

Instructive Golf Holes

Beginning with this number there will be published in *THE BULLETIN* a series of diagrams and photographs of American golf holes which in the judgment of the Green Section contain good and instructive features. This does not carry the implication that these holes are in the opinion of the Green Section the best or the most famous in the United States. To pick out the best hole is as hopeless a task as selecting the prettiest girl—there is always a personal equation involved. It might be more instructive to illustrate poor or bad holes, but that method would involve hurting the feelings of individuals and of clubs. We hope these illustrations will stimulate greater interest in the matter of features which determine high merit in golf holes. There is still wide difference of opinion as to the characteristics which may be regarded as good, mediocre or bad in a golf hole. To be of value, any opinion must state the reasons on which it is based. An expression of feeling is interesting as a human reaction, but it adds no light to the degree in which a hole deserves merit. The more that golf holes are intelligently and objectively discussed, the more rapid will be the improvement of golf architecture.

Jobs for Retired Business Men

One of the great needs of nearly every one of the best golf clubs in the country is a man of intelligence, with lots of leisure, who will devote himself to the task of keeping the golf course in prime condition and if possible bring about its betterment. This is a job that just fits the retired business man who is a golfer. He can't very well play golf all the time, but he can devote all of his leisure to studying the innumerable problems which golf courses present. These include better turf, improvement of the architectural features, and matters of efficiency with economy. If he can interest himself and study the problems he will get at least as much pleasure as he gets out of his playing—very probably much more. He will avoid the danger of having nothing to do and dying of dry rot. And most of all, he will be rendering a service to his fellow club members that will bring rich reward in appreciation. Instead of having time to kill he will become about as busy as the proverbial bee. If the physicians are right, he may expect to live from ten to twenty years longer on account of his outdoor activities.

Every club should use all effort to induct retired men into the service of the club—not alone from selfish motives but also as a matter of duty to help retired men live long and happily.

Handling of Labor

Information wanted:

(1) What is the best way to cut and care for greens? Is it best to assign a man to certain greens and let him cut and keep them in shape by weeding, etc., or is it best to use a gang of men and work as many as possible on a green until it is in proper condition, and then take the next green, and so on?

(2) How many men are needed properly to take care of an 18-hole course, doing all work but no construction? Also, how should the work be divided among the men?

Answers are desired so that *THE BULLETIN* can compile the opinions and experiences.