



A Madison park department employee discusses golf etiquette with youngsters.

Madison Educates Its Young Golfers

When older golfers, who play the three 9-hole municipal courses in Madison, Wis., complained early last year that the conduct of many Junior players was definitely on the annoying or destructive side, the city's board of park commissioners didn't bar any youngsters from the courses or issue any threats. Instead it used a little psychology in getting the errant young golfers straightened out while, at the same time, educating all the Junior players in the etiquette of the game.

The psychological approach was carried out by avoiding use of the word, "rules," and substituting the phrase, "Your Responsibilities As A Golfer." Under the direction of C. H. (Tom) Tucker, activities supervisor for the Board, the player's responsibilities were listed and included besides

general remarks, the principles of conduct or etiquette for tees, fairways, greens and traps.

Thousands of copies of "Your Responsibilities As A Golfer" were mimeographed and distributed to junior and senior high schools throughout the city. At the same time, posters illustrating the golfer's responsibilities were distributed to the schools.

Work With School Heads

Many park boards would have stopped here, but the Madison commissioners went a step further. Working with school recreation and gym instructors, they required youngsters who were interested in playing golf to study the mimeographed sheets and pass an exam covering their responsibilities as golfers before playing permits were

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issued to them. If a player failed to pass the exam he was given the opportunity of taking it again. If any youngster missed out on both the study course and exam during the school term, the Madison board made provisions for starters at the municipal courses to distribute the mimeographed etiquette sheets and then issue permits after the exam was passed.

Kids with permits play the Madison courses for only 20 cents a round on week-days.

Little, if any, resentment was voiced when the Madison board announced the "permit" plan and the young golfers gave 100 per cent cooperation in preparing for and qualifying for the right to play. Older players who once groused about the conduct of some of the Juniors now talk about the improved attitude and good sportsmanship of the younger set.

Since it is estimated that more than 6,000 Junior rounds will be played on Madison many courses by the end of the season, the park board already is counting the money that will be saved in repairs and replacements now that the young golfers have been educated as to their responsibilities.

Golf's Who Who to be Ready on April 1

"Golf's Who's Who" (publishing date, Apr. 1) is a new, factual reference book in the golf publication field, a practical, down to earth record book, covering many interesting facts about the game.

According to Phil Gundelfinger Jr., (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette golf writer) the editor, the publication will contain personal records of tournament professionals — men and women, including money won, complete career records in seven major tournaments, member's of the PGA Hall of Fame, Pro Golfer of the Year feature, records of many foreign pros, winners of foreign tournaments, top finishers in most 1957 tournaments, past masters honor roll and golf association data.

Golf's Who's Who will be of pocket size, 80 pages plus covers, and will be in the pro shops Apr. 1. Many golfers will want a copy for information and reference.

Additional information on this book can be obtained by writing Associated Sales and Service Co., 525 Penwood ave., Pittsburgh 21, Pa.