

Pro's Quiz Program Livens His Club's Paper

WITH quiz radio programs highly popular Hugh M. Gordon, pro at the Roanoke (Va.) CC, has applied the question and answer pattern to an interesting series of articles in the club's Country Club News.

It's a clever idea for starting instruction arguments among members and stirring interest in lessons.

One of Gordon's quiz programs reads:

5 points are allowed for each question.

100% is excellent—the golf world is yours.

80% is fair—better not gamble much, or talk loud.

60% is poor—say nothing and arrange for golf lessons.

Grip

1. Do you grip the club with the fingers and thumbs or palms of the hand?
2. How many knuckles of the left hand should show in the grip?
3. Where should the inverted V's point?
4. What does the little finger of the right hand overlap?
5. Is the grip the same for all clubs?

Addressing the Ball

6. How should the weight be divided on the feet?
7. Are the knees straight or bent?
8. Is the position straight or bent?
9. Does the golf swing differ for Woods and Irons?

Back Swing

10. What starts the pivot?
11. Where should the left arm swing?
12. How about the left elbow?
13. How about the right elbow?
14. Where is the weight at the top of the swing?
15. How far back should the club go?

Down Swing and Impact and Follow Through

16. Which arm starts the down swing?
17. How are the arms at the impact?
18. How are the wrists at the impact?
19. Where is the weight?
20. How far does the club go in the follow through?

On other pages of the Country Club News the answers appear. The answers Hugh provides are:

(1) Fingers and thumbs; (2) three; (3) right shoulder; (4) first finger of the left hand; (5) except putter; (6) evenly; (7) slightly bent; (8) slightly stooping; (9) yes; (10) left knee; (11) close to body; (12) slightly bent; (13) bent; (14) mostly right foot; (15) horizontal; (16) left; (17) straight; (18) firm; (19) evenly divided; (20) beyond horizontal.

We once heard an argument lasting six hours to no decision about Hugh's answer to Question 10. The Great Thomas Donaldson Armour maintains the correct backswing is starting by lifting the left heel.

GREENKEEPING DIVOTS

Herb Shave at Oakland Hills (Detroit district), scene of two National Opens and a Women's National, is filling in some traps. . . . Eliminating unnecessary traps has been a major item of fall and winter work at clubs planing ahead to reduce maintenance.

Greenkeepers' mechanical genius and versatility has qualified them for numerous well-paying war plant jobs, many of which are held in addition to handling their course work to help their clubs through the war. . . . Club officials have commented on the situation by lauding greenkeepers' loyalty and wondering if outside greenkeepers' ability by war plant pay figures will raise greenkeepers' salaries at clubs after the war.

Philadelphia district expects continuance next season of 1943 chinch bug damage, especially severe on tees and green aprons. Greenkeepers plan tobacco dust applica-

tions just before mid-June this year to control the pest. . . . Dollar spot provided major turf trouble in that district in 1943.

A Turf association of the South Atlantic States has been proposed. . . . Perley A. Hill, Salt Lake City (Utah) CC supt. had to hire 63 men last year in keeping a crew of 13.

Michigan State college will hold its annual greenkeeping short course, directed by Prof. James Tyson, at East Lansing, Feb. 24-25. One day sessions are in prospect at Rutgers and University of Maryland. Iowa State and Wisconsin are undecided and the Massachusetts winter course, Purdue, and Rock Mountain are out for the duration. . . . Gasoline rationing, use of school facilities for military instruction, and greenkeepers' employment in war plant work have the highly valuable short course work almost out of the picture. . . . Regional greenkeepers organizations are making their meetings intensely educational to try to partially fill the gap of short course cancellations.