

ant pleasure is not difficult to obtain.

The standard of golf on seaside courses is higher than it is on the inland links, partly because the former are generally longer, narrower and in other ways harder. The golfers play for distance and direction under compulsion at the seaside. They must play a long, straight game or else no game at all worth while. On many inland courses, and on nearly all the less important ones, it makes little or no difference where the ball goes on the drive, provided it does not go out of bounds or in an infrequent bunker. Of course, this does not call for high class golf. A man cannot learn to play good golf on an easy course any more than he can acquire skill as a horseman by riding a rocking horse. The spirit that demands that even a short and unimportant course shall be kept easy does not help the poor player, discourages the good one and blocks the way to elevating the standard of the game.

To a large extent the middle class of players are to blame for this condition. They like well enough to get their tee shots off straight and far, but they also want to escape the penalty for failing to do so, which is injurious to their own chances for improvement and is quite unfair to the better players who have learned to play for distance and direction. There are cases where a sliced ball escapes punishment, except for a trifle loss of distance, and there are instances where a pulled tee shot goes free from penalty, both being unfair to the one who goes down the course on the line. It is unfortunately true that among some clubs of the smaller classes the motto is "Fewer hazards and more ginger ale," which might be humorous but is discouraging.

Where this attitude of indifference to the value of hard practice exists, together with a reluctance to accept the benefits of well planned hazards, the standard of golf is bound to be kept at a low level, particularly among players who, although not young, are still far from being beyond their prime and consequently are capable of better things.

THE MIDWINTER HANDICAP

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Lyon	20	18	19	19	20	96
Hoon	20	20	18	19	18	95
Worden	20	20	18	19	18	95
Church	19	19	18	19	20	95
Higginson	19	19	19	20	18	95
Hell	19	19	19	20	18	95
Hodgman	20	17	19	20	19	95
Clark	20	20	17	17	20	94
Newcomb	19	19	18	19	15	94
Coburn	18	19	20	19	18	94
Culver	19	20	19	18	18	94
Gerstell	20	18	19	18	19	94
Campbell	18	19	19	18	20	94
Ford	18	19	19	20	18	94
Walker	18	19	19	19	18	93
Waddell	19	19	20	20	15	93
Leahy	20	19	15	19	20	93
Stubener	20	16	18	20	19	93
Spotts	18	20	17	18	20	93
Covert	18	19	18	20	18	93
Sundrobouch	18	19	20	16	20	93
Huseman	16	19	19	19	20	93
Edwards	18	20	18	20	17	93
Billings	19	18	17	18	20	92
Leever	17	20	17	18	20	92
Fox	19	17	20	19	17	92
Grant	19	18	19	19	19	92
Eubanks	17	16	19	20	20	92
Jones	17	18	20	18	18	91
Blunt	18	19	16	19	19	91
Jennings	20	18	18	17	18	91
Blackmer	17	19	18	19	17	90
Irwin	18	20	14	18	20	90

Bitterling	19	17	17	17	20	90
Donnelley	17	18	16	20	19	90
Powers	19	18	18	17	16	90
Dreher	19	16	17	20	17	89
Allen	19	18	18	14	19	88
Bruns	20	18	18	17	15	88
Putnam	19	19	17	17	16	88
Clarke	18	19	17	16	18	88
Clark	18	19	17	17	16	87
Hinds	18	18	17	17	17	87
Newton	18	17	17	17	18	87
Cook	18	17	19	16	17	87
Nichols	19	16	16	17	17	85
Timms	17	16	19	19	14	85
Smith	17	18	15	18	16	84
Kelsey	16	17	17	17	17	84
Blinn	17	16	19	16	16	84
Andrews	18	18	16	14	17	83
Plum	16	13	16	19	19	83
Springer	19	18	16	14	15	82
Burns	14	17	15	19	17	82
Martin	19	14	16	18	14	81
Craig	14	17	16	17	17	81
Baldwin	13	18	14	18	17	80

N. B.—Below 80 omitted.

FRIDAY'S SWEEPSTAKES—PROFESSIONALS

Gibbs	20	19	20	20	19	98
Phellis	19	20	19	18	20	96
Stevens	19	19	20	18	19	95
Goodrich	20	18	19	20	18	95
Buff	19	19	19	19	18	94
Storr	18	18	19	19	19	93
Gilbert	18	19	19	18	19	93
Henderson	19	20	18	18	18	93
Hawkins	19	19	18	18	16	92
Graham	17	18	19	20	16	90
Squler	19	17	15	20	19	90
Dickey	16	18	17	18	17	86
Daniel	15	14	18	20	18	85
Richards	16	16	19	16	15	82
Doremus	17	16	12	12	15	72
Fisher	16	17	17	17	15	82

STORIES OF THE LINKS

The Sheriff and the Caddie—Where Real Ability Is Required

One day as Mr. Balfour was going out for a round at St. Andrews he waved genially as he passed to a caddie of his acquaintance, who returned the wave with that nonchalance of the gamin which is said to be next to the ease of a cultivated gentleman. The writer's friend observed: "I see you know Mr. Balfour?" "Ou ay," said the caddie, "us Consairvatives a' kens ane anither."

Once upon a time in a northern golfing city the law was administered by a Sheriff of great kindness of heart. He had a favorite caddie, a sad poacher in his spare hours. This worthy was known on the links by his Christian name alone. One fine day in court the Sheriff sentenced a poacher, who failed to appear at the bar, to £5 or three months. A warrant was at once made out for the culprit's arrest, the court rose and the Sheriff went to golf.

All that afternoon the caddie carried for him. As they drew near the last hole a policeman appeared and seized the body of the caddie. "My hat!" cried the Sheriff, "are you the poor chap I sentenced this morning?" It was even so. Sorrowfully the prisoner departed. The Sheriff was heard to murmur: "If I had only known—" Then remembering his high legal office he left the remark unfinished.

Of the caddie's contempt for lesser callings than the golfer's there are many examples. A professor—not Putter, but a Scot of equal eminence—was making a very poor show on the green. The caddie eyed him loftily and then sighed: "Ay, ay, Professor, ye may be verra fine at the mathematics, but—it taks a man o' genuine abeility tae be a gowfer."

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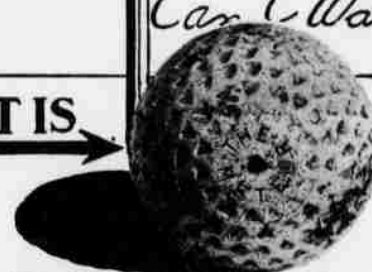
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