

Stony Brooke

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Stony Brooke Golf and Country Club, Stony Brooke, Long Island



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ARRIVING at Stony Brooke three seasons ago I was confronted by labor troubles and construction work,—not a good combination. The course is located at Stony Brooke, Long Island, New York.

The first thing to do was to settle the labor question which was done by weeding out the trouble makers. That settled, construction work was started. Seven greens were re-modeled, six tees were made, numerous new traps were made and others

changed, and two fairways were widened which meant clearing of five acres of woodland.

There are about one hundred and fifty traps on the course.

Two bridges and a shelter were built by our own men. Lumber for the walk and rails was the only material bought, and the uprights are set in concrete.

Very Little Area of Rough

The upkeep of the course is run about the same as many others. The fairways are blended into one another so that we have no rough to speak of but it means extra work for the fairway machines which consist of a gang of five Toros and another gang of Roseman mowers.

The course being of a sandy nature makes watering an important factor, which is done from five P.M. for

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as long as necessary, using double rotary sprinklers.

A few words about our nursery, which was planted in the early fall and came up strong in the spring. I cut as early as possible, sweeping the cuttings into the space between the rows. I then top dressed and rolled the cuttings lightly, not forgetting lots of water. By the latter part of June we had a solid mat of turf. Top dressing, close cutting and plenty of water help a great deal. We hope to start four or five more plots this fall.

Where the Big Tournaments Will be Held

May 7-12—British Open Championship, Royal St. George's Club, Sandwich, Kent.

May 14-19—British Ladies' Championship, Hunstanton.

May 21-26—British Amateur Championship, Prestwick, Ayrshire.

June 11—Qualifying Rounds in National Open Championship, various districts.

June 13-16—Metropolitan Amateur Championship, Fenimore C. C., White Plains, N. Y.

June 21-23—National Open Championship, Olympia Fields C. C., Chicago.

June 25-30—Ohio Golf Association, Amateur State Championship, Youngstown Country Club, Youngstown, O.

June 27-30—Western Golf Association Open Championship, North Shore Golf Club, Chicago.

July 18-20—Metropolitan Open Championship, Shackamaxon C. C., Westfield, N. J.

July 6-7—New York State Golf Association Open Championship, Onondaga Golf and Country Club, Syracuse, N. Y.

July 31-Aug. 5—Public Links Championship, Cobbs Creek Course, Philadelphia.

August 15-18—Buffalo District Amateur Championship, Cherry Hills Country Club, Buffalo.

August 27-Sept. 1—Western Golf Association Amateur Championship, Bob O'Link Golf Club, Chicago.

August 30-31—Walker Cup Matches, Chicago Golf Club, Wheaton, Ill.

September 10-15—National Amateur Championship, Brae Burn C. C., West Newton, Mass.

September 24-29—Women's National Championship, Virginia Hot Springs Golf and C. C., Virginia Hot Springs, Va.

October 5-6—Lesley Cup Matches, Winged Foot Golf Club, Mamaroneck, N. Y.