

Meditations of a Peripatetic Golfer

Ninety per cent of the grass seed sown in spring is an absolute waste of time and money. The wise man sows in late summer or very early fall.

They had beautiful fescue turf over the whole course and they limed every year. If they had left half of one green and part of one fairway unlimed they would have discovered that all the money spent on lime was thrown away.

Eighty thousand dollars to remodel a golf course. "A fool and his money are soon parted."

Bunkers in the rough twenty yards from the fairway is an example of what we call fool golf architecture.

At least one American golf course is laid out on an old pasture. It cost nothing except for tee boxes and flags for the greens. The boys get lots of good sport on this primitive type of course.

Humus that is muck or well-decayed peat is good stuff to use on a golf course—especially in compost heaps—provided it does not cost you more than \$1.00 a ton.

Out-of-bounds is a golf course feature that is never an asset. Most courses have too little land to avoid out-of-bounds.

A putting sward that measures 14,000 square feet and is 165 feet long. One can be on the putting sward and yet not be on the putting-green. This is a *reductio ad absurdum*.

A putting-green is the area within 20 yards of the hole not including bunkers. If there are no bunkers such a green would measure 11,310 square feet. No putting sward should ever be larger, and not more than one on a course has any excuse for being so large.

I wonder who originated the idea that a tee must necessarily be a raised rectangle.

Bluegrass fairways as brown as a nut on Sunday but vivid green on Thursday. That is what happened at Skokie.

On rich soil sheep's fescue will make a solid turf; on poor soil, scattered bunches of grass ideal for the rough. Skin the turf for compost and then seed sheep's fescue if you want an ideal rough.

Fear has recently been expressed that the supply of land available for golf courses will soon give out. Recently we spent a few days in the Jack Pine region of Michigan, where we found land enough lying idle to build ten thousand golf courses.

An oil can attached to every golf course machine—will save time and will increase efficiency.

Pearlwort in the putting-green. Get busy and dig it out or give up all hope of keeping superlative greens.