

Club Members Interested

Another factor in the rapid progress of the team is the interest and enthusiasm which members of the Woodlawn CC have shown in the project. They are helping the boys in every way possible in order to stimulate their interest in mastering golf.

John Robert Williams, captain of the boys' team, had never touched a golf club when the class was organized. Eight months later he was shooting in the low 80's. He is showing steady improvement, his instructor says. Williams is only one example, for there are several other boys in the class whose progress rivals his.

Already matches with neighboring schools have been held. As only the six top-ranking players are scheduled in these tournaments, competition is keen around the week of the contests.

Additional prestige has been added recently to the local high school golf team by write-ups in state newspapers, inquiries from neighboring schools concerning the program, and arrangements for the playing of several matches with teams from other schools.

Mr. Davis hopes to extend this golf program until it takes in 30 or 40 boys and girls. His main desire is to arouse still more interest in golf throughout the state, and he hopes someday to see the game take its place with football, basketball, track, and baseball as an interscholastic sport.

His advice to schools just beginning their golfing program is to start out on a small scale and take two or three years to develop the project. As the activity is opened to more and more students interest will increase, he says. Vital to the success of any such program is a sponsor who has an interest in young people and a love for the game of golf.

It looks like a busy year of progress ahead for the young golfers at Sherman High. Perhaps if one ventures down this way in four or five years he will find another Byron Nelson or a second Ben Hogan who has taken advantage of this fine system to secure his training.

Nationwide Interest in Golf Program for Schools

More than 100 schools and colleges have registered for the intramural golf program being sponsored by the National Golf Foundation and the Athletic Journal for the nation's schools in 1948.

The favorable early response indicates the program will be one of major interest in intramural sports in high school and college physical education. From a paro-



Individual gold and bronze medals to be awarded to intramural golf tournament winners are made available to schools free of charge by the National Golf Foundation.

chial school in Illinois: "Many thanks for your encouraging program—it's a break for the kids." From Calif., "May I take this opportunity to thank you in advance . . . this is an excellent gesture on your part." From a Kansas golf professional: "I am vitally interested in the program as I realize the young fellows are the future golfers."

It is interesting to note that schools registering for the intramural golf program range from the smallest to the largest. Hudson, Kansas High School with an enrollment of 48 is the smallest with the Univ. of Nebraska the largest so far.

Most of the schools are sponsoring tournaments for both boys and girls with more boys than girls competing although, in some instances the number of girls entered exceed the number of boys.

Materials for conducting an intramural golf tournament furnished free of charge to the schools registering for the program include: (1) A 32 place draw sheet, (2) A booklet on suggestions for conducting intramural golf tournaments, with information on seeding and drawing, (3) A promotional poster, (4) Handsomely lithographed National Golf Foundation Certificates of Award, and (5) Individual golf bronze medals for the tournament winners.

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