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Mrs. Pisk Proves Old Adage Isn't 100 Per Cent Correct



Mrs. Catherine Pisk is shown with her son, Ted (L) and the late George Siebert

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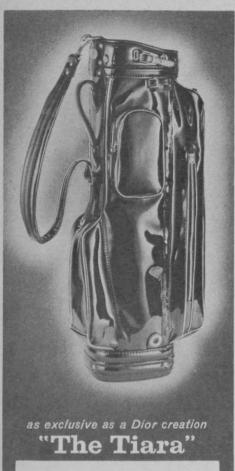
A woman's place may be in the home but Mrs. Catherine Pisk has proved that she can handle this assignment and a golf pro shop.

One of the busiest courses in the East is the Stanley Golf Course of New Britain, Conn. — where Mrs. Pisk runs the pro shop, a task she has handled capably since the death of her husband, Stanley, in the spring of 1961.

Of course as Mrs. Pisk readily admits it would not have been so easy without the excellent staff in the shop. Ted Pisk eldest son of the shop operator, the late George Siebert, a noted teaching pro, and Gary Pristash, a shop assistant, all have had a part in running the shop which handles a full line of equipment, and offers full facilities to golfers.

Fills In Capably

When the City of New Britain fathers discussed a successor to the man who was pro at the 27-hole course for 19 years, many were the names submitted. Finally Mrs. Pisk was selected — and from those who have had close contact with the shop and the course — the widow of the World War II hero and an outstanding pro, has done an "admirable job."



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Ted Pisk has pitched in as a capable young man with a fine knowledge of the game, much of which he gained from his Dad, and through attendance at the PGA Business school in Clearwater, Fla. in 1962 during his vacation from classes at the Hartford branch of the University of Connecticut.

George Siebert, who was pro at a couple of clubs in Connecticut before he retired from the game, returned to golf as teaching pro at Stanley in 1962.

George Siebert died in October in Newington Veterans Hospital. He was president of the Connecticut PGA section for six terms, qualified for the PGA Championship six times and played in seven Opens. During World War II, George enlisted in the Marines at the age of 34, served five years, part of this time in the Pacific and was discharged as a major. He is survived by his wife, Josephine.

Gary Pristash, while not planning to pursue the golf profession, has found the work "intensely interesting" along with his career of becoming a flyer. He is attached to the Civil Air Patrol and recently was selected to attend a training school in Texas. He is attending the Hartford branch of the University of Connecticut.

Hopes to Play Again

Mrs. Pisk, who had no time to play golf last summer but hopes to take up the game again, considers the work a "tremendous challenge in which one sees many unusual sides of life."

"One has to be a mother, counsellor, and advisor on many human needs in the pro shop but it is a wonderful experience and I enjoy every minute," says the widow of the man who was known for his untiring interest in his fellow men.

While Mrs. Pisk has had many wonderful experiences in the shop, perhaps the most thrilling came late in the summer when her youngest son, Steve, a 10-year old, was "bitten by the golf bug".

"Steve had a 68 for nine holes," she says with a note of extreme pride. So maybe he's going to follow in the family tradition.

Heads Southern Tier Association

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