

Affeldt Building Miniature Courses

GOLF courses like bathing suits have become very much abbreviated in the past two years and the end is not yet in sight, every corner lot that was formerly an unsightly weed patch has been transformed into a Miniature Golf Course. According to the United States Department of Commerce there are at this time between 25,000 and 30,000 of these small courses in the country, representing a value or rather an investment of over \$125,000,000.

Early in 1928 there were probably not over half a dozen of these miniature courses. 1929 saw some 10,000 of these courses all over the country, and so far this year over 15,000 have been built. They are still going strong, and as the season advances the tendency is toward indoor courses. The unfortunate part of all this vast enterprise is that the great bulk of this work is being done by people who know little or nothing about golf, and are using materials that are unsuited for good putting surfaces.

There are, however, some really fine Liliputian courses in the Metropolitan district constructed by men who have long been associated with the game of golf. The course at Fairlawn, N. J., by A. W. Tillinghast, known as Placid Lakes, and the course in Brooklyn, N.



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Y., by Arthur D. Peterson, Inc., are courses of really fine design and construction. Plainfield, N. J., can also boast of a Peterson indoor course which to date is the last word in that type of construction.

All of the above may not benefit the greenkeeper a great deal at this time, but I feel that out of all this great army of golfers at least a percentage will tie up with some golf club in time.

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Michigan Greenkeepers Meet

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WE THOUGHT it would be of interest to the members of the National to know that the Michigan and Border Cities Greenkeepers' Association

held the annual get-together and tournament at the Birmingham Golf Club, October 6.

We had thirty-two members present, also a few Green chairmen. After a very nice lunch and meeting, twenty-two of the Greenkeepers took part in the tournament. Keen competition prevailed as there were some very interesting prizes which were donated by the various equipment firms of the district.

The Birmingham layout is a very difficult one and the best score of the day was turned in by Mr. F. Sherwood of Birmingham G. C., who shot an 88, followed closely by Mr. J. R. Collins of Ypsilanti, and Mr. H. E. Shave of Oakland Hills.

Mr. Shave also won the driving contest, second was Mr. J. Provan, and third, Mr. C. Prieskorn of Birch Hills.

For the kickers' handicap there were four prizes won by the following: Mr. H. Cartwright, first; Mr. P. Watling, second; Mr. J. Dolsen, third; and Mr. C. Clan, fourth.

At a meeting one month previous to the above, the members of the Michigan and Border Cities Greenkeepers' Association presented to Mr. H. Shave of Oakland Hills, who has been president of our local association for the past five years, a pigskin golf bag as a mark of respect and esteem.

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