

oped their skill and shoot below average scores, say that they might not have even started were it not for the easy "breaking-in" period afforded by the program. They're starting with people in the same state of golf-ignorance as themselves. The knowledge that "we're all beginners" and that mistakes are common here helps greatly to break down fears of social disapproval.

As a result, a much larger number of new golfers are added each year from high school and community center free lesson schools than would be added without the program.

Everyone Benefits

Benefiting greatly from these larger crops of new golfers each year are the men's and women's golf clubs organized at the public courses each season. They get a sizeable increase in membership strength annually. With this pre-season feeder program, an almost unique system of clubs for women, not only men golfers, has grown strong and active at the five courses. Ten women's clubs with a combined membership of over 600 were active in 1950.

As for the high school golfers, they benefit especially too. Because of their very recent golf lessons as seniors in school, the training and interest is still fresh and often fertile in producing many more golfing converts. Seniors leave high school and may start taking an active



Age isn't the requirement, it's the interest shown. Two generations learn golf as father and son at Columbia Manor's weekly classes. (L to R) Larry Ogala, 13, checks his grip with pro Fred Herrmann while father George looks on.

interest in playing immediately. Their golf habits already lean in the right direction and the high schools benefit from the increase in skill among boys and girls who compete in inter-school golf meets.

The grand result is that the golf facilities of Minneapolis—especially the five public courses of Theodore Wirth, Meadowbrook, Lake Hiawatha, Francis Gross

and Columbia—all are used more and in turn enjoyed more by the citizens of the community.

Golf is one of the fastest-growing sports in the country today. "Winter golfing" and pre-season promotion for the summer as operated in Minneapolis prove that you don't have to let Old Man Weather stop your golf season in the fall.

Bring your clubs and your golfers inside out of the rain, cold and snow. Golf indoors where the weather's always fine—it pays off!

"What's New" Theme of Westchester (N.Y.) Meet

"What's New for '52 in Turf" will be the theme of the Southeastern New York Turf School and Equipment Field Day to be held in Westchester County, New York, on Sept. 15 and 16.

New insecticides and fungicides, the place of the new soil conditioners in turf work, the latest information on weed control, and the results of this summer's work at the experiment stations will be presented by leaders in these fields at the first day's meeting. These sessions will be held from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. on Monday, Sept. 15, at the County Center in White Plains.

A number of educational displays of turf grasses, weeds, insects and diseases will also be on display during the day. Monday's program will be sponsored by the Westchester County Extension Service with the Educational Committee of the New York-Connecticut Turf Improvement Assn. cooperating.

On Tuesday, Sept. 16, the New York-Conn. Turf Improvement Assn. will hold its annual Turf Equipment Field Day at the Willows CC in nearby Harrison, N.Y.

The morning session will begin at 10 A.M. with an examination of turf plots demonstrating the latest developments in weed and clover control. The remainder of the morning and all of the afternoon program will feature the latest in turf maintenance equipment in action. This will be followed in the evening by a dinner in the club's dining room and a "Stump the Experts" panel discussion by several of the local equipment dealers. Rain date for the Field Day will be Wednesday, Sept. 17.

If you have any surplus of trade-in clubs you'll find a market in the rural areas where small new clubs are started. Few such clubs have pros, and the players don't want to spend much for clubs, so when they get clubs reconditioned by pros who are known around the territory the newcomers to the game jump at the opportunity to buy.

— George Aulbach