

partly due to the fact that it has 36 holes, but, comparing it with 9- or 18-hole courses in the vicinity, it has a greater daily attendance on the course due to its being close in. Players can leave their offices down town in the long days of the summer anywhere between 3 and 5 o'clock, and play 18 holes before sundown. The result is, that a player who is a busy man can conveniently play three times during week days while he might be unable to play at all if the distance were 30 or 40 miles.

"Ordinarily speaking, the average club can accommodate somewhere between 300 and 400 members, depending on the percentage of active golfers in the club.

"The question of finance attaches to this subject, and in many cases is an inseparable one. It would be an ideal situation if the average golf club could maintain itself within the bounds of reason on a membership of 250, as this would make for greater freedom from congestion and for greater enjoyment; but few clubs can get along, particularly around large cities, where land values are high, except by charging very high annual dues or levying assessments. Frequently a club having an up-hill fight to maintain its existence on the basis of a reasonable charge for dues, would be able to get along in fine shape if it could add 50 or 75 more members. As before stated, the financial status of a club can not be overlooked in considering the question of total membership.

"The average age of the membership also has a bearing on this subject. If it has a high average age, the playing just naturally becomes less active. If it has a low average age, playing will be intensive.

"Around large cities this topic is a real live one, on which a book might be written for those thoughtfully inclined."

Dominion Reports Golf More Popular.—The following interesting news item has come to our attention: "Ottawa, Canada, June 7.—A report compiled by the Dominion of Canada Bureau of Statistics shows that on May 1, 292 golf clubs were flourishing, representing an outlay in property and equipment of nearly \$10,000,000. The unusual popularity of the game is illustrated by figures which show that in 1916 there were only 76 golf courses in the Dominion. Last year there were 218, so that the increase since the first of the year has been 74. It is also interesting to note that 81 of the courses are 18-hole layouts, while 211 are 9-hole links."

Tiger-beetle harmless to turf.—Numerous holes about one-quarter inch in diameter have been noticed recently on putting greens in various parts of the country. Near the holes are small pellets of earth. Close examination has shown that some of these holes are occupied with the larvæ of the tiger-beetle. The tiger-beetle lives on other insects, but so far as known does no damage to vegetation.

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