

MISHAWAKA GETS NEW MUNY COURSE

GOLFERS of Mishawaka, Indiana, an industrial city located in the north-western part of the state, have a new and improved municipal golf course.

For many years, Mishawaka has had a sporty 9-hole course, adjacent to the west bank of the beautiful St. Joseph River. Several years ago, the city administration purchased a tract of land on the east bank of the river, for insuring the city an adequate supply of well water. This area was converted into a public park, and, as such, was enjoyed to a limited degree by citizens.

Ralph H. Jernegan of Mishawaka, a golf enthusiast, conceived a plan whereby the holes on the west side of the river could be shifted about, and by converting the public park into a golf course, Mishawaka could enjoy an excellent 18-hole course.

By revising the fairways of the old course, three most interesting holes are laid out, which require driving across the river in each instance. The longest carry of these three holes is 110 yards, the shortest 90 yards.

F. M. Paul, secretary-manager of the Mishawaka Chamber of Commerce, conceived the novel idea of honoring 18 Indiana cities which have 18-hole courses in operation, by dedicating each fairway to a certain city whose characteristics are somewhat related to the natural topography of the fairway.

These dedication panels are constructed of wood and mounted between two tapered upright columns which will be anchored in the ground, and placed on the right hand side of the tee. In addition to the name of the city appearing on each panel,

there will also be the number of the hole, yardage and par. Appearing at the top of each panel will be a symbol representing some certain factor of each city, and on the reverse side of each panel will be a terse statement portraying some prominent fact concerning Mishawaka.

In order that the proper community attitude can be maintained, an association known as the Mishawaka GA has been organized. The association has as its president, Mr. Jernegan. Within the association there is established a men's division, and a ladies division. All competitive events will be operated separately, with a chairman heading up each division.

The dues of the association are only \$1.00 per year. In return, each member receives a very attractive membership card contained in a leather tag, suitable for attaching to a golf bag. The association will be permitted to expend funds for prizes, exhibition matches, and other features related to the furtherance of the game in general.

James Wagner, who is well-known throughout the southwest, especially around the courses at San Antonio, Tex., has been employed as pro at the Mishawaka course. Since Wagner assumed his duties March 1, 1942 he has put into effect many changes regarding the interior arrangement of the clubhouse, which will add to the efficiency of operation, as well as the players' comfort and convenience.

William Konow, a well-known greenkeeper and a former employee of the Mishawaka course, has been returned to the job, and will have complete charge of the new 18-hole course.



Group at July 13 meeting of Pittsburgh Greenkeepers Assn., held at Mahoning Valley CC, Girard, Ohio. Host greenkeeper Jimmy Downes is shown at extreme left.

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