which runs through the course, and which on this hole gobbles up a hook ball with the greatest of ease.

The green is fairly large but is trapped all the way around except for a narrow strip directly in front. So, a slice goes into traps on the right, a hook or too short a shot goes into the canal, and if you’re too strong, you’re over the green in more trouble. Added to these troublesome things is the fact the tee is guarded from any easterly wind, the prevailing one in Florida, by the railroad embankment under which you walk to reach it. You just have to guess at the strength of the breeze and that just adds to the “take” of the canal.

Richardson Course Is Compact

In sharp contrast to Miami Shores is the Richardson Golf Course at Fort Lauderdale, 30 miles to the north. This course is the realization of the dream of George Richardson who has been building golf courses for a quarter of a century.

The Richardsons, George, Mrs. Richardson and their son, George, Jr., found the spot in 1937 and purchased a 40-acre tract in the heart of a cypress hammock along the Middle River at Fort Lauderdale.

When Richardson, Senior, left for the North that spring, he already had staked out the course and it was then up to George, Jr., and Mrs. Richardson, who immediately decided on a pay-as-you-go policy, and the result was that when the links was opened in December, it was completely free of debt.

Where the Miami Shores course spreads over a considerable area, this 9-hole layout utilizes the 40-acre tract completely. The 9 holes all place a premium on straight shots and have a total yardage of 2,840 with a par of 34. The longest hole is but 475 yards and the shortest is 150 yards, without a breather in the lot.

The Richardson course clubhouse is the old home which was on the 40 acres when the family bought it. The downstairs has been converted into lounge, office, pro-shop and locker-rooms, on a miniature scale, of course.

During the few months the course has been in operation it has drawn most of its play from the fashionable Lauderdale Beach Hotel and the Hillsboro club. The Richardsons operate the club under a restricted membership plan, counting on the “no waiting to tee off” to help them draw players from the surrounding eighteen, of which there are three. It is too early to determine if this policy will succeed, but with the course under family operation as it is, it seems to have better than an even chance.

CHARLEY BURNS, Akron (O.) muny course official and director of the GSA has done an outstanding job in getting newspaper publicity for the greenkeepers. In his study of sport section factors he’s found one reason why golf news lag. The reason is expense of newspaper pick-up of golf club news.

Burns’ survey of sports editors reveals that if pros and managers would telephone scores and other news to sports depts., instead of expecting short-handed sports depts. to do the telephoning, golf club news would increase.