

time he gets through trying to run up and down the hills with wide-open speed, he cannot get hold of the golf club because of the death grip he has had to maintain to keep himself in the golf cart.

Here are a few examples of accidents:

We had the Women's District golf tournament at the club. The distance from the 14th green to the 15th tee is approximately 50 yards, with a gradual slope in which a golf cart would maintain a normal speed of travel without acceleration. Upon approaching the teeing area, the driver of a cart applied the throttle instead of the brake. Ten feet in front of the tee was a creek with a 6-foot drop. Off they went! Fortunately there was a 3-foot pool of water there to absorb the shock, and there were no injuries to the passengers; but there was need for one new cart.

A gentleman out in our country had been in a very serious automobile accident; he was restrained from playing golf for a period of seven years. His first outing was in a golf cart. (The golf cart had come into being during his lay-off.) The driver saw a white line protecting a loosely sodded area and he made a quick turn to the right. Out went the fellow. Result, one broken ankle. Needless to say, he is not a cart enthusiast.

We had another example of a fellow playing in the semi-finals of the club championship, and this might have some further ramifications. At the end of the 13th hole, the victim was 3 up. His opponent was driving him or was the operator of the vehicle, and he thought he was in reverse when he was in forward speed; he ran over the gentleman and broke his leg in two places. What do you do? The victim was 3 up with 5 holes to play. Perhaps the Rules Committee of the USGA will

be asked to pass a rule, thereby putting the responsibility of safe transport of one's opponent on the driver. Failure to transport an opponent safely might mean forfeiture of the match.

The things that happen in the misuse and mishandling of golf carts are unbelievable. There is only one answer—a vigorous and constant program of indoctrination in the proper operation of these potentially lethal weapons.

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