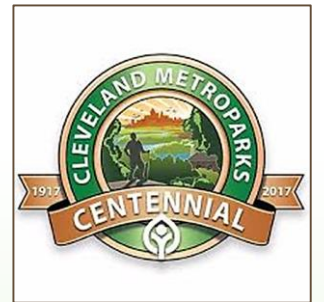




# Golf in Cleveland Metroparks

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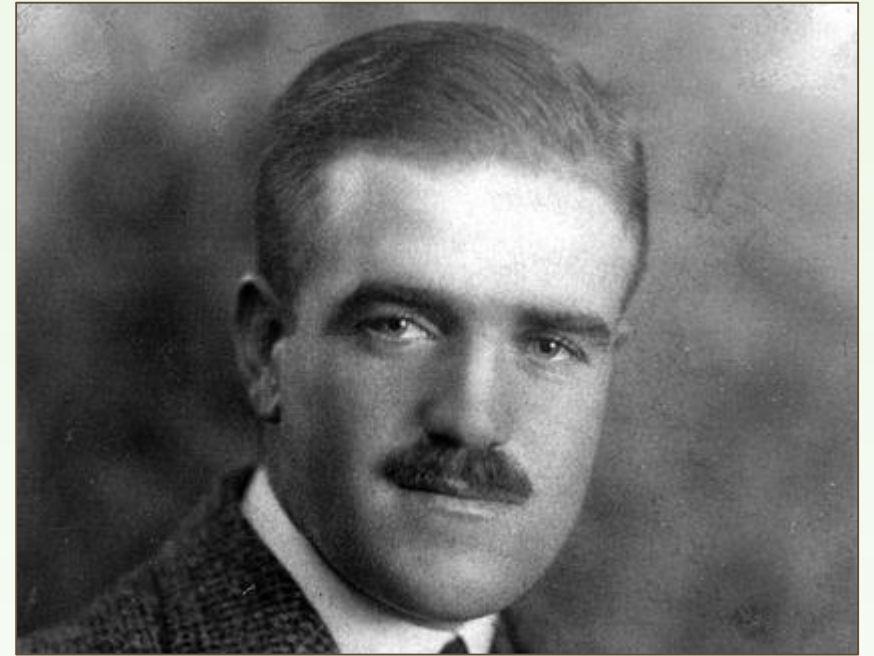
## EMERALD NECKLACE 2017







**Sleepy Hollow opened Memorial Day, 1924  
Operated by private club until 1963**



**Designed by Stanley Thompson, a strong proponent of the "minimalist" or "natural" design philosophy. "Nature must always be the architect's model," he wrote in 1923.**





## Charlie Sifford

First African American on  
PGA Tour  
Sleepy Hollow Pro 1975-88  
World Golf Hall of Fame  
Presidential Medal of  
Freedom



"... and in the end I won. I got a lot of black people playing golf. That's good enough. If I had to do it over again, exactly the same way, I would."

# PARK BOARD LINKS TO SURROUND CITY

1920's  
First wave of  
popularity in U.S.

## Proposed Chain of Golf Courses Would Include Rocky River, Chagrin Falls, Brecksville, Bedford.

BY HARRY G. McDAVITT.

**S**URPRISES are coming thick and fast this year for the golf devotees of the Fifth City and its environs. All previous records as far as proportions go are shattered by one emanating from the Metropolitan park board.

The Metropolitan park board, according to information received yesterday, proposes to become the largest operator of golf courses in the middle west. The board is grappling with plans to surround the city of Cleveland with a chain of public links.

One course already has been installed along the banks of Rocky river at Lorain avenue, just a short distance from Kamms Corners and within easy reach of the city street cars. This course will be supplanted

