

Approach – 1943



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Of Golf Of Course

Directors and players at the University GCse (Albuquerque, N. Mex.) turned out Apr. 12 and put the second nine of the layout in shape, thus bypassing a labor shortage problem. . . . Pueblo, Colo., reports 20 per cent more golf being played at Pueblo G&CC and City Park munny cse than a year ago. . . . Riverside CC (Chicago) will celebrate its 50th anniversary in June. Guest of honor will be W. H. Ward, sole-surviving charter member. . . . Cruickshank used a reprocessed ball in winning the North and South; Joe Turnesa used made-over pellets to place third. . . . Elinor E. Jones, state golf champ of New Mexico for the past five years is a WAAC.

Congressional CC (Washington, D. C.) has been taken over, course and clubhouse, by the Army. . . . City of Woburn, Mass, is thinking of operating the Woburn CC, now in tax possession of the city, as a munny course. . . . Lancaster (Penna.) CC will open its course to the public three Sundays this season and turn over all green-fees to the Red Cross. . . . Jack Cessford, pro at Elmhurst CC (Scranton, Penna.) committed suicide Apr. 19; he was despondent over family tragedies—a son killed by a truck, his wife's sudden death and a brother killed in action in the British Navy.

Swimming River GC has been reorganized as the Red Bank (N. J.) G&CC, with Seymour Dunn, noted Scotch pro and golf architect, as manager. . . The services have taken 23 members of the New England PGA section. . . . Wyandot CC (Columbus, O.) has had over 60 V-garden plots taken by its members. . . . An all time high of \$39,555 is reported by the Essex County (N. J.) Park Commission from green fees in '42 at Hendricks Field and Weequahic Park courses. . . . Fresh Meadow CC (Flushing, L. I.) has invited neighboring non-members to apply for V-

gardens at the club. A smart way to build goodwill.

Fire - of - the - month: Newtown (Conn.) CC lost \$4,000 worth of caddie house and locker-room on Apr. 5. . . . Near - fire - of - the - month: McCook (Nebr.) CC, when a nearby resident let his bonfire get out of control; flames swept the course and damaged some trees, but otherwise was kept under control. . . . Golf-center Hershey (Penna.) has streamlined for war. The Park and Hotel courses have been closed to play and the Hershey CC layout will be opened for the first time to the public. . . . Harry Shepard, pro-mgr at Mark Twain muny course (Elmira, N. Y.), temporarily solved his manpower problem by hiring schoolboys during Easter vacation to put the layout in shape for its opening. . . . George Griffin, pro at Green Valley CC (Phila. distr.) was plenty insulted when police placed a value of only \$309 on golf equipment stolen Apr. 25 from his shop. Thieves took 336 balls, set of irons, 2 bags, box of hats, a sweater and a windbreaker.

Flood waters a year ago brought so many cottonwood seedlings onto the Ashland (Nebr.) GC layout that it has been necessary to plow up the whole course and plant it in corn this year and maybe next. When the cottonwoods are smothered out, they can make a golf course again. . . . Tom Bonnar will round out 25 years of pro service at Elmira (N. Y.) CC this season. . . . Southern Calif. GA will definitely hold its '43 Amateur; Hillcrest CC (Los Angeles) will be the site. . . . Eighteen acres have been acquired by the city of Helena (Mont.) to add three more holes to the muny course.

Babe Didrikson Zaharias showed up the boys on Apr. 4 at Ventura (Calif.) CC by scoring before a gallery of 7,500 a one under par 35 in competition with Bob Hope's 38 and Bing Crosby's 39. . . . Greensburg (Ind.) GC has two women on its board of directors. . . . Twelve members of the New England PGA went in a group to the Red Cross Blood Donor center just before the Section's Apr. 12 meeting in Boston. . . . Annual

