

"The New 1969 Golfer's Almanac'' by Charlie Bartlett, edited by Michael Bartlett, Bantam Books, is the book that the late Charlie Bartlett, brilliant and beloved golf writer, had been planning and working on for years. Any golfer, amateur or pro, who can read books without a lot of pictures and who wants to know what the score is for golf up through 1968 will like this book.

Bartlett was the secretary-treasurer of the Golf Writers Assn. of America since its establishment, and was a good reason why the writers won the respect of players and promoters of tournaments, pro and amateur. He reflected brightly the character of golf writers which has made them the sports writers most intimately and trustingly associated with their readers. For many years Bartlett was golf writer for the Chicago Tribune under sports editors who directed and supported him into becoming the world's most active and best informed golf writer.

This Bartlett book, which will become an annual, has a roundup of main pro and amateur events of the previous year, records of major tournaments back further than any locker-room argument goes, some of the most informative interviews that ever let golfers know what's been going on, features about distinctive golf courses and golf architecture, women's aspects of golf, the greatest calendar-almanac of golf history ever published, classics of golf writing, selections from the printed lessons of Tommy Armour, king of the instructors; and other contemporaneous and reference material of lively interest.

Mike Bartlett did a swell job in packing together this entertaining collection of his father's material.

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