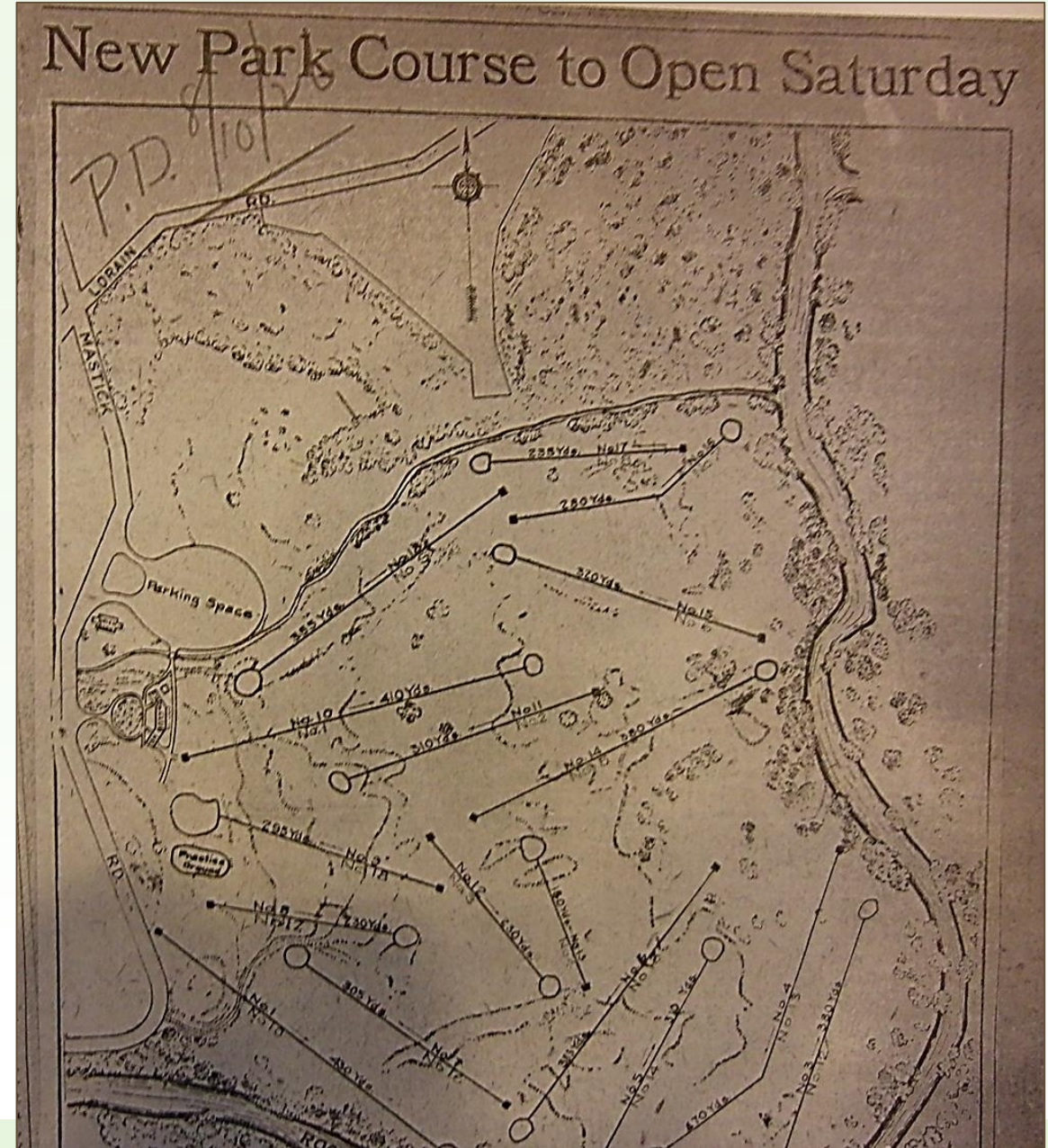
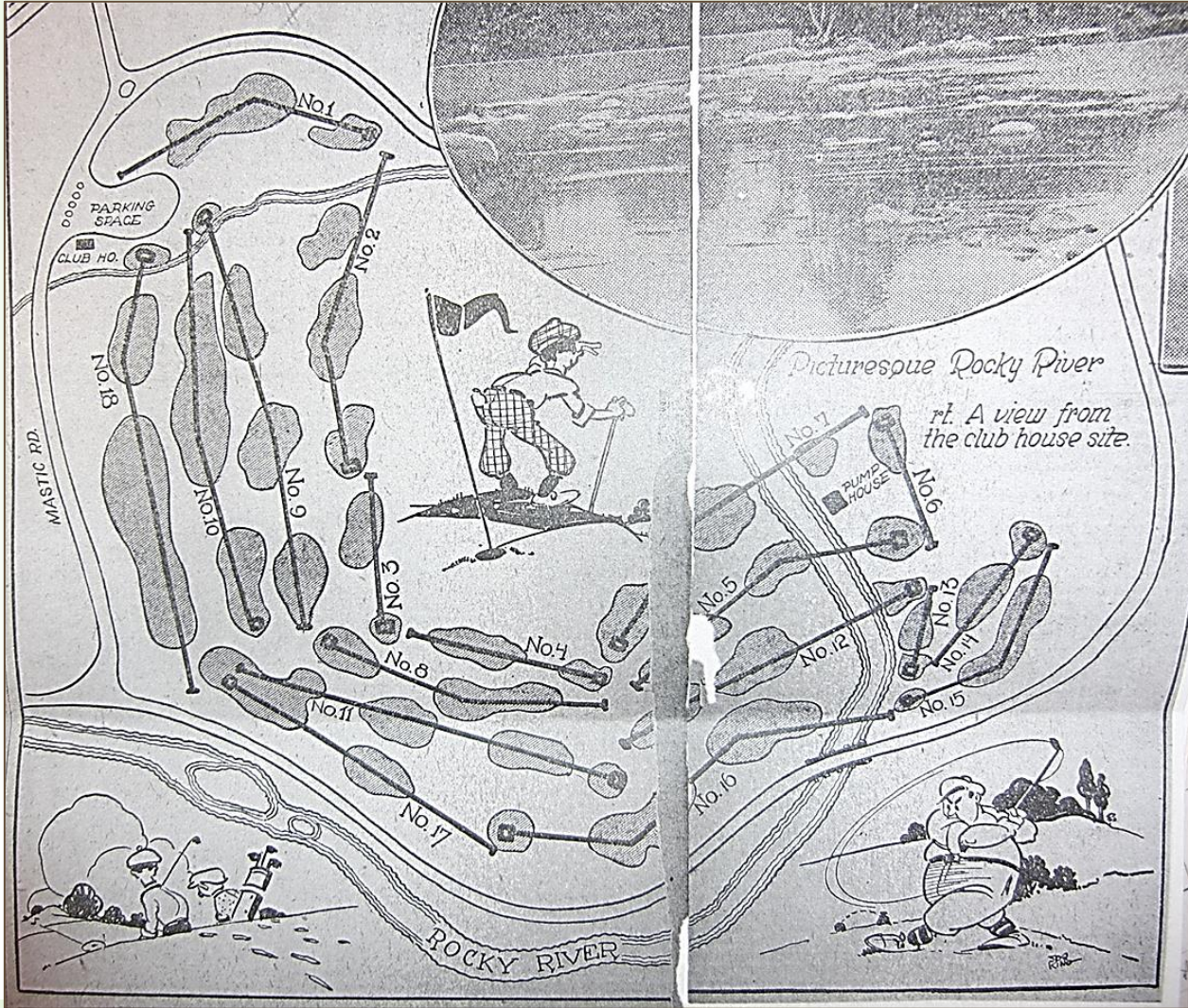
out is only a temporary affair, thrown together in very short time in order to give the Highland Park surplus a chance to play this summer.