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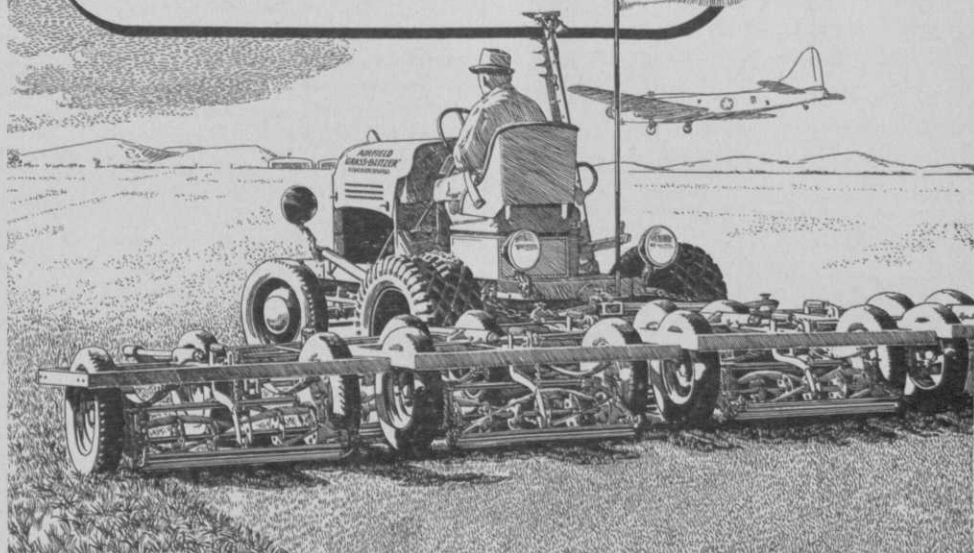
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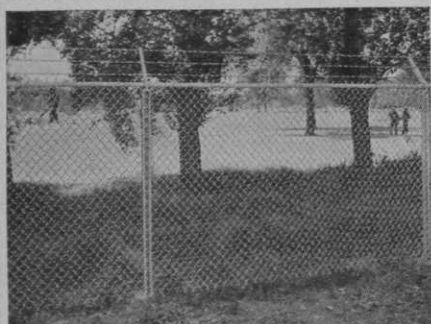
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tourney at mile-high Banff Springs has been called off, but the Canadian Rockies course will be open for play. . . . Joe Horgan, famed 64-year-old travelling caddie who has toted for the best of them, is now a copy boy on a New York paper.

Apawamis Club (Rye, N. Y.) traditionally opens its season by having the club golf captain drive a ball from the first tee; the caddie who retrieves the ball gets \$5. This year's captain at Apawamis is Ellis Knowles, U. S. Senior's champ. . . . Patriotic and war organizations may hold meetings in the clubhouse of the Hillcrest GC (Eau Claire, Wisc.) without charge. . . . George Rotan, member of the 1923 Walker Cup team, many-time winner of the Texas Amateur and on the board of the USGA, died Apr. 17 in Houston, Texas.

A centrally located bowling establishment is the rallying place for members of the Yankton (S. D.) CC who want lifts to the club on share-the-ride basis. . . . Ellingham Tool Co. (Springfield, Mass), makers of tools for pro-shops, is out of business for the duration. Harold Ellingham has joined the Navy. . . . Group riding is easier for members of North Hills (Milwaukee) now that they have been furnished a map on which members' homes are spotted.

In the prosecution of the war we recognize the full responsibility of all to keep physically fit, and we are aware of the fact that, for many, golf provides the only outlet for relaxation, recreation and health building.

