

## Authorities Appraise Golf

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and a few other one-day affairs as well as probably adding a district junior championship.

Shortage of equipment, especially of golf balls began to be sharply felt last year in the Detroit district.

It is the firm opinion of observers of the golf situation in the Detroit area that the game's wartime growth of popularity among military personnel, the factory and office workers and school students is a certain indication of golf's postwar growth far beyond its present status.

## Servicemen's Golf Makes Sioux Falls' Top Year

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★ IN SPITE OF a late start, due to spring floods, the Elmwood Park course at Sioux Falls had the biggest year in the club's history. This was due to encouragement of servicemen's play. Half of the year's rounds were by men in uniform and of them 50 per cent were beginners. We have endeavored to make our city's course a prominent factor in extending memorable hospitality and recreation to the fellows at the Sioux Falls Army Air field which adjoins our municipal layout.

Our greens fees were 50 cents for 18 holes and 25 cents for nine holes, with the same charges for club rentals. Elmer Dreher, our concession mgr., Cliff Anderson, our course supt., and I, believe we have brought many new players into the game by steaming up golf interest of the servicemen. Local merchants contributed generously to prize lists for our tournaments which were conducted every weekend and holiday. These events brought together the servicemen and our citizens in very pleasant affairs.

Sgt. Leo Mallory won our AAF tournament for the second consecutive year;



Back, L to R: C. P. Wyman, Club champ., Irwin Nelson, S. D. State champ., Lee Mooney, Sioux Falls City champ.; Front, Ed Livingston, Elmwood pro and Sgt. Leo Mallory

this year defeating Cpl. Ned Jamieson in the finals. We had 108 entries in the enlisted men's tournament and 16 in the officers competition.

Cliff Anderson did a great job in providing a well conditioned course although for four springs he's had to contend with bad floods. Now he's completed a system of dikes which will control the floods.

In 14 years at this club I've never had a year to equal 1944 in demonstrating the value of the game to the American public. What golf was able to do for hardworking servicemen and the industrious civilian populace, during their earned hours of leisure clearly justified a high place for it in the American way of life.

## War Workers Account For Half Philadelphia Play

★ LIKE ALL OTHER districts the Philadelphia area in 1944 suffered from the shortage of gasoline, caddies and golf balls. Manpower scarcity, too, precluded the usual care given to keep golf courses in good condition.

Despite all handicaps, however, not one of the 52 clubs comprising the Golf Association of Philadelphia was forced to close down, nor were any of the courses plowed under or abandoned. In some cases that required a lot of thought and energy.

Those clubs near enough to the city to make transportation fairly easy had very good attendance over weekends during the season. Lack of help within the clubhouses made service of meals a problem. A dozen or more of the Association's clubs extended golfing courtesies to hundreds of men in the armed forces during the summer.

The Association staged six tournaments last year and they were all well attended. The events that attracted the biggest fields were those for the Red Cross and other war efforts, chief of which was raising thousands of dollars for the construction of a golf course for the convalescent veterans at Valley Forge General Hospital near Philadelphia.

Perhaps the most notable trend was from workers in war plants who turned to golf for relaxation. It is conservative to say that at least one-half of the past year's golfers were workers who wanted to be out in the fresh air and sunshine.

Golf will be bigger and better and stronger in the postwar period than ever before, because it will include men and women who have found in it new vigor and a fresh outlook on life. Yes, 1945 will be better, and so will the years to follow.

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**GET THOSE OLD CUTS  
BACK INTO PLAY**

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