

classes that couldn't be expected to meet par. One is for the class that's in the low 80's, another for those in the high 80's and low 90's, and the other one for those above 92. Our usual score card, of

course, is retained.

We're giving those a trial with our own membership this year. And I'm going to have the amputees try them when they are ready to get out on courses and play.

The cards:

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Par	4	4	5	3	4	4	4	3	5	36	5	4	3	4	4	5	3	4	4	36	72				
Handicap	5	9	1	17	8	7	12	18	4	3	13	16	11	10	2	15	14	6							
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Handicap	5	9	1	17	8	7	12	18	4	3	13	16	11	10	2	15	14	6							
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Handicap	5	9	1	17	8	7	12	18	4	3	13	16	11	10	2	15	14	6							
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# WARTIME SAMPLING IS BUILDING GOLF BOOM

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★ What is the future of postwar golf? That is a question I have been asked numerous times during the past three years. It is my opinion, and I might add, the opinion of many of my brother golf professionals that golf is going to enjoy the biggest boom of any sport after the war.

Everyone interested in a certain sport paints a bright picture for that particular sport. The Budge boys swear that tennis will sweep the country; the archers claim that hitting the bull's-eye will be the national pastime. The football followers feel sure that sport will continue to be recognized as the national pastime. However, I believe the royal and ancient game of golf will lead the way.

I know in my own case, hardly a week goes by that I don't receive a letter from some of our former caddies at the club, asking to send them some clubs or balls. Interest in the game has tripled as shown by the huge galleries all over the country in the past year.

The Government can be thanked for a lot of this increased patronage. Nearly all the Army posts and hospitals throughout the country have golf courses, driving ranges, or miniature putting layouts. In the cases of psycho-neurotics or fatigue returnees, the soldier is introduced to golf immediately. Golf requires concentration, limited physical exertion, and exposes the patient to sun and fresh air. He immediately forgets his troubles.

That the game of golf can be played alone is one of its big attractions. Baseball, basket-ball, tennis, badminton and numerous other sports do not offer this attraction. They either require teams or individuals that play that particular sport as well as the opponents. In golf, a par shooter can enjoy a round of golf

with a player just beginning the game.

The PGA's rehabilitation program has done a lot to stimulate golf in the various Army camps around the country. Byron Nelson, Sam Snead, Harold McSpaden, Bob Hamilton, Craig Wood and numerous other PGA members who played on the winter circuit, visited the different camps and put on driving and putting exhibitions. They also gave lessons to the boys in groups.

Another thing that is helping to make golf so popular is the number of Open golf tournaments being played each weekend. It is surprising the amount of space the sport editors are giving golf in their sport sections. I have often wondered if baseball would hold its popularity if it were not for the great amount of space devoted to the game. Take the box-score, batting and pitching records out of the paper and see how quickly baseball would die.

Postwar golf competition will be razor-edge. The better ball will be made again, and as Ben Hogan said not long ago, he looks for the touring pros to soon be shooting in the fifties consistently.

Out of the amateur ranks we may see another Bobby Jones rise up, as did the Grand-Slammer after the first World War. There is plenty of talent now lying dormant, due to these chaotic times, but with peace times, the pendulum will swing the other way and there will be a great movement toward the pleasures that come from sports. And golf is, I am sure, going to find itself at the top of the list with the sport-loving addicts of this country.

Before the war, we had in the neighborhood of three million golfers in the United States. It is the opinion of many that a few years after the war we will have close to ten million golfers here in the United States.