



Clubs are taller than some of the small fry who concentrate on learning swing fundamentals from Sam Phillips at Ord, Neb., golf training session.

Jeweler Discovers Golfing Gems Among 7-12-Year Old Set

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The above gives an idea of some of the scores registered in a tournament played at Ord, Neb., a few weeks ago. They don't represent the second or third flight cards of adult golfers in the annual City tournament, but scores turned in by kids 12-years old or younger in the town's first annual Small Fry competition.

Undoubtedly, you've seen results of kid tournaments that are even more spectacular than these. But when it's considered that practically all of the Ord youngsters were introduced to golf only last March, the scores take on a really amazing aspect.

The man behind the Ord golf youth movement is A. J. Auble, a retired jeweler and pres. of a local company that builds aluminum marquees. In his earlier years, Auble, who is 68, shot a very respectable game of golf but, as he points out, he did it in a highly unorthodox manner. Last year when he volunteered to teach his 7-year old grandson the fundamentals of the game, he decided that he wasn't going to have the boy copy his unusual style. So, Auble read two or three books authored by professionals and got the youngster swinging in the recommended fashion. So successful, in fact, was Auble as an instructor that he started copying his grandson's

style and, in doing so, improved his own game.

This spring, with a semi-retired man's time on his hand, Auble decided to enlarge his teaching activity among the small-fry golfing set. He got around 25 or 30 kids between the ages of 7 and 12 interested into coming to the Ord GC for weekly lessons and, dividing the instruction sessions with Sam Phillips, an Omaha aluminum salesman who got to town about once or twice a week, started producing the kind of young swingers whose scores appear in this column. Auble and Phillips managed to stage 9- or 18-hole tournaments about every two or three weeks during the summer to get their young charges fired up competitively.

Ord, a town of 2,300 located in central Nebraska, is the kind of place in which a kid with athletic inclinations is lucky to grow up. The sports page of the Quiz, a weekly paper, is loaded with accounts of midget, pee wee and little league baseball games in addition to very complete coverage of the tournaments the young golfers take part in.

Neither Auble nor Phillips are overly concerned with developing new Sneads or Middlecocks although they venture that in about 1965 you may be reading a lot about at least one or two kids who are graduates of the Ord golf training school. Their main purpose is to give a kid something to keep him occupied while growing up as well as a hobby he can pursue for the rest of his life.

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