

in play. Any form of practicing between holes could entail a penalty for delay.

All references to practicing relate to strokes with a golf ball as there is no general prohibition against practice swings without a ball.

Every Rule has been amended in some detail, and the arrangement of the Rules has been revised along the general lines of the present British code.

The code is to be voted upon by the membership of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland, the governing authority on British golf, at a meeting in September. If approved then, the new rules would become effective world-wide on January 1, 1952.

The revised code would not only eliminate many present differences between British and American rules but would produce a number of major changes in the USGA rules, particularly the following:

1. The stymie would be abolished.
2. The out-of-bounds penalty would be increased to stroke and distance, from loss of distance only. This penalty would then be identical with the penalty for a ball lost or unplayable.
3. Lateral water hazards would be covered uniformly by a new rule. Heretofore they have been covered only by local rules, and have never been specially recognized in the Rules of Golf.
4. The putting green would be all ground of the hole being played) which is especially prepared for putting or otherwise defined as such by the committee in charge. At present the putting green is all ground, except hazards, within twenty yards of the hole being played.
5. A hazard would be any bunker, water (except casual water), or water hazard. Sand of itself no longer would be a hazard, unless it were within the confines of a hazard.

6. A penalty of disqualification might, in exceptional individual cases, be waived or be modified if the committee in charge considered such action warranted.

USGA copies of the new code will not be available until some time after the R. and A. has taken action.

Shows Need for Water Analysis Before Tree Planting Program

Pat Markovich, professional and manager, Richmond (Calif.) GC, issues a warning to those who may be considering an investment of any size in trees for landscaping the golf course. Pat relates an experience at Richmond other club officials whose courses are watered from sources bearing any degree of salt, will want to heed before spending any money on landscaping where trees are to be used.

Pat says, "The story in Golfdom on

Taconic Golf Club and the importance of trees brings to mind many of the problems we have had at Richmond. The first experience with trees and their importance was brought to my attention some twenty-five years ago when San Francisco, Lake Merced, Lakeside and California Golf Clubs were all rather new, built on ground that once had truck farming. No trees in sight. Now they are all groomed with many varieties that add the much needed beauty and creates obstacles for the golfers.

"We at Richmond had an experience that might be worth mentioning, at least could possibly prove a saving of money and time to some club. We first hired an authority on trees and plant life. He gave the course a thorough check and then suggested various types of trees to use — trees that thrive in the wind, those that like the shade, one that will grow in sandstone, dobeys and whatever other conditions prevail. After all the planning was completed we proceeded to purchase over \$4,000.00 worth of trees. Varieties were to make our course a show place. Now, after four years, we have little to show for our efforts. The retarding of growth has everyone puzzled. Samples of soil were taken to the nursery that sold us the trees, and there it was used on their trees with no ill effect. Finally we decided to check our water. Having wells to supply our course and with the grass thriving with the water, no thought was given to its effect on trees. Blue grass and bent will absorb salt to a degree where trees find it harmful.

"For the time being our \$4,000 program is stymied. Whether any of our investment will be salvaged remains to be seen. Others contemplating a similar program under like circumstances should proceed with caution."

PGA Fall Tourney Schedule

Ryder Cup Matches played at Pinehurst (N. C.) CC Nov. 2-4, opens the PGA Fall Tournament Schedule which provides an almost continuous series of events in a swing through the deep South and Cuba with the possibility of a tournament in Panama.

The schedule calls for the following events:

- Nov. 7-11—North and South Open, Pinehurst, N. C.
 - Nov. 16-19 — Savannah Open, Savannah, Ga.
 - Nov. 22-25 — Open Date (Thanksgiving)
 - Nov. 29 - Dec. 2 — Open Date
 - Dec. 5 — La Gorce Pro-Amateur, Miami Beach, Fla.
 - Dec. 6-9 — Miami Open, Miami, Fla.
 - Dec. 13-16 — Havana Pro-Amateur, Havana, Cuba.
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