

Birdseye view of the Reach tabloid course installed at East Longmeadow near Springfield, Mass, It's a compact course which can be laid out on a 20-acre plot, provides a test of every golf shot and accommodates between 400 and 500 players per night.

Reach Invents Tabloid Course for Day-Night

Milton B. Reach, Sr., widely known veteran golf manufacturer and amateur player has installed the first of his recently patented "New Model" country clubs at East Longmeadow, a Spring field, Mass., suburb.

The Reach innovation is a compact type of a course which provides a test of every club in the bag except the trap clubs. It's laid out so a foursome can play in about an hour and 15 minutes. The course is lighted for night play. Tests have shown that the course can accommodate between 400 and 500 players a night.

Reach has been working on this idea for developing more golfers for about ten years. One of the features of the new tabloid course is the approach shots into pools of water; these pools being of various sizes as called for by length of the shot to be played to the green. When the water splashes the player is considered to be on the green. Then he moves from the approach teeing area to sand greens and putts out.

The layout can be constructed on 20 acres.

There are three lengths of courses short, medium and long - played from the driving tees. The driving tee area consists of seven tees; Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 and 9. The 4th and 8th holes are short holes and are played from "target" tees such as are used for the approach shots.

In starting the game a player drives from the first driving tee, then walks to Target tee No. 1 and hits his approach into the target pool representing the first green. He then moves to the companion putting green and holes out.

If a drive is missed (as to distance or boundaries) the player takes a penalty stroke and moves on without loss of time. A one shot penalty also is taken if the player misses the target pools, except on the one shot holes where, where if the player misses a pool, he can move to a chipping tee and attempt a recovery. Shots to the more distant pool range from 120 to 190 yards and to the near pool, from 30 to 50 yards less.

Par for the course is 34. Total walking distance required is about 800 yards.

The initial course will be opened for play this spring. Already Reach has received numerous inquiries from individuals and municipalities regarding construction of the compact courses in other cities. Further details of the construction, cost and operation of the course may be secured from Milton B. Reach, 73 Atwater road, Springfield, Mass.