

courses designed so that they would be difficult for the high scorers, yet at the same time provide excellent tests for the low scoring players. This was accomplished by the strategic positions in which the traps have been placed, both in the fairways and at the generous-sized greens which average 10,000 square feet. The traps placed in the fairways are beyond the reach of the average golfer's normal range, therefore presenting no particular difficulty to him.

The greens have been plateaued and shaped in dune-like form with rolling contours. They are ample in size (the smallest is 7,000 square feet) to allow for frequent changing of the pins as well as to make adequate targets for the higher handicap players. As the low-handicap player is always playing for the pin, he must make an accurate shot to the pin position, or he will be faced with a cunning putt over the undulating green surface to get his par. The high-handicap player will have no difficulty getting one over par and is unlikely to have the higher scores that are normally produced on the penal type courses.

The fairways are wide, the average being 200 feet. They are cut from the tees to and around the greens, making the course one of park-like beauty.

The courses are all irrigated from wells dug at strategic positions, which means that tees, fairways and greens should always be lush in spite of the weather conditions.

Landscaping is Feature

In order to give Nassau County Park that third-dimension, officials recently awarded Erthal and Grand of Brooklyn a \$52,170 contract to landscape the new Blue course. This includes planting of 2,472 trees. These include 748 shade specimens such as oak, maple, beech, sassafras, redbud, cherry and dogwood; 932 evergreens. The planting is being done around tees, in the rough and along borders.

Henkels and McCoy of Philadelphia seeded the Blue course last autumn. The cold spell of March caused some bare spots and these recently have been reseeded.

It was necessary to remove some 100,000 yards of sand from a nearby lake area, which will eventually become part of the grandiose park system that will become a virtual play paradise, with an amphitheater, section for model airplane enthusiasts, a picnic area, softball fields, etc. Some 20,000 yards of topsoil was also dug from the lake region.

The holes of the three permanent courses have been broken up in their design into such length and variety that every club in the bag will be used. The

sequence of holes has been so developed that variable lengths of holes follow each other.

Stanley Thompson, noted Canadian designer, collaborated with Jones in shaping the White and Blue courses. Frank Squires is the greenkeeper, Tom Mallon the superintendent of the park and Frank Hurley the manager of golf.

Last year, the handsome pro shop, one of the largest in the country, was officially opened. Pat Cici, who got his start with George Heron at Meadow Brook, is the head pro. His associate is Walter Kozak, a former Met PGA champion, who was at Pomonok CC, Flushing, for many years.

The golf shop, which was erected at a cost of \$100,000, was designed by the late Clifford C. Wendehack, who also blueprinted the vast clubhouse which will be erected in the near future.

A fulltime permit to play any of the Nassau Park courses sells for \$60. At least one of the courses will remain all year around. For weekend and holiday play, the permit costs \$50. For those who like week day play, the fee is \$25.

The green fee for weekends and holidays is \$2 and after 4 P.M. \$1. The week day fee is \$1 and after 4 P.M. 75 cents.

Officials said that more than 10,000 permits will be issued for 1950. Patronage, in spite of unfavorable weather, has increased over 20 per cent over last year's record figures.

Sprague fears that in spite of the twin par-three holes on two of the courses, plus the additional course facilities, there will be traffic jams on the fairways within another few years. That's because of the tremendous population increase and keen golf interest in that section of the country.

Top Pro Stars Aid Jaycees in Junior Golf Promotion

Transcriptions of five minute interviews with golf's top players are being made available to state and local Junior Chambers of Commerce in preparation for the state qualifying tournaments prior to the U. S. Jaycee National Junior Amateur Championship at Ames, Iowa in August. Interviews arranged by Hugh Egan, Director, Sports and Recreation Committee, USJCC, will make it possible for thousands of youngsters throughout the nation to hear the advice and encouragement offered by the game's top competitors. Interviews with the following are available from Egan's office, 209 South State St., Chicago 4, Ill., for radio broadcast: Skip Alexander, Clayton Heafner, Chick Harbert, Johnny Palmer, Ben Hogan, Jimmy Thomson, Sam Snead, Gene Sarazen, George Fazio, Jim Turnesa and golf writers O. B. Keeler of the Atlanta Journal, Larry Robinson, N.Y. World-Telegram and Sun and Bob Harlow, publisher of Golf World.