

# Sports

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## IN THIS CORNER A Day On The Fairways

The cry of "fore" will be heard for the first time in 1956 this week along the fairways of Belvedere golf course when the going-in season officially begins at that club. A number of tournaments are scheduled this year and the first club tourney—likely a 9-hole will be held this weekend. Cecil (Bubby) Dowling is the club pro and along with the officials of the Belvedere Club he is looking forward to a successful season.

Golf is one of the fastest growing sports here on the island. Big strides have been made in the last few years and the legion of devout fairway followers is growing by leaps and bounds.

The average golfer is like the average cigarette smoker; always kidding himself that he can take it or leave it alone any time he feels like it. A golfer feels towards golf like a fisherman feels towards fishing and a hunter feels towards hunting. What starts out to be a mild form of relaxation becomes an addiction and a golfer who watches his score plummet from 150 to 140 feels the pride of a conqueror of Lake Ontario.

To make the point clearer take the case of four duffers (all names fictitious of course) whom we will call, Alf, Des, Ivan and Leo. Whether the summer weekend be wet, cold, or sunny you will find this foursome winding its way to beautiful Cavendish where it is less busy than Belvedere. (This quartet seeks as much solitude as possible. The reason is obvious to anybody who has seen them play.)

At the pro shop they purchase an extraordinary large supply of balls, (once again the reason is obvious to anybody who has seen them play), and set out grinningly to the tee. "We will finish 18 holes," the first hole is a lead pipe cinch. Loads and loads of wide open spaces. No trees in sight for yards and yards. Des steps up to the tee and mumbles to himself with a silent chuckle "should par this one."

His shot is a dandy at least 250 yards, 125 yards up and 125 yards down. It lands about 8 feet from the tee in a perfect line with the pin about 320 yards away. Says Des, "A beauty! Right down the middle." Alf laughs and steps up to the tee yelling "fore." He's right. Four swings later he's off the tee. Then comes Ivan and Leo. Ivan takes a smart swing. Beautiful form. Looks for the sphere in the blue. Can't find it. Says "Whaddya know. A long one knocked it right out of sight." It's out of sight too. Buried about 3 inches in the ground a foot in front of the tee. Leo's turn next. Five futile swings later the foursome watches the sphere finally take off. Before it gets very far it takes a weird book, bounces off a tree and lands behind the pro shop. Laughs Alf. "You lost 10 yards."

We wouldn't bore you with a description of the remaining 8 holes. It is pretty much the same as the first, practically a carbon copy. Coming on about the 9th darkness is rapidly falling and the large supply of balls is running dangerously low. After each player takes his turn at the tee the supply is even lower. Finally the struggle is over. They reached the ninth and after some furious putting have gotten the ball to drop into that elusive depression called the cup. All four golfers swear that the cup has a mind of its own and has the ability to move itself about at random—random being anywhere where the ball isn't.

The ordeal over the scoreboard is handed to Ivan—a qualified mathematician and the only one in the group capable of adding the scores up. His face lights up as he says, "Ha. Fired a neat 86 today. That's a 5-stroke improvement over last week." The other scores are added. Des has an 85, Leo has 80 and Alf comes up with an unbelievable 70. All eyes turn to the master golfer. The looks of the other three are unmistakably suspicious. "Who was keeping score along the way?" one of them asks. Everyone

knows. The question is absolutely unnecessary.

But the gloomy period is short lived as all four recall that they have carded the lowest scores of their careers over a 9-hole distance. The sun comes out once again and there is plenty joy in Mudville. All is forgotten in the thoughts that they are improving and as they pile into the car to hit the road for the capital one says with a serious air, "I wonder how a fellow would go about sending in an application for an entry into the 'Tam-O-Shanter.' All the way home they bask in the pride that is known only to a golfer who has lowered his score or to Sir Edmund Hillary who climbed Mount Everest."



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## Landy May Be Through With Running Following Olympics

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seems New York for the first time. Landy said he will return to Australia and resume his high school teaching career. Landy thinks the mile record eventually will be lowered to 3:50. Of the current crop of runners, he thinks Bryan Newson, 23-year-old Englishman, has the best chance to hit that mark. "Don't run four-minute miles because of their conditioning. They just don't train enough."

**HISTORIC LAND**  
Portugal has been an independent state since the 12th century, and a republic since 1910.

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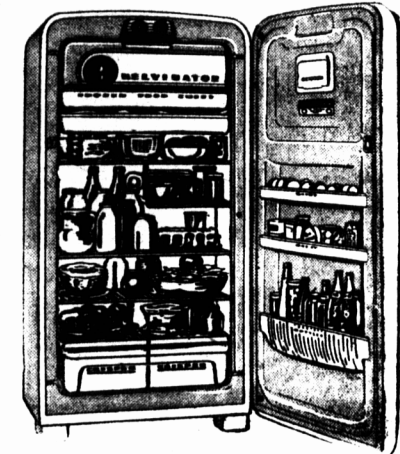
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