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# Book Reviews

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**Grounds Maintenance Handbook.** By Herbert S. Conover. F. W. Dodge Corp., 119 W. 40th st., New York 18. 503 pages. \$10.75.

This book comprehensively covers grounds maintenance and development from selection of land through planting and seeding equipment and management necessary to keep it in prime condition. Information is presented in 10 chapters. It includes everything from planning, scheduling and public relations through disease and insect control, soil erosion, weeds and their eradication and parking area maintenance.

Grounds Maintenance Handbook is thoroughly indexed for quick reference.

Herbert S. Conover is a Penn State graduate who serves as landscape architect for the N. Y. Power Authority in the development of the huge St. Lawrence power project. He has 28 years of maintenance experience behind him. Conover formerly was with TVA and developed much of the book's material while working for that agency.

**Golf on My Pillow.** By George Houghton. 146 pages. Price \$2.00. Published by Stanley Paul & Co., 178-202 Gt. Portland St., London W1, Eng.

This is the sixth of entertaining golf books by George Houghton, who not only is a most competent and amusing golf cartoonist, but a writer who sees golf with the eyes of the universal ordinary golfer.

The book is a collection of letters — practically a golfing diary — George writes to his son who is at a "desert outpost." There is nothing like the Houghton books to get you into the inside of English golf as your counterpart, the average English club member, sees it, plays it and enjoys it. We've got nobody like George on this side of the Atlantic.

This one is better than his big-selling "Golf Addict" books.

You'll probably enjoy it. You should.

It may be too late now to get you to buy — maybe not — but George Houghton's annual calendar for Golf Addicts, published by Country Life, Ltd., 2-10 Tavistock St. Covent Garden, London W.C.2, Eng., is one that will make you laugh almost every time you look at it. If it doesn't there may be something wrong

with you because Houghton's golf drawings are really funny. He is the best of the golf cartoonist anywhere. In case you still want a calendar the price of this one is \$1.50.

**The Encyclopedia of Golf.** By Nevin H. Gibson. 256 pages. Price \$7.50. Published by A. S. Barnes & Co., 11 E. 36th st. New York 16.

This golf history and record book deserves the welcome it will get. The last record book was the Golf Guide that Fred Corcoran edited and Barnes published a decade ago. Maj. Gibson started on the Encyclopedia about the time the Guide stopped. It is dedicated to the late David Scott (Scotty) Chisholm who supplied many of the abundance of illustrations.

Gibson has written a fine concise history of the game, especially of golf in the U. S. He has the records of USGA championships, PGA championships, major foreign and U. S. regional open and amateur championships, and a great deal of biographical material on golf's "immortals." There is considerable statistical data. Its major omission of records are those of the International Golf Assn. championships. However the book, as it is, is the No. 1 volume for the golfer who wants to have golf records and history handy.

**Golfing America.** Edited by Edward H. Hamilton and Charles Preston. Text by Al Laney. 128 pages. Price \$5.95. Published by Doubleday & Co., Garden City, N. Y.

This picture book has been worth waiting for. Pictures are in black and white and in color, of famed courses in all parts of the country and the Canadian Rockies. They are accompanied by the lively text of Al Laney, New York Herald-Tribune golf writer. The courses and the scenes are well chosen. Pictures of thrilling moments in George S. May's Tam o' Shanter tournament bring back reminders of the sorry performance of shaking this one out of the pros' schedule.

A little more proof-reading and checking wouldn't have hurt this interesting, pictorial book but the pictures more than make up for minor mistakes in type.

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## Metropolitan Officers

Jack Wallace, Upper Montclair (N. J.) CC, has been re-elected pres. of the Metropolitan Golf Assn. for 1959. Also elected with him were: Gus Benedict, vp; Gordon Stott, secy.; and Philip H. Hartung, treas.