

# Book Reviews

## **Golf Techniques of the Bauer Sisters . . .**

*By Dave Bauer. 85 pages and index. \$2.95. Published by Prentice-Hall, Inc., 70 5th ave., New York 11.*

Papa Dave explains simply what made Alice and Marlene the child wonders of golf. The major technical point is timing and Dave sets forth interesting details of getting essentials of swing movement coordinated to attain proper timing. That's material which will be helpful to most older golfers. The psychology of getting and keeping the kids interested in golf and in constructive practice is particularly valuable in view of the great and growing interest in junior golf.

The Bauer sisters' swings are shown in very clear frames from motion pictures and significant details are pointed out by Dave. The big backswings of the kids Dave thinks may subconsciously be shortened as they grow older but now fit their timing perfectly and are natural; without tightness or strain.

The concise book is unorthodox in some respects but Dave presents positive reasons for his conclusions. It's well worth study and will stir up lively debate, which the very pleasant and competent kids will avoid serenely.

## **100 Handy Hints on How to Break 100 . . .**

*By Mike Weiss. 118 pages. \$3. Published by Prentice-Hall, Inc., 70 5th av., New York 11.*

Mike Weiss, a businessman amateur who consistently scores well, has written a helpful primer, apparently with the practical advice of pro Ross Carino and judicious use of sound instruction material written by excellent pro instructors. Among this material are adaptations of the device in Douglas Edgar's Gateway to Golf classic, now out of print; and the "turn-in-a-barrel" idea of body turn that Percy Boomer brought forth in his book "On Learning Golf."

An especially interesting chapter is on how to play a course. The chapters on practice and putting also are good first-aid to the duffers.

In advising on how to get clubs that fit and on getting pro instruction, the book is valuable propaganda for pros and amateurs alike. The book is simple and has in it about as much as the average high-handicapper can absorb and use without getting himself so snafued with technicalities he forgets to hit the ball.

The errors in the book are concerned with comment and are interesting and non-

injurious. Among them are Mike's statement that there are 19,000,000 golfers in the U.S. and crediting Sarazen with invention of the flanged sand niblic. Wish there were 19,000,000 golfers in the U.S. Wish there were even 9,000,000.

## **Now I'll Tell One . . . By Jack Strausberg.**

*96 pages. \$1. Published by Wilcox and Follett Co., Chicago and New York.*

Bob Hope's introduction leads into a collection of 267 interesting and amusing incidents in golf, baseball, football, boxing, horse racing and other sports. Jack's been collecting the material for years and has given them his clever illustrations. For a fellow who has checked as many sports stories as Jack Strausberg there are some surprising mistakes but they don't diminish the entertainment of the book. Jack tells one about Joe Kirkwood deliberately slicing a great shot at Brackenridge in a Texas Open, then illustrates the amazing shot by picturing a hook. Then, in telling about Jimmy Hines knocking Snead's stymie in to halve a hole in the 1938 PGA semi-finals and Sam winning the 36 hole semi-final from Jimmy, 1 up, Jack writes: "Snead took the PGA 1938 championship crown from Jimmy Hines . . ." Can't figure that one as Runyan won the 1938 PGA beating Snead, 8 and 7, in the finals. Don't let this correction tout you off the book as "Now I'll Tell One" is by a long way the most entertaining sports book we've read in years.

## **Slot Machine Loss Bump to Clubs**

Loss of slot machine revenue is proving to be a blow that's putting some country clubs into the red. Knocking out golf ball slot machines has slowed up ball sales. In some cases pros who used machines to move slow-selling balls as well as popular brands report 30 per cent ball sales reduction.

Country clubs aren't the only legitimate operations that are hit. Charitable organizations, veterans organizations and city clubs are wailing. The politicians lumped the clubs and charitable organizations with the gorillas who were bossing the organized racket phase of the slot machines. Through political protection solely in numerous instances the gorillas were able to demand that their machines be used in clubs and the mobs get a cut.

The gorillas are still in business.  
That's politics.