The Rocky River course was laid out by George Rettig, the board's landscape architect. Rettig, also,

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1925 - Golf Course #2/Little Met  
 1926 - Golf Course #1/Big Met





**Big Met - Stanley Thompson designed course**



**25 to 50 cents for 9 holes**



# CUSHMAN MOTOR SALES, INC.

8929 FREEWAY DR. • MACEDONIA, OHIO 44056

PHONE: 467-2250

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DATE 5-20-77 Cart No. 1

AMOUNT \$ 5.00

TAX \$ 28

TOTAL \$ 5.28

LESSEE BILL DIAL

Property is hereby leased for not more than (9) (18) holes play and/or not more than 5 hours elapsed time, and if LESSEE retains said property after expiration, such retention shall be construed as a continuance of this lease at the same rental and under same terms, until said property is so returned to LESSOR.

The intent of this agreement is that LESSOR is hereby renting said property only.

LESSEE agrees to keep said property in the same condition as when received. The LESSEE agrees to pay or reimburse the LESSOR, on return of said property to LESSOR, for all charges incidental to all breakages, shortages, or damage, other than ordinary wear, to said property, during the term hereof.

LESSEE agrees to keep said property in LESSEE'S custody and not to sublease or re-rent same.

The full agreement between the LESSOR and LESSEE is contained herein, and time is made of the essence of this Agreement. The receipt of above property, in good order and repair is hereby acknowledged by LESSEE.

LESSEE

Bill Dial

First golf  
cart  
rental  
Big Met  
1977



## Manakiki

Course built late-1920's on former Howard Hanna Estate  
1944 – Browns sell grounds and building to park for \$1  
Remained private until 1961







**Donald Ross  
designed course:**

**“Every hole is  
different which I  
believe is the most  
splendid feature of  
this very splendid  
course.”**



1950's 2<sup>nd</sup> wave of popularity - 1959 Shawnee Hills opens  
 \* CM Golf Department established\*

CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER, THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1959.

# Shawnee Hills Course to Open

Metropolitan Park Board Golf Layout Has Par  
 36 and Par 27 Nines

The Cleveland Metropolitan Park Board's new golf plant, Shawnee Hills in the Bedford reservation, will be ready for public play as soon as weather permits, it was announced yesterday.

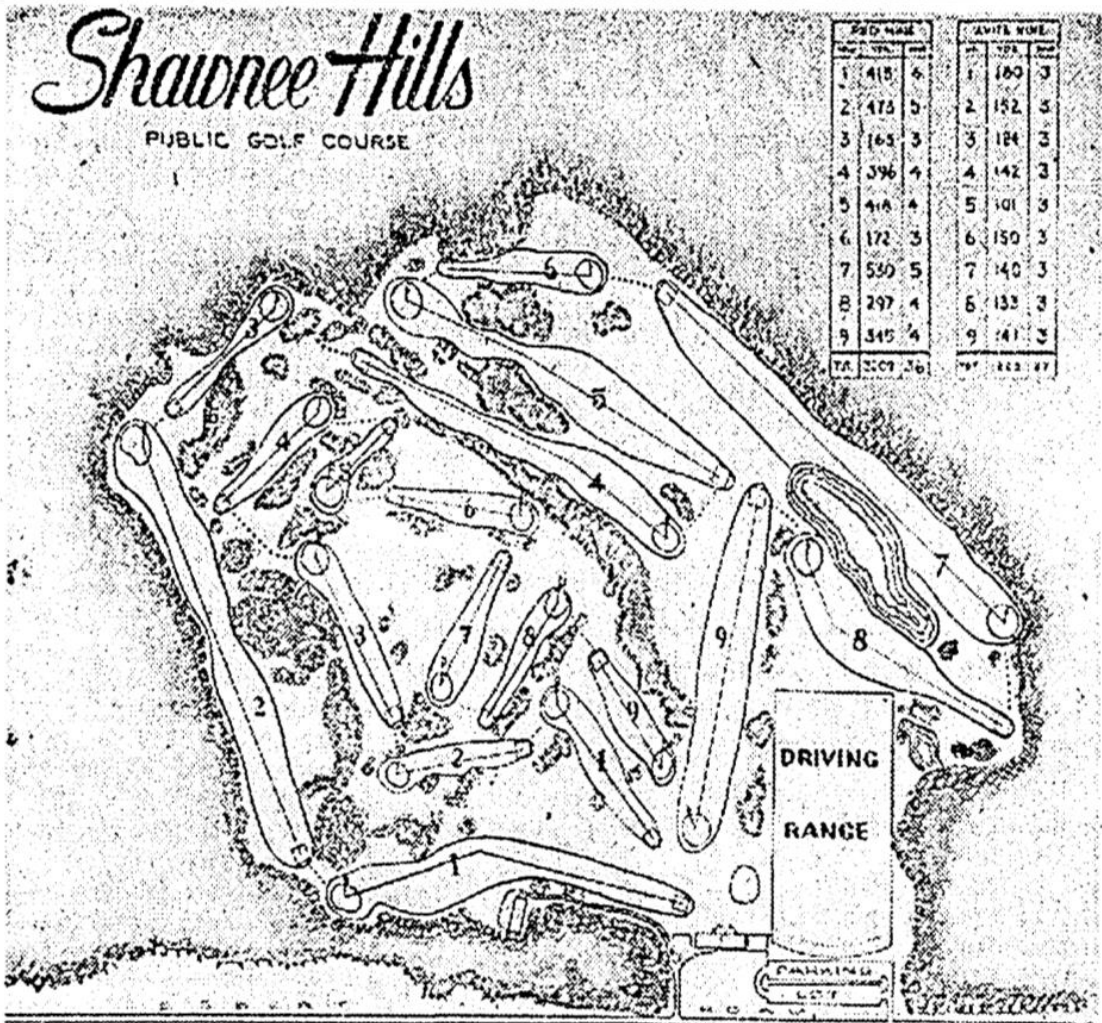
The project includes two nine-hole courses, one full length of 3,209 yards, par 36, and the other of all par three holes, 1,323 yards, par 27. There is also a lighted driving range of 40 tees.

