

## GOLF BOOKS

**SECRETS OF THE PERFECT GOLF SWING.** By Phil Galvano, Prentice-Hall, Inc., Englewood Cliffs, N. J. \$3.95.

Phil Galvano's "Secrets of Accurate Putting and Chipping", published a few years ago, still is selling well, according to the publisher who fervently hopes that this one catches on half as well. In his new book, Galvano lays down two principles for hitting a ball long and accurately and then develops his themes from there. Accuracy calls for the inside-outside clubhead blow. Length calls for the generation of maximum clubhead speed at contact. After these two points are established, Galvano goes on to tell why they work and how they can be made to work. About 60 photos are used to illustrate what he is driving at.

**KNAVE OF CLUBS.** By Eric Brown. Published by Stanley Paul & Co., 178-202 Gt. Portland St., London W1. Price \$2.50

Eric Brown has won all four of his singles matches in Ryder Cup competitions, defeating Mangrum, Barber, Bolt and Middlecoff. With his partners he has shared in defeats in all four of his Ryder Cup doubles, each of them by the largest losing margin of the contending British teams. He won the Scottish Amateur championship in 1946 when he was 21 and working as a railroad fireman. He turned pro the same year.

Brown presents a running report of his career and tries his worst to pretend he is a poor mannered crybaby who gloats in victory and blames somebody else for gamesmanship or being lucky when he is beaten. But that's merely an act of being a tough, foul tempered guy. He really is a pleasant fellow and an honorable sportsman.

There is one especially strange line in Eric's book. He says: "To the best of my recollection I have had a hole-in-one only five times." Can you imagine a fellow who relates details of many short putts not being able to remember clearly any of his aces?

**I AM A GOLF WIDOW.** By George Houghton. Published by Country Life Ltd., 2-10 Tavistock st., Covent Garden, London WC 2. Price \$2.75.

This is the 11th book in the Golf Ad-dict series written and illustrated by the talented and entertaining George Houghton. George is the best of the golf caricaturists. The only artists we have in George's class is Mel Keefer who draws the Mac Divot strip. Houghton is golf nutty himself and his insight of golf and golfers have made his books golf's best sellers in Britain.

The present book is intended to be a peace offering to the golf widow by showing her what's she's up against. It is an amusing story told by a golf widow, as Houghton imagines her.

**GOLF AS I KNOW IT.** By Willie Ogg. Published by Vantage Press, Inc., 120 W. 31 st., New York 1. Price \$2.75.

The late Willie Ogg, among his many duties for the good of golf and golfers in his long career, was a lecturer on golf instruction at PGA schools for assistants. This book presents Ogg's talks to young pros on the essentials of golf instruction. His remarks on analyzing the pupil and his physical and mental qualifications and handicaps, on basic training in grip, stance and swing, on diagnosis and correction of faults, club fitting and other problems, make a practical framework for training of the assistant.

Bob Russell of the PGA wrote the "Fore! Word" to this book of the lamented Carnoustie veteran who worked in U. S. golf for 45 years.

**THE GEOMETRY OF GOLF.** By Wm. A. Tripp. Published by Vantage Press, Inc., 120 W. 31st st., New York 1. Price \$2.50.

This small book written by an engineer gives an explanation of golf fundamentals from the mechanical viewpoint. Interesting aspects of the grip, the plane of the swing and the axis of the pivot are presented. There isn't anything revolutionary nor are there great "secrets" in the book. It is an engineer's interpretation of what the successful teaching pros teach.

### Haven for Lefties

Mike Dietz, pro at DeLand (Fla.) G & CC, says his club with a membership of less than 200 has 14 lefthanded golfers. That is probably the largest percentage of left-handers of any club in the country. Mike, his wife, Helen, and brother, Jack, run an invitation tournament for southpaws.