

## Redmond, Trick Artist, Teaches GIs on USO Tours

★ JACK REDMOND, veteran trick shot and show golf performer, has returned from his latest USO tour; this one to South America, Africa and way stations. Redmond is no novice at globe-trotting, having done considerable of it when he was circling the world in pre-war tours.

Galleries ranged from the few of a remote post's small personnel to 2,000. Jack put on more than 100 shows on this 48,000 mile jaunt. Redmond is convinced that returning soldiers, sailors, marines and coastguards will virtually double the number of American golfers if the game at home follows up on the lads' interest and provides them with convenient and inexpensive facilities.

Featured in Redmond's routine is a quick golf lesson in which Jack gives the golf



Redmond exhibits his golf magic to the Navy.

rookie fundamentals of the game in a minute or so of instruction, then lets him whack a ball. Jack maintains that many potential serviceman golfers may be scared away by hearing that the game is very complex and requires a tremendous amount of study. Part of his act was to convince the lads that they could get started right for scoring without having to look ahead to hours of work learning, when what the servicemen are looking for is enjoyment.

Jack says that Johnny Perelli, who used to be pro at Lake Tahoe (Calif.) CC and has been at Honolulu in charge of servicemen's golf for 3½ years, told him that 12,000 military personnel started playing golf at one course since the war started. Jack said he saw between 200 and 300 servicemen waiting to get off the first tee.

Redmond also believes that some first class native Hawaiian golf talent will be contesting in American championships before long.

He reported club shortages at many places where servicemen are stationed.

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But the lads still manage to play, with four fellows playing out of one bag. Playing conditions are not especially good. At Ascension island there's a 9-hole course although there's no grass on "The Rock;" nothing but white sand. The Firestone Rubber Co. has a good course, with sand greens and grass fairways, in Liberia near Roberts Field. Jack said that right on the edge of the rubber plantation GIs wanted golf balls. At Teheran Jack played with GIs on an all-sand course.

Any place there was a possible chance, Jack relates, the soldiers and sailors were playing golf. Often any fellow who was fairly good—or who had played before—was made the pro.

Redmond and Mickey Walker, who was Jack's team-mate on the tour, played with hundreds of Yanks.

★ 11 ACES IN 4 MONTHS—J. A. Buchanan, pro-mgr. of Columbus, O., Twin Rivers munny course believes that 11 holes-in-one made on the course from May 6 to Sept. 9 last year must constitute a record. The club is called by its players as the "Soot and Cinder" club due to its location close to a Columbus industrial area, but course and clubhouse are maintained in excellent condition. The club was the scene of the highly successful Columbus caddie tournament, with \$1250 cash value of prizes. Top prize was a scholarship to Ohio State U. Mayor Rhodes, a former caddie, and highly regarded for his business administration of the city, is an enthusiast in getting youngsters to develop star games at the Twin Rivers course. He points out to local businessmen that it costs at least \$750 a year to have a lad serve prison time for getting into trouble, and if golf can get susceptible kids so keenly interested they're kept away from trouble, it's good business for the taxpayers. Champion of the Twin Rivers golfers, who include a number of very good players, is a one-armed young man Rhodes hopes to be able to have sent to veterans' hospitals to give patients impressive demonstrations.

CADDIE TOURNEYS PROPOSED — Columbus, O., is planning state and national caddie tournaments for 1946. Success of the city caddie tournament sponsored by Mayor James A. Rhodes prompted Columbus golf and civic leaders to formulate plans for expansion of the caddie competition. Officials and pros of Ohio clubs are enthusiastic about the proposed events. University scholarships will be major prizes.