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Northland Campaigns for Understanding of Golf Rules

The Rules Committee of the Northland Country Club, Duluth, Minn., headed by W. K. Montague have put on a campaign to make Northland members better acquainted with and more observant of the rules than members of any other club in the nation.

In order to reach every member they have printed a little pamphlet entitled, *A Little Discourse on the Rules of Golf*—intended for a few friends who should know them better and a few opponents who sometimes act as if they had never heard of them.

The pamphlet is not intended as a statement or even a digest of the rules, instead they have tried to call attention to the fundamental rules governing play, dwelling particularly on some which are quite commonly ignored by many players.

The committee leads off with the statement, *"A golfer is a funny animal,"* and continues, "If he played tennis he would abide strictly by the rules of the game; he would not claim that it was unfair because a shot an inch outside of the court lost him a point, or that he should be permitted to foot-fault on his serve. If he played football it would never occur to him to suggest that the on-side rule should be overlooked. Occasionally,—not often—you might run into one who thinks that he should not be penalized for a renege in bridge, but generally he expects to play even that lousy game according to the rules.

"But when he steps onto a golf course his nature changes. If he pushes a tee shot over into the evergreens he is apt to look up hopefully and say, 'I can drop away from these, can't I?' If he happens to get some mud on his ball he picks it up, polishes it like a Wenatchee apple, and can't understand why his opponents scowl. He is obsessed with the hallucination that it is a game with no rules, or at least none that the players can't change at will.

"The function of the Rules Committee is to try to drive into this estimable gentleman's skull the fact that golf is like every other game; that there are certain rules which have been accepted and which he should observe, else he is not much better than a heelprint in a sandtrap to other golfers;—a source of embarrassment to his friends and a pain in the neck to his opponents.

"The basic principle of golf is that you tee up your ball at the beginning of each hole and never touch it again except with your club—counting one each time—until it drops into the cup. Every variation from this is some concession to meet a presumed

unfair situation. The game would probably be better if they cut out all the concessions and went back to the fundamental principle. No matter how many concessions are made there are some who are not satisfied,—who will never quit kicking until they can play 'winter rules' all the time and play every poor shot over again.

"For many years the USGA followed the rules in effect at the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, even when the terminology did not fit American usage. This year is stepped out on its own, and has rewritten the rules.

"Largely it was a matter of clarification rather than change. Many official rulings previously in effect were written into the rules, and many doubtful points cleared up. Rules dealing with the same subject were put together. There were a few changes of substance. The new rules should be much easier to understand. Free copies are available at the caddy shop. Each member should get one.

"One thing more: You should not go into the rules in the spirit of trying to spring penalties on the other fellow. A friendly pointer, provided you know it will be taken in the right spirit, is all right, but win your matches by your own golf,—not by the penalty route. Get your own game on the level,—don't worry about the other fellow's."

DEDICATE MARINE'S COURSE



Maj. Gen. Alfred H. Noble, commanding officer, Marine Corps Recruit depot, Parris Island, S.C., dedicates Marines' new course prior to opening exhibition match. L to R: Jim Ferrier; Maj. Wallace H. Robinson, Jr., USMC, officer in charge of construction and maintenance of the course; Dick Metz; Cmdr. Charles A. O'Neil (ChC), USNR; Capt. John B. Farrior, USN; and "Skip" Alexander. Gene Sarazen also played in the match. Ferrier topped the field with a 71 on the par 72 course.

Massachusetts Section of New England Turf Ass'n Formed

At the annual turf conference at the University of Massachusetts, a meeting was held under the chairmanship of Homer C. Darling, to form a turf association in Massachusetts.

The object of the organization is to establish a sound comprehensive turf research program and to disseminate the present knowledge and new facts to all members of the association. These members will include golf courses, park, cemeteries, athletic and recreational areas, landscape men, and all interested in the growing of fine turf. It is intended that the research program will be centered at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

It was decided to call the organization the Massachusetts Section of the New England Turf Association in preference to the Massachusetts Turf Association, since other states may wish to form similar organizations.

Officers elected:

First VP—Homer C. Darling, Owner, Juniper Hill GC, Northboro.

Second VP—William Mitchell, Turf Grower, Sunnapee, N.H.

Sec'y-Treas.—L. S. Dickinson, Assoc. Prof. of Agrostology, University of Massachusetts.

The President is to be appointed by these officers and a board to represent the various groups interested in the growing of fine turf. The following were appointed temporarily as members of the board:

Greenkeepers—Arthur Anderson, Brae Burn CC, West Newton, Mass.

Equipment and Supply Dealers—O. O. Clapper, The Clapper Co., West Newton 65, Mass.

Landscape Gardeners—Richard Lee, Chestnut Hill, Mass.

Nurserymen—Lester Needham, Adams Nursery, Westfield, Mass.

Manufacturers—Arthur Kingsbury.

Park Supts.—Fletcher Prouty, Springfield (Mass.) Park Dept.

Bowling Greens—G. Allison Wells, Springfield (Mass.) Park Dept.

Cemeteries—Elliot Rogers.

Institutional—Mr. McRae, Supt. of Grounds, Harvard University.

The federated garden clubs and airports are to be contacted.

John Counsell was elected ex-officio officer representing the Greenkeeping Supts. Ass'n of America.