

Meditations of a Peripatetic Golfer

It is money well spent to send your greenkeeper to see other courses and talk with other greenkeepers.

They are all getting away from raised tees that look like a pulpit or the base of a monument. If the Lord were to make a tee it would conform to the contours of the land in the vicinity and would simply be level and smooth enough to play on, and more than likely it would be so arranged that it could be cut with the power mower instead of by hand.

Letting the grass grow tall on the putting green to get strong rooting! This is a delusion. Keep your putting green cut down to playing condition the whole season.

Pete, the greenkeeper, reports that in his experience peat will make greens peter. Any observer who has once used peat will not repeat.

One water hazard on a course is splendid. Two make assets of doubtful value. Three are too many.

"Never water grass in the hot sunshine," advises a theorist. Of course, when it rains the sun is obscured, but usually it comes out again right after a summer shower. If the first-quoted advice is good, then Dame Nature sets a very bad example in any region where thunder-showers are prevalent.

Top-dress the poor spots on the fairway in fall. The results are usually surprisingly good.

The fellows are now active in discussing golf architecture. This is a fine portent for the advancement of the game. The end-result can only be better agreement as to desirable features of architecture.

The only legitimate excuse for a raised tee is to secure better visibility.

Standardization reduces greatly the possible types of golf course. A private course for the use of only relatively few players and with the maximum amount of pleasure would be a very different thing from any course now existing.

Weed the "approaches" to your greens about as carefully as you weed the greens. The approach should be a "fighting-ground" or buffer to keep weed seeds from the greens.

In business, love, and war, let fancy be your guide; but in construction work around a golf course, follow nature. The art lies in making the work look natural.

Some seedsmen and some golf architects are giving very bad advice with regard to seeds and seeding. It will pay you to get the advice of the Green Section.

The Hula-hula tribe of Central Africa can count only up to four. At last we have discovered the originators of golf!

The French now occupy the entire area where South German mixed bent seed is produced. International complications with the United States Golf Association are feared.

Beware of the man who claims to be an expert on all phases of golf. "There ain't no such animal."