

Book Reviews

Secrets of Accurate Putting and Chipping . . . By Phil Galvano . . . Published by Prentice-Hall, Inc., Englewood Cliffs, N. J. . . . Price \$2.95

This is the second printing of the book describing the rather unique putting and approaching methods of the New York Met district pro who has successfully conducted a golf school for the past 11 years. A feature of the Galvano method is the grip. This is a conventional right hand finger grip with the index finger of the left hand on top of the fingers of the right hand. He putts with his shoulders and arms, not wrists.

Phil advises: 'Hold your breath during the putting stroke. This will further eliminate body vibration. Of course, don't forget to resume breathing after you finish the stroke.'

If you do forget, the next lesson will be postponed.

Golfing Technique in Pictures . . . Edited by Tom Scott . . . Published by Pitman Publishing Corp., 2 W. 45th st., New York 36 . . . Price, \$6.50

Scott, editor of *Golf Illustrated* of London, has assembled an all-star staff of British pros and a bale of well-selected photographs. The book gives an interesting and useful closeup on British instruction with numerous references to the British pros' observations, approval or criticism of American professional techniques.

Dai Rees, Harry Weetman, Jimmy Adams, John Panton, Bill Cox, Ken Bousfield, Fred Daly, S. S. Scott, J. R. M. Jacobs, Leslie King, Eric Brown, Pat Keene, Enid Wilson and Scott handle technical comment on the pictures. Geoffrey Cousins does a good chapter on golf etiquette and A. J. Stott writes a lively, condensed history of golf as the book's opening chapter.

Advanced Golf . . . By Cary Middlecoff . . . Published by Prentice-Hall, Inc., Englewood Cliffs, N. J. . . . Price, \$3.95

Doc doesn't make the customary revision of the elementary features of the grip, stance, swing and action of the hands, arms, body, legs and feet. Apparently he thinks that golf's gospel, according to Hogan, Armour, Snead, Revolta, Ford or any other guy who happens to be preach-

ing on the literary instruction tee, has been shouted to the limit of the sinners' capacity of absorption.

So, Middlecoff doesn't go much into simple detail. Early in the round he says: "All the other phases of the golf swing are secondary to the function of the hands . . . The happy part about this is that, given the opportunity, the hands will nearly always do just about as they should."

He does a simple and understandable job of avoiding a hell's mint of detail and concerns himself mostly with the situations of play, and the techniques and tactics that apply.

There probably will be a great many pros who will say that Middlecoff tells in his book what a book can teach a fellow who has been playing for at least a few years. The rest that the fellow ought to learn for his individual game is left to the pro on the lesson tee.

Two Lifts Installed at Tomahawk Hills

Hill climbing, which has little appeal to most golfers, has been largely eliminated at Tomahawk Hills CC, Mission Hills, Kans., where electric cable cars transport players to elevated levels in two locations. Between the No. 2 green and third tee there is a double track, each 150 ft. long, and between the 12th and 15th holes there is a double track, each 300 ft. long, for transportation purposes. The tracks were laid in 30-ft. sections.

The cable cars were designed by Verlin Bartley, a past pres. of Tomahawk. They are equipped with a motor, winch and built-in brakes and will accommodate four golfers. Both grades are about 40 degs. The lift system was installed at the suggestion of Harold Calderwood, pro.

The Mission Hills club was rebuilt from the remains of the old Shawnee CC, with the first nine being put in play last year and the back nine in May, 1957. Par is 71. Holes 3 through 8 are on a plateau as are 13 through 17.

Miller's "All Star Golf" Show to Start Oct. 12

More than 140 ABC-TV network stations will carry the Miller High Life championship golf series which will start on Oct. 12 and continue for 26 weeks through Apr. 5, 1958. Known as "All Star Golf," the series will be shown on consecutive Saturdays from 4:00 to 5:00 p. m. in each of the four time zones.