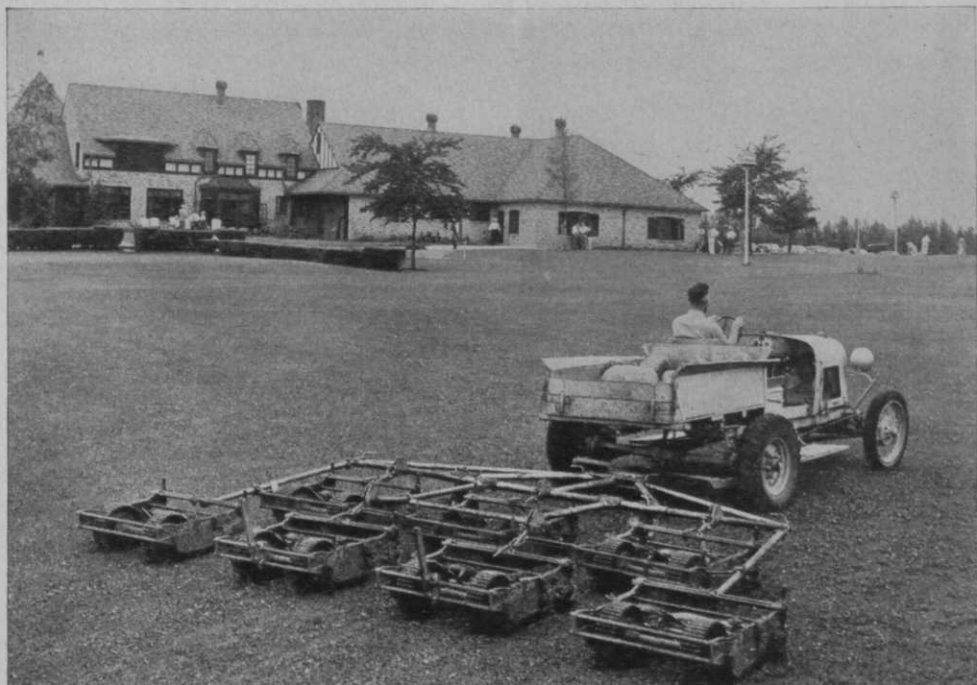
The number of golf games played by members of the armed services during the training period, and by others subjected to the pressure of war work, is ample evidence of the contribution which the game is making.

Consequently, it is our duty to sponsor golf playing and to assist not only our member clubs, but all clubs, without waste of manpower and materials, in the maintenance of their facilities.

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Golf's Booms Among Men in Uniform

By HERB GRAFFIS

GOLF interest of men at army and navy training establishments in the United States is far greater than most civilian golfers realize. Clubs near camps generally have strained themselves to provide ample low-price or free golf for uniformed men and free loan or rental clubs. In some instances, limits are established on the number of servicemen who can be accommodated per day and the men desiring to play must secure playing cards from the USO or from the Special Service officers at their camps.

Extension of such privileges and reduced prices by the golf clubs have been a bright spot in the experience of many servicemen in establishments nearer the smaller cities and towns. The usual and justified complaint of the men in camps is that stores in these smaller places gyp the servicemen shamefully.

Golf has been the inspiration for a new training game at Camp Chaffee, Fort Smith, Ark. Details of this new game, grenade golf, are given by the *Service Sports Clip Sheet* as follows:

"There are nine 'holes' on the course and the 'traps' consist of such obstacles as a .30 calibre machinegun pillbox, an effigy of Hitler, a miniature railroad, a box maneuvered by ropes which represents a moving vehicle, and a dummy 155 mm. howitzer.

"Strong arms replace clubs and dummy grenades looking and weighing like the real thing are used as balls. The objective is to complete the circuit of the course in a minimum number of 'strokes' and

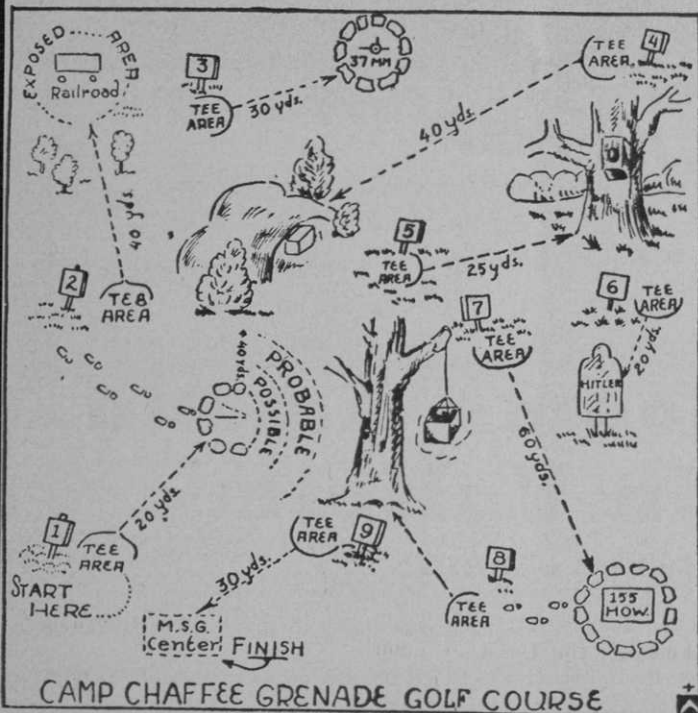
60- to 65-yard holes-in-one are becoming common.

