



Trap shooting range at the new Yakima Valley Golf & Gun club. The skeet course will be at the right of the trap range. This installation will make the club a year-around establishment and draw into golf many sportsmen who've previously concentrated on shooting.

munities of Sunnyside, Grandview, and Prosser will share in the facilities of the new sports center. Lloyd states that many devotees of the scatter loads have joined, and will join, the center who never held a golf club in their hands but who, undoubtedly, will take to the fairways because they will naturally become interested in the game since they will see it being played constantly.

The lower Yakima Valley is one of the best pheasant hunting areas in the Northwest, and practically every farmer in the area is a hunter; he likes to shoot. The trap and skeet facilities incorporated in the sports center are like a magnet drawing these sportsmen into the center as shareholders in the holding corporation. If the center had offered only the golf course these many other members would have been lost to the organization.

This project is a shining example of the American pioneering spirit. Where now an abandoned barn and silo lean weakly into the winds playing over the site of this sports center, a 150-acre former ranch, the new clubhouse will be built nearby, and Lloyd says that there will be enough lumber salvaged from these structures to provide all the rough lumber necessary in the clubhouse construction.

And the idea behind the center being all-pitch-in-and-help, the members will provide most of the labor required for the center's construction, shareholders putting in their spare time, Sundays, etc.

Concrete walks, and a concrete house for the Western Flyer mechanism make up the trap range from which members are already busting the clay birds. The skeet range-to-be will be of similar construction with allowances for game differences.

A sportsman's paradise, the Yakima Valley usually has mild winters, but such that golf play is abandoned until Spring. But the trap and skeet layouts in this sports center will keep the fireplace glowing practically the year around in the clubhouse.

Even with some snowfall the shooting walks can be cleared and members can bust away at the whizzing targets long after golf play has been suspended for the season.

According to Lloyd the sum of \$4000 has been set aside for trap and skeet courses alone. The grounds are to be landscaped around the shooting ranges, as well as around the car parking area and a driveway into the area off the public road forming the east boundary of the sports center.

The sports center land is not of high agricultural value thus eliminating the possibility of using land which might otherwise have been put to more profitable use. And there are natural water hazards already provided within the golf course layout. Members need only perk these up a bit under competent golf architectural guidance and the hazard problem is solved.

Even with the entire 9 holes laid out there still remains for future recreational development the same amount of land as is covered by the golf course, ample room for all the vivid and energetic sports facilities plans of the sports-hungry folk in this Central Washington state area.

The golf course layout was designed by Francis James, golf course architect, University of Idaho. And credit is given I. N. Murphy, Sunnyside, for his work of fitting the plans to the ground contour. Amundsen gives credit to all center members for their excellent cooperation in helping to make the new sports center the great success it appears destined to be.

Southern Turf Research Program Is Started

"The type of turf we are seeking," stated Dr. Fred V. Grau, USGA Green Section at the recent meeting of the Southeastern Turf Advisory committee, "will give maximum surface density for maximum natural freedom from weeds."

The meeting, which took place at the Georgia Coastal Plain Experiment station, Tifton, Ga., was in cooperation with the station's staff, headed by its director, George H. King.

Dr. Grau continued, "We are seeking a turf that offers the greatest enjoyment and satisfaction for use, maximum root growth for relief from drought and soil displacement, and minimum requirements for supplemental fertilization and irrigation resulting in low-cost maintenance."

Well located to conduct a regional turf program, and admirably staffed by an interested personnel, the Georgia Coastal Plain Experiment Station has welcomed the Advisory Committee as a group to guide the station in practical aspects of its work. To assist the station in its research, the Southern Golf Assn., through the USGA Green Section, has made available

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\$2,000 which the Coastal Station will use in turf improvement over a period of 5 years. The grant was made known to the group in a letter from Col. Lee S. Read, Pres., Southern Golf Assn. Committee members in attendance revealed that similar action is being taken by the Georgia State Golf Assn. and additional support sought from the Florida Golf Assn.

Impressed with the work being accomplished by the Coastal Station, the committee agreed to seek donations from manufacturers with the help of the USGA Green Section in obtaining badly needed machinery. Especially needed, the committee was told, are a power putting green mower, power lawn mower, a power screen to prepare topdressing, and irrigation equipment. Also strongly stressed was the need for a turf superintendent to maintain turf plots at the station at a salary of \$2,000 to \$2,400.

In cooperation with the Advisory committee, the Coastal station is preparing a turf conference or short course in late May or early June of 1947 for all professionally interested in better turf.

The turf program at Tifton is supported at present by grants from the USGA Green Section, USDA Bureau of Plant Industry, the Southern Golf Assn. and by far the largest portion by the station itself.

Committeemen expressed upon the meeting's conclusion their great encouragement at the prospects of a far-reaching, broad turf development program for the entire Southeast.

Attending the conference were: Hall, Baumgardner, Kendree, Ritchey, Grau, Wilson, Matthews, Landrum, Deavy, Rogers, and Zawn of the Advisory Committee and from the Coastal Station R. L. Carter, H. J. Hodsen, Director George King and Dr. G. W. Burton.

GREEN SECTION ASKS CASH HELP

Officials of all district and state golf associations have received from Fielding Wallace, chmn., Green Section, USGA, a letter asking for cooperation in financing the extended and intensified national program of turf research and advisory service. The Southern and Georgia golf associations already have contributed to a regional program.

In his letter Wallace mentions as one of the needs of course maintenance that of training more young men for the job. There's a shortage of young men now in the profession. As an indication of the existing situation A. L. Brandon, sec., GSA, recently noted that the average age of that association's members was 45.

Wallace's letter:

"The USGA Green Section has launched