

reasons for the points of etiquette that each gentleman and lady golfer is expected to observe. Wayne considers this a highly valuable part of any juvenile program for the simple reason that youngsters uninformed in golf manners are apt to become nuisances in their enthusiasm at play, thus cause criticism and restraint by members who will have valid reason for complaint, and possibly nullify the eager interest the kids have been showing in golf.

By dropping the etiquette instruction into the program after the youngsters are kindled in desire to play Wayne notes that it is not difficult to get into a kid's mind that observance of golf etiquette makes golf more, instead of less, fun. The general idea of etiquette also makes the instruction of the pupils more effective. Timberman, like other pros who have successfully conducted juvenile programs, realizes that there is bound to be a certain vigorous, frolicsome and mischievous element in any group of youngsters. To get that lively element to contribute to the generally pepping up of class interest and action without having it disturb the general tenor of the lessons is a diplomatic task of the pro which can be made comparatively easy by smooth and interesting reference to the ritual and reason of golf etiquette.

Timberman and Meridian Hills members and officials are certain that the juvenile program has been not only a very definite factor in establishing an excellent group of future members but has done much to solve the summer recreation problem of the youngsters.

These Meridian Hills young golfers have developed form that frequently reminds the observer of swings of today's adult stars. Some of the kids are scoring in figures that indicate those who say there'll not be another amateur win the National Open may have spoken prematurely. Pete Burkholder, 13, present Meridian Hills Junior champion and quarter-finalist in the Indianapolis City tournament for boys up to 18, started in these classes 4 years ago at the age of 9. Pete shoots consistently from 76 to 84 on the 6774 yard Meridian Hills course. Billy Kerr, an 89 pound, 4 ft. 8 in. 12 year old, in class since 1942, has shot an 84 on Meridian Hills.

Donna Mae Knox, 12, in her 3rd year in the class, qualified in the 1946 club tournament with a 92 and is consistently shooting in the 90's.

Each year a Junior club tournament is held and appropriate awards are presented to the best golfers among the boys, also among the girls in the group up through 10 years of age who play 9 holes. Those 10 through 14 play 18 holes and appropriate awards are given to the winners in both the boys and girls groups.

For the past two years Meridian Hills has sponsored a Juvenile Invitation Tournament.

At the close of the season Meridian Hills Juniors, under the supervision of Timberman, put on an exhibition for club members. Following that a dinner for Junior golfers is held at which time awards won during the season are presented. At the exhibition movies are taken which are presented at the following year's dinner.

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**PEPS UP PUTTING EVENTS**—Britton (S.D.) GC, like other sand green courses wasn't able to get many entries in its putting tournaments. R. F. Comstock of the club devised a method of distance variation and scoring that made putting events very popular. The Britton method consists of putting four balls alongside each other and stroking them at the cup first from 2 ft. distance, then from 4, 6, 8 and 10 ft. Comstock found that, by having the distances these lengths, scoring was such that players were encouraged. If a ball stops before it reaches the cup the player may lift it. The placement of balls alongside each other and separated by several inches gives different putting angles. One point is scored for each ball holed from 2 ft., 3 for each holed from 4 ft.; 5 for each holed from 6 ft.; 7 for each holed from 8 ft. and 9 for each of the 4 balls holed from 10 ft. Highest possible score is 100.

Comstock says that another putting game called "Horse shoe" also has become popular at Britton and other of the sand green clubs in the section. Three points are scored for a "ringer" or a putt holed out and one point for the ball nearest the hole. In the case of 4 players as 2 teams, 2 opponents shoot from one side of the cup and 2 from the other.

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#### **TEXAS BOOSTS BOY GOLFERS**—

Texas expects its present schoolboys to brighten the state's already brilliant golfing fame. Pros are coaching high school golf teams all over Texas and winter has seen no let-down in practice although January in Texas was unusually severe. Typical of local encouragement is a story in an Abilene sports section lauding the Maxwell twins, Bill and Bob and Gervis McGraw. Morgan Hampton, pro-mgr. of the Abilene CC since his return from the army, is coaching the Abilene high school golf team.

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