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On the West Course of the Birmingham (Ala.) CC, where the 39th annual Women's Southern Amateur championship will be played, May 10-15. This shows the 14th hole from the tee. It's a dogleg to the right and one of many rigidly testing holes on the 6,316 yd. course with a women's par of 36-38-74. The rolling, tight and beautifully conditioned course never before has been played in a women's championship.

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others here and abroad moving . . . After some dragging of official feet . . . Harlow also proposed US-British junior matches for which the National Golf Fund, Inc., allotted \$3000 to be spent under U. S. Junior Association of Commerce.

Chicago Daily Fee Golf Assn., whose members are owners and operators of semi-private courses in the Chicago area, will have their annual winter meeting at Bobby Jones course, Sarasota, Fla., Feb. 4 and 5 . . . Ralph Melin is the organization's sec. . . . Owners and operators of semi-private courses in other districts are invited to attend.

Paul Hahn, busiest of the trick shot stars, making another movie in January at Ellinor Village, Ormond Beach, Fla. . . . Formula of picture is an interesting, instructive novelty that gets the average golfer "into the act" . . . True Temper sponsoring the film as a golf promotion job . . . Harold Sargent, chm., Teaching committee, PGA, and other PGA officials working on golf movie that will combine instruction and promotion in great shape.

North Ridge CC, Sacramento, Calif., expects to be playing on its first 9 by July . . . Ninth annual Midwestern Shade Tree Conference, Feb. 17-19, Hotel LaSalle, Chicago, expected to draw a number of course supts. . . . Scotch golf writers and golfers are saying that instead of British PGA worrying about Ryder Cup financing problems it should play the matches in Scotland where galleries are bigger.

Columbia, Mo., new 9-hole munny course, constructed by Junior Chamber of Commerce, to be opened this spring . . . Norbeck CC (Washington DC dist.) \$200,000 clubhouse to be opened this month . . . Steve Berrien, Upper Montclair (N.J.) CC elected pres. Metropolitan (NY) Golf Assn., succeeding Jim Robbins of Garden City GC.

Wm. F. Bell planning 9-hole munny course for Alhambra, Calif. . . . Billy's got considerable work in progress and doing fine job of carrying on the excellent work of his late and great dad . . . Tam O'Shanter CC (Chicago dist.) first 11 months house business in 1953 14 per cent over same period 1952 . . . Gross in '53 first 11 months, \$1,031,279 . . . George S. May, owner, celebrated by giving away a Cadillac at the club New Year's eve.