

it has been done, I have heard several club officials say that they have considered a postwar equipment barn which will have a winter-sports clubroom under the same roof. Their idea is that some work of repairing equipment, course or clubhouse furniture, or some other job usually is going on in the equipment barn all through the winter. Consequently, the heating and watchman requirements might as well be centered in the barn rather than opening the whole clubhouse for the use mainly of members' youngsters.

Skeet and trapshooting during the winter probably will come back strong after the war. Skating and hockey have been picking up favor steadily, with the growing popularity of figure skating and professional and amateur hockey. So the possibilities of a large, pleasantly appointed room with buffet meals, and toilet facilities, as an extension of a modern and good-looking equipment and supply warehouse and shop, may be a winter sport operating answer at some clubs.

Businessmen on war work have become more keenly conscious than ever before of opportunities of revising methods. They have been applying this policy to their golf clubs. The head of a large war plant told me recently that golf clubs had thoughtlessly neglected their bottlenecks—their short holes.

"At the short hole tees," he said, "there seldom are enough benches for the players who collect at the bottlenecks. And it is surprising how many short tees are without shade. The lack of relaxing facilities makes the player uncomfortable. Instead of getting keen enjoyment out of the hole that he would stand a chance of playing in par, he gets impatient and embarrassed by having other impatient players watching him. So he hurries along and messes up the hole.

"What would help at short hole tees, is a small area of putting green turf with a cup or two sunk in it, so waiting players could practice putting. Just enough green strip so fellows could have their interest engaged, and not too much to add heavily to the maintenance problem."

Maybe there's something to the idea.

After the war there's going to be a restoration of the rough which has been cut at most courses during wartime to reduce losing balls. Some greenkeepers believe that wartime cutting of rough has diminished the fairway weed problem considerably. But what the average club member is going to say about having to hack his way out of tall grass again is anybody's guess.

Already there are indications that the wartime rules of giving a ball a preferred lie on the fairway have lost their charm. The average wartime golfer has lost the knack of hitting down into the ball and has acquired a scooping sort of a swing. Each shot must be almost like it's teed up or the man with an 18 or higher handicap doesn't know how to make it. Consequently golf has become a different game than it was when the ball was played as it came to rest. That wartime rule probably had more of an effect on the average player's game than a long ball would have under normal playing conditions. Some district associations have begun to campaign for the abandonment of the wartime preferred lie rule. It won't be easy to break players of the habit.

But the return to normal playing regulations is going to again cause greenkeepers concern about length of fairway cutting for play, as well as for turf maintenance.

There's no data available yet on any

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## FAIRWAY AMMUNITION FOR NAVY AND MARINE VETS



Hospitalized vets stationed at Great Lakes Naval Station are going for golf in a big way, aided by the Ill. PGA's lively program of furnishing instruction and equipment. Photo shows, left to right: Seaman 2nd Class Lloyd Frahn, wounded in the Philippines; Alec Pirie, Onwentsia; Alex Cunningham, Ill. PGA president; Eddie Bush, Oak Park; Byron Hareke, Twin Orchard; Commodore Robert R. M. Emmet; Capt. D. J. Wharton; Marine Sgt. Donald North, wounded at Iwo Jima; John Revolta, Evanston; Jack Hutchison, Glen View; Harry Adams, St. Charles, Chairman Ill. PGA Rehabilitation Committee, and Jimmy Hines, Chicago, Cunningham, representing the Ill. PGA, and The Tribune golf school is unloading the ammunition. *(Chicago Tribune Photo)*