

Lesson #23

SCRAMBLING

You've heard tournament players say, "I outplayed him, but he won". Golf scores sometimes don't really indicate the better player since it is commonly known that the par four holes are supposed to consist of a drive, an approach, and two putts, so what the first player usually means is that he hit the most greens in the required two blows but that the other fellow scrambled out.

Scrambling is a mighty important part of the average player's game, for to score in par he must either be uncannily accurate with his second shots or play his third shot close enough to get down in one putt.

Most 85 to 90 shooters are grand golfers but for that extra putt which give them fives where they might get fours.

It takes a great deal of golf to hit those greens in two. But it takes mostly practice on these short scrambling shots which make the one putt an easy one.

Since it doesn't take great skill and it doesn't take strength most elderly golfers have perfected this short game.

The shots you'll need to know are: the explosion shot from sand, the short niblick pitch over rough or trap, the run up shot off of the apron, and the chip shot out of the surrounding whiskers of the green.

Once the proper method on each of these is learned, you can miss the more difficult long second shot and still score with the club champion.