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EDITOR'S CORNER

The Country Club

Quigley, colleagues call him "Q" for short, has his full set of golf clubs out on the front lawn. He calls all that action "practice swings." Certainly is a lot of air being moved . . . and a few divots. These practice sessions on the front lawn are sort of a spring ritual that coincide with election time. They're a sure sign he's prepared to deliver commentary.

"Well Quig, tell me, what is the main issue in this year's country club election?"

"Glad you asked, Prof." (He always calls me Prof. That's short for professional. I spend much of my time researching greens for the country club . . . so I get the prestigious moniker of Professional.)

"The issue this year is greens-fees. You know we started letting those part-time duffers use the club a few years ago at a reduced fee because, after all, they are just part-time. They say they can't afford full fees because of all the other clubs they have to join. Now they come along and want to vote and hold office in the club just like all the Quigley family members. Now that isn't fair because they don't pay the same greens-fees you pros and us Quigleys do!"

"I'm sure you're right, Quig. But we should encourage them to register for special events. 'Helps with costs. But if they don't pay full greens-fees, we don't want them voting, much less holding one of our offices."

"Now, Quig, you said they're only part-timers and don't use all the club services. Perhaps if we'd encourage them, they would play more."

"Really doubt that, Prof. After all, most of those duffers spend their time with those little people that run around the lower class neighborhoods. Spend most of their time with baby-sitting and only teach a little golf. 'Not real golfers, you know."

"Not to change the subject, Quig, but have you noticed we don't get very many new young golfers in the club? Most of the new ones are just duffers."

"That figures. It's duffers who are teaching the little people the fundamentals of the game."

"We can fix all that, Quig. We'll just tell the duffers how to teach those little people and make sure they don't waste time voting. Better get

back at your practice swings. Remember, your score is more important than this little people stuff."

"Now that's 'birdie' thinking, Prof., maybe 'hole in one!' Yep, somethin' to think about.

--C.W.B.

