

Carrying out such a program on a nation-wide scale, will give assurance of sound basic instruction of the next golfing generation and the development of an even greater number of professional golfers. The youth of student age is responsive to training. His or her mind is more alert and conditioned to receiving instruction. He has the desire and will to play well. His enthusiasm and determination is at its peak, and all these qualities make a good golfer, so why not capitalize on this?

Big Job Ahead

So much remains to be done in this field. The number of colleges that would welcome this program probably is vast. By enlarging on this idea and making it a nation-wide program almost every college could be made a golf-playing college.

Out of gratitude to the professionals who have launched me on my career, and to the profession as a whole, I feel that anything I can do in extending golf instruction in schools is a good way of keeping the game growing and pro earning possibilities increasing.

I should be paying my company for the privilege of doing this job for golf, instead of them paying me. You see, golf is really more than a game. It's something that gets into your blood—your life's blood. As a result, golf has given me the real pleasures of life.

You know it would be impossible for me to ever put as much back into golf as I have taken out of it, but it's certainly the swellest darned job in the world trying to do it.

Reno Scores With Washoe Muny Course

Golf, in 12 years has become a major sport in the city which is widely known for its sporting activity.

Twelve years ago when the Washoe County muny course, Reno, Nev., was being completed few, if any, would have conceded the possibility of that community ever putting up \$15,000 for an open tournament. At that time only a handful of the most optimistic looked forward to the successful development of a golf course with grass greens and fairways. Today the hopeful have been rewarded. The Washoe County course is an asset to the community and can well take credit for the beautification and increased property values of an entire locality.

The 6,601 yd. course has been brought along through the efforts of pro-mgr. Hutt Martin and grnkpr., Wm. Mayo to the point where it is now an excellent example of fine operation and maintenance. The first years were lean ones, but 1945 bore the fruit of persistence and perseverance and the balance sheet at the end of the year showed a profit of \$2,386 on a gross of \$25,547. Return of young men from the war seemed to be a decided factor in the profitable operation as 1946 receipts increased almost \$10,000 over those of 1945. Success of the \$5,000 first Nevada State open encouraged Reno golfers to put on the 1947 \$15,000 event.

A reservoir which supplies water at the rate of 1,000 gals. a minute is the prime factor in solving the turf problem and of course is indirectly responsible for the fact that surrounding residential property has increased many times over the \$384,000 represented in the total cost of the ground, course and clubhouse construction.

The Washoe County course gets play all the year round which adds to the maintenance problem. However, all phases of operation are greatly simplified, Martin says, by the full cooperation of the Board of County Commissioners Ernest Kleppe, James Peckham and Carl Shelly.



This is the tenth green at Washoe where Reno's 1947 \$15,000 Open was played. Growing good turf on this soil is an historic achievement of which Reno citizens may well be proud.