

to play on. A great percentage of present-day golfers had not then become conscious that there was a form of exercise where skill rather than force was the main factor in individual competition. In those days the players were not so demanding in their desire for perfection and most of them, as well as the labor used to maintain the courses, knew the limitations of the grasses then grown. Then, labor even took pride in the accomplishment of their duties, and lived not alone for the Almighty Dollar.

Since the war a new and large army of golfers has arrived with almost no knowledge of the type of grasses which make up the turf on which to play. With demands for perfection in all industrial lines have also come demands for perfection all over the golf course. These demands are for a higher standards of maintenance, with mainly a shorter cut turf so that the players can have progressively lower scores. To maintain these standards new grasses and machinery have had to be used and superintendents have had to call on labor which is more machinery-minded than heretofore.

To get this labor golf courses come in direct competition with industry where success is measured by the amount of business and profit shown on the balance sheet, in contrast to the golf course need of keeping within the budget.

Describes Bridge Flooring For Spike Traffic

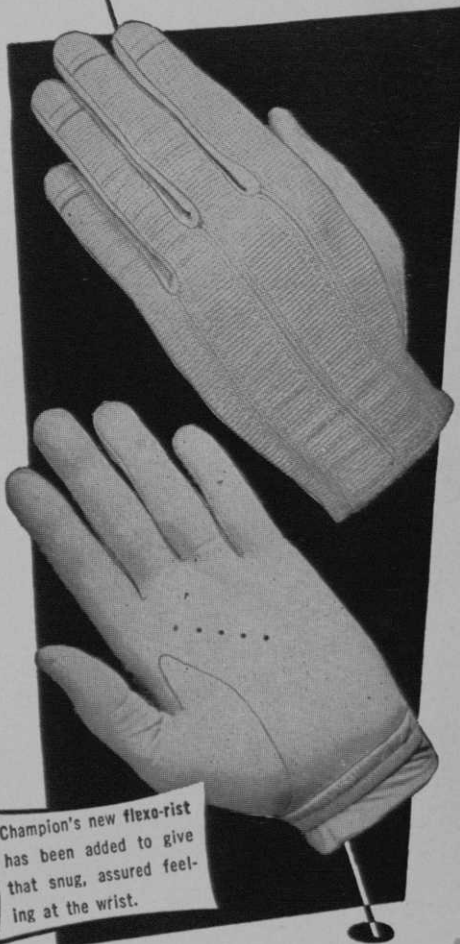
SUPT. MARION MENDENHALL of Kenwood CC (Cincinnati, O.), worked out a good way to protect bridge flooring from spike damage, reports the Green Breeze of the Great Cincinnati Greenkeepers Assn.

Roofing paper is placed down the center of the bridge floor and 1x2 inch wood strips are nailed along the sides and this area is filled with a mixture of cut-back asphalt and screenings. The cut-back asphalt is a liquid that can be purchased by the gallon from any asphalt plant. No heat is required during the warm weather. The screenings and asphalt are mixed together as you would concrete. The walk area is then filled with this mixture and raked smooth.

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