

BRASSIE BIRDIES

By DICK MILLER

AROUND LOCAL COURSES WITH THE MAN WHO GOLFS FOR SPORT

An artist's sketch of a golf course could hardly have been any more beautiful than the Riverside links, late Thursday afternoon, as the sun broke from behind the clouds and shone forth in regular golf season style.

Chick Nelson, the professional, was putting this and that in trim. The season officially opened at the club last Saturday and rain since then has hampered him in his work.

"Chick" took a few minutes from his duties to tell us about the course changes. Par has been raised from 71 to 73. Additional strokes were added to holes 5 and 10. As most players incurred a penalty on hole 6 because they shot out of bounds, the one stroke set-back was removed. Thus three more strokes have been given to the players who seem to shoot the course in par.

Before starting a round of the course, Chick said most players hurt their games by trying to drive too hard. "They get into trouble, especially on the first three holes," he said. At the first tee, he advised an easy stroke for a straight drive. For the second shot, use of the best back spin club in the bag, to play onto the green. Two putts give an easy par four. The distance of the hole from the tee is 325 yards.

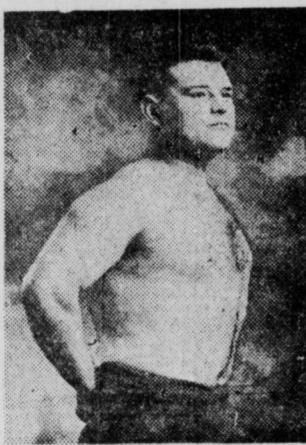
"In playing hole No. 2, one must be careful to drive straight along the right of the fairway," Chick said. "A shot to the left means out of bounds into the high grass. A long drive and a stiff mashie shot will place the ball on the green and two putts are allowed to make par four. This is a 350-yard hole."

"While playing hole three, it is best to look the surroundings over. It is a blind hole, that requires a mashie shot over the hill 150 yards onto the green. Two putts make it a par three. Once the player has the lay of the land and the location of the green in mind, the shot from the tee is easy."

Probably the toughest hole on the course to play in par four is hole No. 4, 440 yards in length. After the drive, which can be as long as one can make, trouble begins. A matter of personal gauging enters and a stiff shot will cause the little white pellet to roll on the green or close to it. On the green two putts will make par easy. If near the green on the second shot, as most players are, one has to pitch the approach shot to the pin and sink one putt for a par four.

Hole 5, to which an additional par stroke was added this year, demands a drive to the right to make possible a sure second shot past the trees. After a good second shot with the

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Ray Rice

One of the most interesting acts of the Y. M. C. A. Circus to be held tonight and Saturday night, will be the wrestling exhibitions given by Ray Rice and Ray Falls.

driving iron or brassie, a short approach and two putts accomplishes a par 5. The distance is 450 yards. Hole 6, after a good drive down the center of the fairway, you are ready for the second shot, which is another gauged one. Markers along the out-of-bounds line tell you whether you should pitch or run the ball on to the green. Two putts are allowed for an easy par 4. The distance from the tee to the cup is 285 yards.

Hole 7. Drive as hard as you can with accuracy, play the second shot near to the green, make a short approach and take two putts. You've played it in par golf, 5 strokes. The distance covered was 575 yards, the longest hole of the course.

Hole 8 is a short one, only 175 yards long. A stiff mashie shot on to the green and two putts for a par 3.

Hole 9 takes a long drive, followed with a similar brassie shot to the edge of the green. Pitch on to the green with the mashie niblick, and if you sink the second putt, you have played the hole, 550 yards, in par 5. Add up your scorecard and find that you have made the first nine going out at Riverside, a very sporty course, in par 33. You have covered 3,300 yards. "Chick" will play the other nine for you Saturday.

BUD SHADES GOLDSTEIN

Taylor Given Edge in Close Fight With Former Champ.

By United Press TERRE HAUTE, Ind., April 9.—Bud Taylor, prominent contender for the bantam title, scored a close verdict over Abe Goldstein, former champion here Thursday night in a 10-round bout. In the double semi-windup Lester Martin of St. Louis defeated Ace Riddle, while Jimmy McDermott won a close verdict over Bret Waggoner of Petersburg, Ind.

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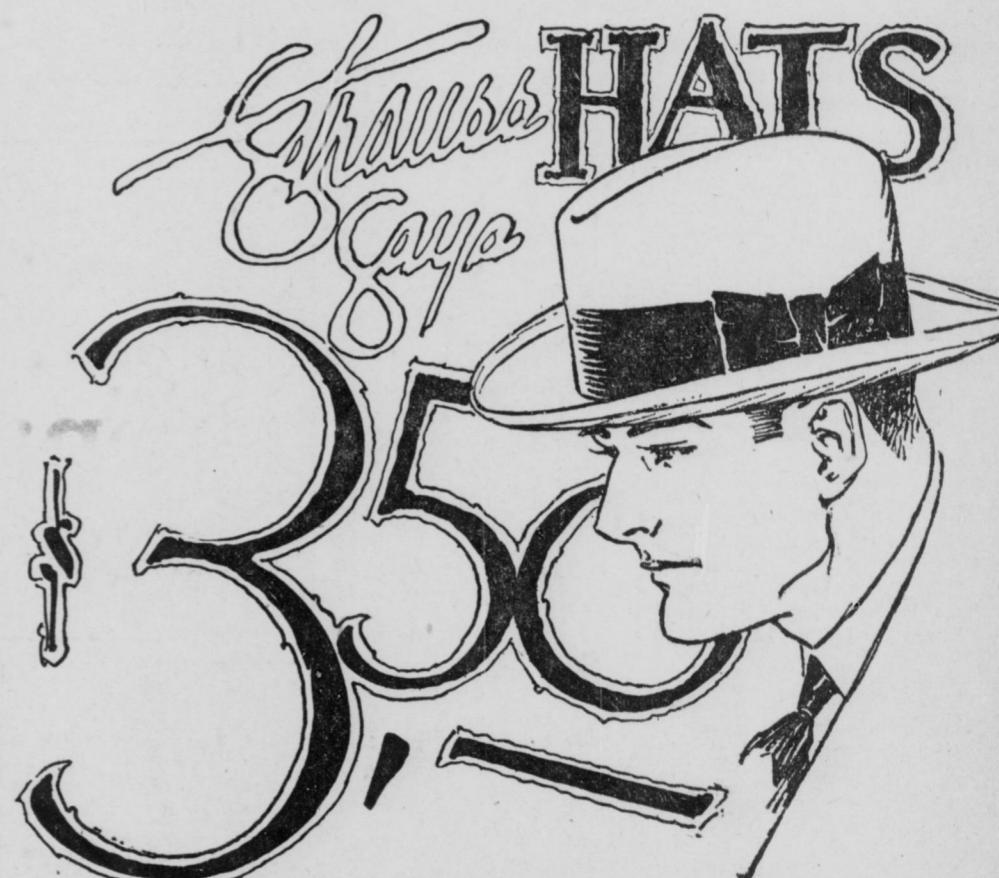
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