

Bob Hope wrote an amusing foreword in which he says Doc's Southern style instruction is to "draw the clubhead back." Doc has graceful acknowledgments to L. B. Icely, pros J. C. Fondren, Buck White and Lloyd Mangrum, his father, Bob Hope, Mark Cox, Ed Feeney and the Memphis, Chickshaw and Colonial Country clubs in getting his excellent opus off to a smooth start.

GOLF ILLUSTRATED. By Patty Berg. A. S. Barnes & Co., 101 Fifth Ave., New York 3, publishers. 72 pages. Price \$1.50.

Patty turns in her usual fine performance in this production which is designed to be used as a text book and is coordinated with the extensive work she has done in presenting demonstrations and clinics before a group of women golfers at private clubs and at girls' schools.

It is fundamental material, well organized and boiled down and accompanied by a close tie-up of excellent photographs made by Ed Feeney. The indefatigable Mark Cox, listed as co-author with Patty, did his customary competent job of interviewing and getting the stuff written so it's a true representation of Patty in person.

Patty has a few pages on equipment for the woman golfer in which she gives good advice.

Golf Illustrated is far more than an edited reprint of Patty's earlier book on golf. It makes use of what she's learned in her many miles of travel and answering the questions girls and women have asked her about how to play better golf.

HOW TO HIT A GOLF BALL. By Sam Snead. 74 pages. Hall Pub. Co., Box 285, East Lansing, Mich., publishers. Price \$1.

For a guy who says he just hits a ball "the most simplest way Ah knows how" this is a great job of going into detail that won't have the customers getting themselves tangled up with a mess of theory. Mark Cox has expertly edited the Snead syndicated newspaper stuff and put some more dope in it, such as a close-up on how Sam happened to get that bogey 4 on the 71st hole in the 1949 National Open, but still maintains using the putter for the approach was selecting the right club. The line drawings are really first class as clear instruction material.

The book emphasizes playing from any sort of a lie. It's quite helpful to duffer and fairly low handicap amateurs. It seems that the higher handicap fellows usually are playing from places that would test the abilities of the stars.

THE GOLF COURSE GUIDE. By Anthony F. Merrill. Thomas Y. Crowell Co., 432 Fourth Ave., New York 16, publishers. 418 pages. Price \$3.50.

Merrill has ably done a tough job in compiling data on 1800 U.S. and foreign courses that the touring golfer might want to play. Many of these courses can't be played by outsiders, except as guests of members, but Merrill has done very well in concisely describing the features of these great courses and in giving details of the courses where play of desirable visitors is welcomed by resort, daily fee and public course management. Before a book like this can get to press there are changes in personnel and courses. Some courses have been closed to be taken over for subdividing.

The book is the only thing of its kind and we are happy to give it an enthusiastic plug as it saves us a lot of time in charting trips for touring golfers. Now they can spend \$3.50 of their own money, make up their own minds and save us time which we've been spending on letters.

HOOBS and SLICES. By Jim Igoe, Jr., with illustrations by John Faulkner. Published by Reilly & Lee, 325 W. Huron, Chicago. 96 pages. Price \$2.

This one comes close to, or beats par, in golf humor on almost every page. The characters and situations at every club are given a neat, swift once-over. You can name the names of those at your club who fit the pictures. After seeing many, many books of alleged golf humor that impressed and didn't score it's great to look through this one and really grin.

NE Wisconsin Officials in Fourth Annual Session

Presidents, secretaries; green, house and sports committee chairmen; pros, green-keepers and managers of northeastern Wisconsin golf clubs met at Pine Hills GC, Sheboygan, Wis., May 9 in the fourth of the NE Wisconsin GA's annual business sessions. Dan Steiberg, Jr., sec.-treas. of the association, its veteran pres., M. A. Carroll and VP Robert Testwuide, arranged sessions at which club officials and department heads compared operating figures, conditions, problems and solutions.

O. J. Noer, Milwaukee Sewerage Commission, went into a very helpful huddle with course men on their troubles and hopes and R. G. Howe of Ryerson Co. spoke on new items of golf equipment. He also demonstrated the Aerifier. Jack Hayes of Butte des Morts headed the house committee session. Jim Milward of Green Bay presided at the pro session in which handicapping and increase of play with live tournament programs were featured subjects. Showers stopped to permit some afternoon golf on the beautiful Pine Hills course. A banquet with Herb Graffis as guest speaker concluded the crowded day's program.