Shawnee Hills is located at 18753 Egbert Road in Walton Hills on land that had been set aside for this purpose in 1927.

The course was designed and built by Ben Zink, experienced local architect and turf expert.

The par three or "White" nine is patterned after short courses that have been gaining steadily in popularity. It is ideal for women players with holes ranging from 101 yards to 184, all par 3's.

The full length or "Red" nine has five par fours, two par fives of 473 and 530 yards, and two par threes, 163 and 172. A two-acre lake separates the No. 7 and No. 8 fairways.



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**ARENA  
 WRESTLING**  
 TONIGHT, 8:30 p.m.



Hannah Jane Egbert gravestone - 10<sup>th</sup> green to 11<sup>th</sup> tee





**Mastick Woods opened 1965.**

**The course layout was completed  
by Harry Burkhardt, the first  
superintendent of golf for  
Cleveland Metroparks.**







## 2006 Washington

Cleveland Metroparks,  
City of Cleveland, First  
Tee and CMSD create  
learning golf course at  
Washington Park



## Forest City Park 1889-1920



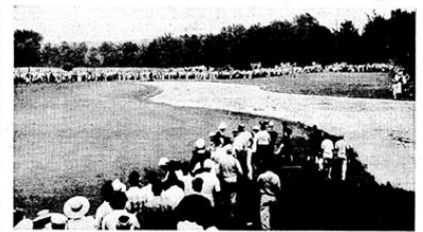


# INDIANS FALL 3 BEHIND, LOSE, 4-3

## Finsterwald's 68 for 276 Wins Open by 1



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Spectators Look to Seneca's 18th Tee (Right) as Open Leaders Come Down Stretch

### Littler and Souchak Trail; Dow 8-Under

By JOHN MEYERICH  
Dow Finsterwald, the 29-year-old citizen who has given the city of Akron international advertising, is the winner of the \$109,820.00 Carling Open golf championship.

Finsterwald, with a three-under-par 213, closed yesterday at Seneca. Finsterwald closed with 276 to lead the Seneca field of great crowd for one stroke.

### Finsterwald Discards Bridesmaid Tag

"It was a good time off and on," Finsterwald said after his victory in the Carling Open golf tournament. "I was 18 holes down in the last round and I had to play the hole out. I had to play the hole out. I had to play the hole out."

### Carling Open Tourney Final Scores

Rank	Name	Score
1	Dow Finsterwald	213
2	Tommy Bolt	214
3	Tommy Bolt	214
4	Tommy Bolt	214

### Wynn 3-Hitter Gives Sox Two

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9 (AP)—Early Wynn, elderly wizard of the White Sox, belted Washington today with a three-hit, six-run performance in the opener and, with Baltimore defeating Cleveland, moved their American League lead to three games. The Senators, who have an 18-game losing streak, lost Wednesday, Aug. 9, 3-2.

### Cepeda Clouts Winner

By JOHN MEYERICH  
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Seneca  
Built by WPA workers  
Opened 1940  
Acquired in 2011 from Cleveland  
99 year lease for \$1

# Carling Open 1959





Photo Am. Fork &amp; Hoe Co.

# ARCHERY —GOLF

## Fastest Growing Winter Sport offers chance for PROFITS

By JACK FULTON, JR.

field but in other clubs in the Cleveland district and soon spread to other cities. Today, probably 150 golf clubs offer their members the sport of archery golf during the winter months, when the golf course otherwise would be essentially idle.

