

tion for me and I think more of it should be done in the pro shops. I could go on talking about this subject all day, but I think, too, that I should make mention of the great job Willie Ogg did in trying to show the assistants how to become better instructors. Willie's description of the swing was pure science and his hints on how to cure slices, hooks, etc. were a revelation. Nowadays, everyone is talking about "positive" teaching (showing the pupil how to do it right from the beginning) but I don't think that obviates the even greater need for teaching corrective methods.

Sea Island Course Steeped in History

According to Ed Miles, sports columnist of the Atlanta (Ga.) Journal, the Sea Island Club, site of the annual January Open tournament for women, abounds in history.

On a recent walking tour of the course, Miles made a roundup of all the historical signs and legends associated with the grounds of the club. One sign marks the remains of the home of Thomas Butler King, owner and developer of the Retreat Plantation on the cotton producing grounds on which the course is built. Another marks the site of King's Cotton House, a four-storied barn used as a range by mariners. It appears on U.S. Coast and Geodetic maps.

A portion of a clubhouse wall is said to be from the Retreat Plantation slave hospital in which \$1,000 worth of medicine, annually bought at 17th century prices, was administered by two resident nurses.

Just a few steps from the Sea Island practice tee is, in Miles' opinion, the most gripping memorial on the course. It is a bronze plaque atop a stubby monument in the Plantation slave burial ground commemorating Neptune Small, who was born in 1831 and died in 1907. According to the plaque, when Capt. Henry King, Thomas' son, enlisted in the Confederate Army, Neptune accompanied him to war as his body servant. King was killed at the battle of Fredericksburg in 1862. After nightfall Neptune retrieved his body from the battlefield and brought it home to be buried in the family cemetery on adjoining St. Simons Island.

Blackbeard Slept Here

The second nine at Sea Island borders the Frederica River and St. Simons Sound in which haven was sought by 17th and 18th century pirates such as Agramont, the

Can You Top This?

In April GOLFDOM (page 107) there was an item telling how Jack Emerson, playing the Los Altos CC course in Palo Alto, Calif., took only 19 putts on 18 holes.

Jack's record has been surpassed!

Playing in a Big Ten athletic director outing in May at the Wilmette (Ill.) CC, Ike Armstrong of the University of Minnesota staff established what may be a record by using only 18 putts on 18 holes. He used a borrowed putter to do it.

Once more, GOLFDOM is interested in hearing of any rounds where the Armstrong feat has been duplicated or bettered. Or, for that matter, we'll settle on anything that duplicates Emerson's record.

notorious "Abraham" and Edward Teach, the famous "Blackbeard." Legend has buried treasure here, but if any golfer ever unearthed any of it he kept it a secret.

Creek Indians are said to have used the Sea Island course as a hunting grounds and Portuguese adventurers are known to have set foot on the course site in 1502. 10 years before Ponce de Leon discovered the Fountain of Youth in Florida. Spanish, French, English and American flags have flown over Sea Island and Aaron Burr holed up here after killing Alexander Hamilton, Sherman's march to the sea, according to historians, came to a halt when he reached a spot very close to the course's first tee. It's doubtful if William Tecumseh was giving much thought to getting in a game, though, during that campaign. He seems to have been much more concerned with burning down clubhouses.

Sea Island's first or "inland" nine was designed by Walter Travis. The "outside" or second nine, literally scooped from the sea, was designed by Colt and Alison, two English architects imported especially for the job.

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Arizona supts. are hopeful that home-and-home joint meetings can be held with their brethren in the Southern Calif. GCSA. This is the word that came out of the April meeting of the Arizona group which was held at Tuscon CC where Basil Ausburn is supt.