Foss Enlarges Classroom By Selling Group Lesson Program



Chet Foss, pro at Kern County Public GC, Bakersfield, Calif., who is described by brother pros as an up and coming enterpriser, regularly conducts some of the largest group lessons seen in his section. It isn't unusual at all for Chet to have as many as 100 golfers, such as he has here, out sharpening up their games by going through the various swing routines that Foss prescribes. The Bakersfield pro's success hasn't been of the overnight variety since it has taken him three or four years to sell local golfers on the idea of turning out in large numbers to attend group instruction sessions.

PAR	SCORE		
4	7Tb*	4	4
4	7Tb*	5	5
4	4	3	3
3	3	5	7db
3 5	6b	4	5b
3	3	4	5b
4	4	4	4
4	5b	3	3
5	5	4	4
36	44	36	40

84 Actual Score

* 2 Excess Strokes (Adjustments)

82 Adjusted Score

The scorer can keep track of the excess strokes either by marking a small dot in each square where an adjustment must be and then totalling the dots at the end of the round and subtracting them from the actual score, or by using a special score card with a column for excess strokes.

A 23-handicap player follows the same procedure as the 12-player. He is allowed five triple bogies, one each for as many holes as the handicap is increased over 18, and 13 double bogies. If he has an 8 on a par 4, he subtracts 1 stroke for handicapping purposes. However, he must use the 8, his actual score, in any match or event of the day.

Plan Explained

The ESG plan was described to handicap chmn, of member clubs by Charles N. Eckstein, vp of Chicago District at three meetings in January. Eckstein stated: "Handicapping utopia will be reached when four players from four different parts of the world can meet and play with equitable handicaps on any golf course. Handicap committees of all international golf associations are striving toward this end in the same way they have been seeking unification of the golf rules. We believe stroke control is a big step toward unification of golf handicap systems."

All member clubs have expressed approval of the stroke control modification in the CDGA system.

To help clubs and associations adopt ESC, Sidney T. Jessop and Jim Miller also of Chicago District and Eckstein have designed special score sheets and score cards which accommodate stroke control. Copies and brochures explaining it are available free of charge at CDGA, Room 241, LaSalle Hotel, Chicago 2.

Members of the Chicago District have received their 1957 handicap cards in a black and gold plastic, weather proof, bag tag. It is possible that golfers throughout the country soon will carry their handicap cards, currently validated and up to date, attached to their golf bags. By doing so a player's handicap will always be visible with his golf clubs and the first tee con men will be out of business.

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