

# October Is A Golfer's Month

Pros who have difficulty in convincing members that October in the Northern states is one of the best golfing months of the year need only cite weather facts and figures, mentioned below, to support their argument that many golfers are putting their clubs away far too early.

GOLFDOM recently checked U. S. Weather Bureau figures for October of 1954 and 1955 for the Midwest area and found that there were from 12 to 14 perfect playing days each year besides 6 to 8 days when it was decidedly not uncomfortable to play.

In 1954, there were 14 perfect days with six of these showing temperatures above normal. On six others it would have been possible for a fellow to get in his golf even though slightly hampered by a nor-

mal October day's rainfall which actually is on the light side.

In 1955 there were 12 days when conditions were perfect for golf, and eight others when even timid souls wouldn't have hesitated in venturing onto the fairways.

During October the average maximum temperature for 12 Midwestern states is around 66, ranging from 61 in Minneapolis to 72 in Topeka. Average rainfall for the month is around 2½-ins., which compared to the average for the 11 other months, is on the dry side. Normally, there are only 5 or 6 days in October when it is unusually cold and 3 or 4 when it is too wet to play. And these often overlap.

Since weather moves from west to east, conditions that prevail in the Midwest during October are pretty nearly duplicated in the East and most of the Northeast.

## Ad Spotlights Vandal Damage on Courses

Harley B. Kline, manager of the Iron Rock GC, Merchantville, N. J., after vandals had severely damaged his greens, inserted a full page advertisement in local

### A LETTER

FROM ONE GOLFER TO ANOTHER

IRON ROCK GOLF CLUB

MERCHANTVILLE, N. J.

1954-1955 SEASON

President Dwight D. Eisenhower  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

It is my pleasure to inform you that

on the night of October 20, 1954, your kind and thoughtful letter was received and a copy of it was forwarded to the appropriate authorities.

I am sure that you will be glad to hear that the damage to the greens at Iron Rock Golf Club has been repaired and that the club is now open for the season. I am sure that you will be glad to hear that the damage to the greens at Iron Rock Golf Club has been repaired and that the club is now open for the season.

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# \$1000<sup>00</sup> REWARD

For the arrest and conviction  
of the guilty party

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Reproduction of Kline's letter to Pres. Eisenhower asking that something be done to stop vandalism at the country's golf courses.

newspapers, addressing the ad to the nation's No. 1 golfer, Ike.

The salutation of the advertisement may not have caught the President's eyes but it certainly got attention locally. Whether it gets effective action from law enforcement agencies remains to be seen. For some reason the police in many sections of the country appear to be almost futile in preventing course vandalism or apprehending vandals.

### Greens are Targets

Iron Rock is among numerous courses in the Philadelphia district which have had costly and distressing damage, especially to greens. Rydal had a drinking fountain torn up and jammed into a green. Llanerch had a green saturated with gas then ignited. Spring Hill had 27 divots taken out of one green and the next night vandals saturated another green with ammonia. Springhaven had greens damaged and is fencing the course hoping to stop damage. Iron Rock had two greens damaged by sodium arsenite.

Kline, a clergyman who got into golf course operation because of his health, is militantly determined to arouse public interest in what apparently is a nationwide surge of juvenile vandalism and halt the depredation.

During the recent Central Plains Turf Foundation conference attention was called to General Statutes of Kansas, 1949, 21-2435, which is termed the "triple damage tree and property damage law"