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## BOOK REVIEWS

**The Masters.** By Tom Flaherty. Published by Holt, Rinehart and Winston, Inc., 383 Madison ave., New York 17. Price \$7.50.

This is an interesting history of the tournament begun in 1934 and which now vies with the National Open as the top golf championship of the U. S. Bob Jones covered in an authoritative way in his book, "Golf Is My Game," the story of the beginning of the Augusta National club and the Masters tournament. Flaherty takes it from there with detail and color filled in on the results of the various Masters events. There are well chosen illustrations, many of them color plates that appeared in Sports Illustrated.

**Sam Snead on Golf.** Published by Prentice-Hall, Inc., Englewood Cliffs, N. J. Price \$3.95.

Sam has written more words than Shakespeare; anyway the by-lines say so. Night after night he is up there in the attic scribbling by candlelight and giving birth to another epic. The fact that he hasn't won a Nobel prize for literature shows the competition ain't on the level.

But any book with pictures of Snead's method in it is bound to be a good golf book for, as Sam cites the old proverb, "a picture says more than a thousand Chinese words." Whoever did the words to the music of the Slammer's swing (in the remote possibility that anybody wrote the book for Sam) must be credited with a good, sound, simple and helpful job. It's one of those things like a doctor's advice to get plenty of sleep, a lot of fresh air and pure water, eat modest quantities of non-fattening food and chew it well, exercise, don't worry and keep the bowels open. All this and regular hours, too.

The book is worth the money. Sam should read it or look at the pictures, anyway. They are great!

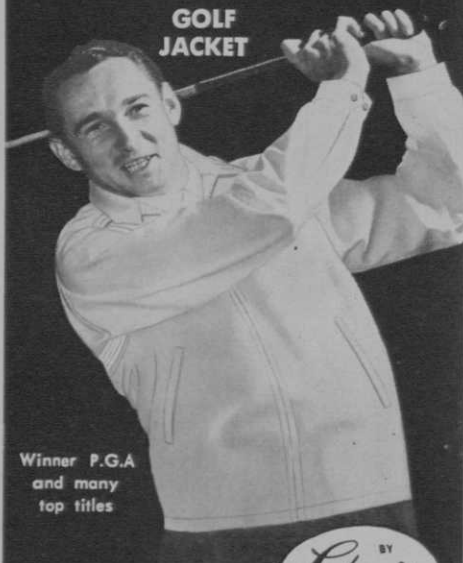
**Golf Fundamentals.** By Corinne Crogen. N-P Publications, Palo Alto, Calif. \$2.50.

This 8½ x 11-in. paperback volume that runs to 80 pages is not designed to be an instruction book, but rather is a supplementary instruction text that may be best used by persons teaching golf in schools and colleges. The author is connected

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with the Physical Education dept. of Long Beach (Calif.) State College. Her book is a collection of material on directing golf classes that has been compiled over a period of several years. Subjects covered include fundamentals of the swing, putting, practicing, competition, etc. There is a glossary of commonly used terms, check lists covering different parts of the swing and even a pair of crossword puzzles for students who may be short on agility but long on intelligence.

Robert W. Schery, who has been a speaker at meetings of the Central Plains Turfgrass Foundation and other mid-west and central states conferences, has written "The Lawn Book", which is published by MacMillan. While not aimed at the professional turf manager, there is much usable information here. Of particular interest are the debunking paragraphs at the end of each chapter.

### New York Leads in Course Sites But California Closes Gap

According to the Greenline, West Coast publication of the National Golf Foundation, California has become the second ranking state in total number of golf courses, but still trails New York by 75. In the last 30 years, California's total has been increased by 102 while New York has gained only a single course. States such as Illinois and Wisconsin have shown actual decreases in playing sites in the last three decades, Massachusetts is even, Florida has gained five and Michigan, six. Par 3 courses are taken into consideration in the following tabulation:

#### Number of courses

	1961	1931	Gain-Loss
New York	453	452	+ 1
California	378	276	+102
Pennsylvania	372	263	+109
Illinois	342	385	- 43
Ohio	341	272	+ 69
Texas	328	275	+ 53
Michigan	304	298	+ 6
Massachusetts	222	222	0
Wisconsin	196	211	- 15
Florida	192	182	+ 10

Shifting population, real estate demands, the Depression and changing patterns of play (i.e., Par 3 courses) are said to be the main factors affecting the increase of courses in various parts of the country.