"Direct hits count as one, possibles as two, and probables (10 ft. from target) as three. Misses count as four. Par for the course is 21. Grenade golf is played from standing, kneeling or prone positions."

At Fort Sheridan, near Chicago, 9-hole pitch-and-putt course is being built, following the great showing of golf interest in evidence on the post's driving range in former years. The course has holes ranging from 120 to 162 yards. Its construction expense has been paid by Mrs. B. J. Rosenthal, mother of Mrs. George C. Moseley of Highland Park, Ill., who as Elaine Rosenthal was one of the star girl golfers of years past. Edward B. Dearie, Jr., designed and constructed the course. He began work on it last autumn and play is expected to begin about July 4.

Golf courses at some posts have been abandoned because of demands for ground. The course formerly at Jefferson Barracks, Army Air Forces Technical Training Replacement center, is one of those courses. Other courses, especially in Florida, have been converted into drill fields, or taken over entirely by branches of the armed services.

Now, for close-up evidence of the soldiers', sailors' and marines' continued keen interest in golf as physical training and recreation (when they can get a little time off for recreation), here are some items from camp papers and public relations offices.



score yet turned in at the Abilene CC this season, a three-under par 68 against the high wind that makes golf so tricky early in the Texas spring. Mazza is in Headquarters Detachment of the Medical Detachment of the Replacement Training Center.

The paper of Camp Roberts, Calif., under the head "Golf for Soldiers is Champ's Object" says: "A spirited drive to revive golf among soldiers stationed at this vast training center is in full swing. Dynamite in the drive to blast soldiers from their barracks and onto the fairways was furnished by Sgt. Art Gonzales and M/Sgt. Bobby Walsh.

At Keesler Field, Miss., the post paper told of golf competition being started, in the following quote:

"A novel golf tournament, the first Keesler links competition of the year, will get under way April 18 on the Gulf Hills golf course in Ocean Springs, Miss.

"The competition will be staged on three consecutive Sundays. The opening round, for enlisted personnel of this post only, will determine the top four squadron golfers on the field.

"On the following Sunday, Keesler officers will play to determine their top foursome. These two preliminary rounds will be medal play for aggregate score. On the third Sunday the leading foursomes of officers and enlisted men will face each other in match play over the 18-hole course."

Golf is among the popular team sports at many camps. The Mather Field (Calif.) team has among its members the former baseball stars, Myril Hoag and Sam Tassi. Pvt. Toddy Schoonover and Pvt. Verne Callison are two of Mather Field's golfing aces. Callison is leading the team in scoring. Golf competitions in that area also engage army teams from McClellan, Kohler and Camp Beale.

Camp Callan—One hundred officers and enlisted men played at La Jolla in the second all-Camp Callan golf tourney. Clubs were furnished. Players bought own balls at post exchange.

Randolph Field—San Antonio offers

From the public Relations office at Camp Barkeley, Tex., comes this:

"Golf has an excellent start this spring among the medical soldiers at Camp Barkeley, with a surprising number of prominent golfers participating on the various courses in Abilene.

"A flashy four-man team has been organized in Co. E, 53rd Medical Training Battalion, under the direction of Lt. John Allen, who was prominent in amateur competition in Portland, Ore., and San Francisco. Others on the team from Co. E are Cpl. Chester Hobbs, formerly pro at the Brier Hill CC, Millersburg, Ohio, and hard-shooting amateurs Sgt. Norman Kuntz of Spokane, Wash., and Cpl. Wayne Douglas of Dallas, Tex.

"Robert Wendler, former Kansas City, Kansas and Iowa state open champion, now a candidate in the Medical Administrative Corps officer candidate school here, scored an ace on the 120-yard eighth hole at the Abilene CC on April 4th. This feat was the more amazing considering the physical and mental hazards Wendler had: a high wind and a lot of rank playing with him. Lt. Col. Wayne A. Starkey of the OCS was Candidate Wendler's opponent.

"Pvt. Johnny Mazza, who holds the course record of 62 at the Coyote Point course in San Francisco, has the lowest