for 25c and rents clubs for another two-bits. . . .

Clubs in England are up in arms against recent order to plow up half of each 18-hole links and a third of each 9-hole layout for crops. Golfers want to know what's the matter with idle grassland, of which the country abounds. . . . A ferry-command pilot recently left the U. S. with a tail wind and reached his destination near St. Andrews, Scotland, in 7¾ hours. At

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4 p.m. he started a round of golf after giving the course starter a copy of the N. Y. Herald-Trib of that day. . . . They say Hirohito has to play golf alone, because nobody is worthy of playing with him; moreover, if you beat the head cheese, you'd be expected to commit hari-kiri. . . . For our golfer-fighters in the African theater, there is a course in Algiers and another in Tunis, but we haven't heard if they're keeping up the fairway mowing these days. . . . The Peter Dawson National Ringer golf tournament is to be suspended for the durations. The Dawson Trophy, first put into competition in 1901, retired in 1913, and brought back in 1941 was won in 1942 by Hickory Hills CC, Springfield, Mo., with a composite low ringer score of 43. Trophy will remain at Hickory Hills this season, then be retired for the duration.

Oregon GA has cancelled all its championship fixtures for the duration, except maybe an event for juniors too young for defense work. . . . Employees of Sylvania Electric Co. have leased North Shore GC, Salem, Mass., and will start a drive for members among the company's 5,000 employees. . . . Army has taken over palatial clubhouse of Glen Oaks GC, Little Neck, L. I., but is not interested in the course, which may be opened as a fee layout. Glen Oaks members have acquired the Lakeville CC property; Lakeville members will be absorbed by other L. I. clubs. . . . Craig Wood, who is still National Open champion, because the event hasn't been played since he won it in 1941 at Fort Worth, is recovering from a spinal operation performed to cure his long-standing back ailment. . . .

**CORRECTION**

In the advertisement of the Toro Manufacturing Corporation in the March issue, credit for the illustration was given in error to Desert Inn Golf Course, whereas the correct name should be O'Donnell Desert Golf Course at Palm Springs, Calif. Mr. John Kline sent in the picture which was used.