

course so he won't waste strokes by hacking with hope rather than sense. The book gives considerable detail on equipment so the average player will understand more about the purposes for which clubs are designed and use good judgment in selecting the club for the shot to be played.

"Golf of Our Fathers" Tells Game's Background

"The Golf of Our Fathers" is an entertaining and concise history of golf written by W. K. Montague, a member of the Northland CC, Duluth, Minn. A limited edition of the book is being sold by Harold Clasen, Northland pro, for \$4 each.

Montague, in dedicating his book to members of the Sunday Breakfast Group at Northland, identifies himself as a "maniac golfer."

He contrasts his catch-as-catch-can start in golf about 35 years ago with his introduction to that other Scotch game, curling. Before his application for membership in a curling club was accepted a veteran curling enthusiast told the history of the game and impressed upon the prospective curling the game's high standard of sportsmanship.

Montague is convinced that every golfer would have more fun by playing the game

according to the rules, and that if the very interesting historic background of golf were known to its players they'd understand the basis of the rules and the reasons for the game's development. He makes an amusing—and to us apt—parallel between golf as it should be played and golf as it often is played, and fundamental poker and the trick coed variations of poker that have driven many a sturdy old devotee of basic poker to concentrate on drinking, knitting and cutting out paper dolls as evening entertainment.

Montague gives the background of the course, the organization of clubs, the ball, the clubs, the caddies and pros, the amateur stars, women's golf, the golf swing, the use and misuse of winter rules, all the rules, the greens, "through the green," match and stroke play, and golf books. Bernard Darwin; Cmdr. Carson, formerly sec., R&A, Bernie Ridder, Runcie Martin and Jack Level, helped Montague get his source material together. Montague organized and condensed the material in a fine job of selection.

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