What is this archery golf? It is a game played over a golf course, with a bow in place of a golf stick and an arrow instead of a ball. Like golf, it consists of a drive, a long second shot and one or more putts. Different arrows are used for different shots. From the tee, an arrow can be sailed 250 to 300 yards and its flight carries the same old fascination that there is in smacking the ball an equal distance in summer time. Next comes the approach toward a target adjacent to the green of the golf course. Then fine, accurate shooting at the 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch bullseye is required. It takes just as much skill to accomplish this as it does to sink a long putt on summer greens.

### Why Ideal for Winter?

Broadly speaking, archery golf is the same game as golf and in general subject to the same rules and regulations. Certain fundamental differences, however, make archery golf a more ideal sport for

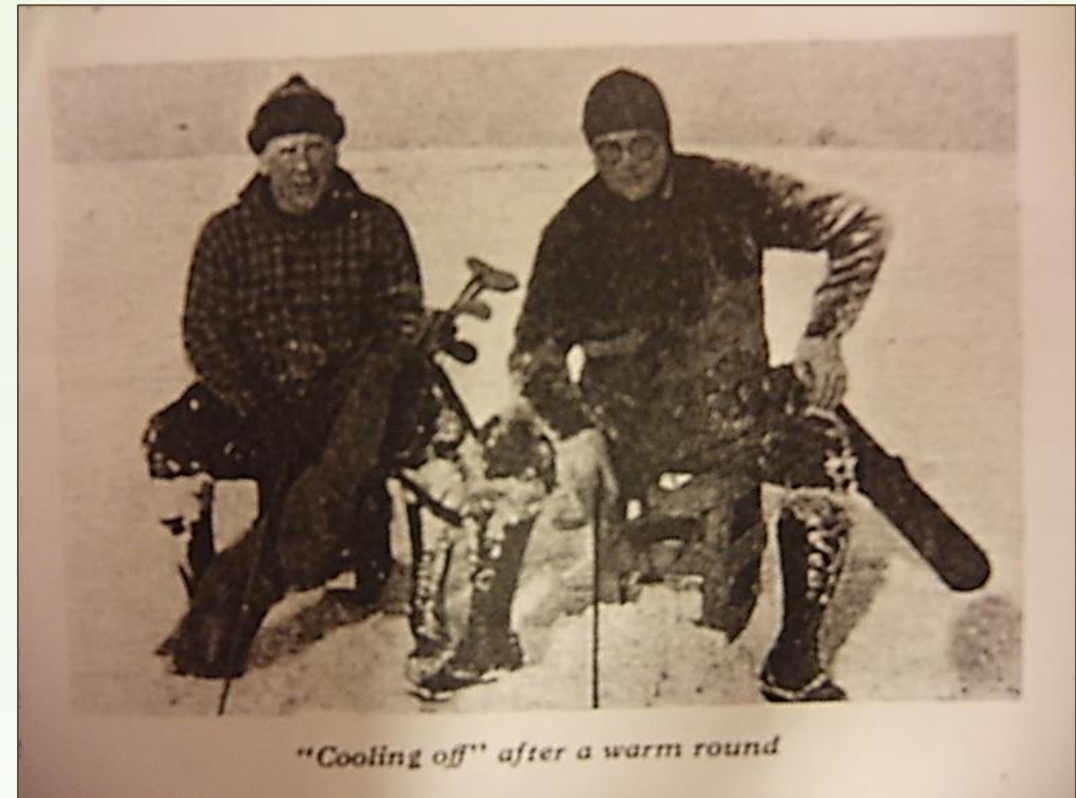
**I**N THE PAST few years golf clubs have discovered that it is advisable to maintain activities the year around. Winter sports such as trap-shooting, tobogganing, ice-skating and skiing, and indoor activities such as bridge tournaments, dances, keno games and ping-pong tables have been instrumental in holding club memberships closely knit against the former indifference of the colder months. Club members also have discovered that it pays in enjoyment and health to participate in the winter activities their clubs offer.

One game which has proved particularly effective in supplying exercise and amusement to golf members is the game of archery golf, developed and promoted about ten years ago at the Mayfield Country Club of Cleveland. The game rapidly gained ardent supporters not only in May-

Archery Golf @  
Little Met

Winter Golf @  
Sleepy Hollow

Footgolf @  
Mastick Woods



"Cooling off" after a warm round





Thank you!

