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GOLF SCORE MARKER

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FIG. 1

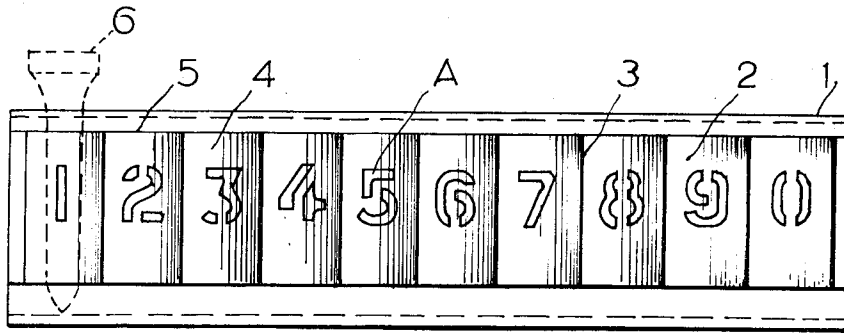


FIG. 2

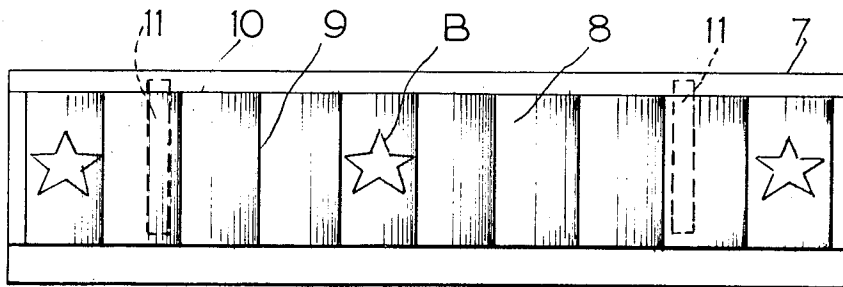


FIG. 3

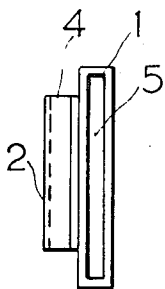


FIG. 4

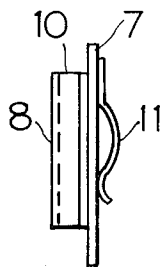


FIG. 5

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

This invention consists of a strip of flexible material to the face of which are attached a number of circular segment pockets which are numbered consecutively starting with number one at the first of said pockets. A golf tee which is inserted into the pockets, is moved from one pocket to the next, thus denoting the number of strokes taken by the golfer to drive the ball from each tee to the cup. The numbering being consecutive, each pocket stands for one stroke.

This invention consists of a golf score marker which employs a simple golf tee as a means of keeping score and which eliminates all or any kind of movable components.

At the present time, a large variety of score keeping devices are being used by golfers to keep a record of the number of strokes taken to drive the golf ball from each tee to the cup. These devices are usually of a mechanical nature in which one presses a button, moves a lever, or turns a dial to change the marker from one number to the next.

These devices have a number of disadvantages. In most cases there exists a problem as to where to keep them for quick and handy use, and preventing them from being lost. Another disadvantage consists of the numbers on these devices being very small and therefore difficult to read. Along with the above mentioned disadvantages, the movable mechanical components often go out of order, and rather than being repaired, the entire device is discarded.

It is therefore the object of this invention to provide a golf score marker or recorder which can be manufactured and sold at a minimum cost, which is handy and readily available for use, and which is simply and efficiently marked and read.

This is accomplished in the invention by providing a golf score marker of an extremely simple construction, which is easily attached to and carried by some of the parts of the golf bag, golf cart, or the wearing apparel of the golfer, which employs the golf tee as a marking component, and which is provided with comparatively large numbers or symbols making it easy to read the score.

In describing the invention reference will be made to the attached drawings in which:

FIG. 1 is a plan of the invention,

FIG. 2 is an elevation of the invention,

FIG. 3 is an elevation showing a variation in the invention,

FIG. 4 is an end view of the invention as shown in FIGS. 1 and 2, and

FIG. 5 is an end view of the invention as shown in FIG. 3.

In the drawings is shown a strip 1, preferably made of a flexible fabric or plastic material, which constitutes the

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base marker. A narrower pocket strip 2 of similar material is attached to the face of the base strip 1 by a plurality of equally spaced vertical lines of attachment 3. The pocket strip 2 is puckered into equal circular segment pockets 4 between the attachment lines 3. Any known method of attachment can be used in attaching the pocket strip 2 to the base strip 1, such as cementing, sewing, stapling, etc. since the method of attachment does not affect the function of the marker.

The pocket 4 is made just wide enough to permit the insertion therein of the stem of the tee 6, and so that the head of the said tee rests upon the upper edge of the pocket 4 without passing through it.

The base strip 1 is provided with an interior casing 5 running the full length of the said strip and open at both ends. Into this casing can be inserted a strap or band which is part of any of the golfing accessories or the golfer's apparel, and by means of which the invention can thus be removably or permanently attached and always available.

Each of the pockets 4 is numbered consecutively starting with the number one on the first pocket at either end, as shown by the letter A. These numbers are made as large as the space would permit, and are usually in contrasting color with their background, for easy and rapid reading.

In FIG. 3 is shown a variation of the invention in which the base strip 7 is solid throughout. The pocket strip 8 is attached to the base strip 7 in the same manner as described for the marker shown in FIG. 2, the attachment lines 9 being the same as the attachment lines 3, and the pockets 10 being the same as the pockets 4.

This variation in the invention is provided with a pair of spring clips 11, 11, which replace the casing 5 in the first mentioned version of the invention, and which are the means of attachment of this marker to golfing accessories etc. where straps, bands, or bolts are not available. The numerical pocket markings as shown by A have been replaced by symbols B, which in this case are stars shown by way of example. These symbols are placed on pockets representing equal groups. Thus, a star placed on the 5th, 10th, and 15th pocket would indicate a grouping of five pockets each. This arrangement may be preferred by golfers, to the numerical arrangement shown at A, who do not wish to have their score too plainly visible to other golfers.

The various features of each of the two versions of the invention are interchangeable and can be combined in part or entirely to make one of the said markers.

The application of the invention as a golf score marker consists of simply attaching the said marker as described above to any strap of the golf bag or any other accessory, to the belt of the golfer or to the band of his hat. At other locations where a strap is not available the clips 11 can be used for attachment. When the first strike of the ball is made, the golfer places the tee in the first pocket of the marker. The tee is moved one pocket for every stroke made between each tee and cup. The total number of strikes is then read on the last pocket containing the tee.

Although this invention was described primarily as a score keeping device for the game of golf, it becomes obvious from the above description that it can be used for keeping score in connection with other games, simply by changing the notations upon the pockets and using any other kind of peg, where necessary.

Having described the invention, what we claim is:

1. A golf score marking device comprising a flat strip of flexible material folded lengthwise and sealed at the

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edges to form a passage therethrough; another flat strip of similar material, somewhat narrower than the folded strip, attached to the face of said folded strip at equally spaced transverse lines to form ten equal cavities of circular segment in shape, said cavities being of a size to hold freely suspended therein a golf tee; and each of said cavities being visibly numbered consecutively, starting with number one on the first cavity and ending with zero or number ten on the last cavity; in combination with a standard golf tee for inserting from one cavity into the next, progressively, the number of the occupied cavity corresponding to the score.

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