

against it—and it is but a question of time until it must go.

Los Angeles CC with its two magnificent courses and its multimillion dollar frontage on Wilshire Boulevard gives no indication of moving—but you can't tell what the future will bring. Even now a \$5,000,000 department store has been constructed on what was once one of the South Course fairways. It is possible that eventually the land will simply be too valuable to keep it as a golf course. And there are others—many others—which may find the growing metropolis and encroaching business too much for them to stand up against.

What, then, is the future?

It would seem that Los Angeles will have to develop golf centers 15, 20 and 25 miles out from the city center—golf centers which can be reached in half an hour's time by fast transportation.

Los Angeles Looking Ahead

Constructive thought toward such an end is being taken both by the city and county in the matter of utilizing flood control land which lies behind the huge dams which have been built to check the flooding Los Angeles, Tujunga, San Gabriel rivers and Ballona Creek. These flood control lands may, in part, be under water 10 days or two weeks of the year. But if golf courses are so constructed that the greens and tees will not be under water, the fairways will not be harmed, and the golf courses—on public owned land—could be constructed at reasonable cost.

Plans have now been drawn for two public courses at the Hansen Dam near Burbank, two more at the Sepulveda Dam, and it is possible that two or three public courses can be built in the Whittier Narrows. A County Golf Commission has also reported the possibility of developing other courses on public owned land along the Rio Hondo, Ballona Creek and Los Angeles River Bed near Long Beach.

In the meantime Los Angeles golfers will have to be content with playing under rather trying conditions if they can get a starting time at all.

The city has far outgrown its golf facilities and it is fast running out of land which could be used for golf course construction.

Tee Idea Brought Home from Supts. Meeting

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I always attend our local golf course superintendents' meetings whenever I can, and I never have been to one but that I have seen and picked up new ideas that have been of interest to my club.

At one club I noticed three-foot tiles being used as tee markers and waste containers. We had been using some metal baskets; also some self-closing receptacles for trash. But since that time I have used the tile, setting the bell end into the ground a few inches. The tile is painted club colors with numbers of hole and yardage; some also have "replace turf" on them as a reminder to our members.

Anyone attending local meetings is doing an excellent turn for his club, and getting a chance to see the other fellow's course seems to give one an added punch to improve his own condition.

Fit Water, Fertilizer to Short Cut Fairways

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During the many years that I have been at the Country Club of Buffalo, we have consistently cut our fairways on the short side. When the Country Club moved to the present location about 25 years ago, the fairways were seeded to bluegrass. We, at that time, cut about one inch and had what was considered very good fairways.

As time passed and player demands for better turf could not go unheeded, we seeded Colonial bent in our fairways. But, before doing so, a very considerable amount of native bents started to show, which, of course, made it necessary to change our methods of operation. We set our fairways units at 7/16 in. and for about 25 years we have been cutting at that height on a twice-a-week basis, often, when it becomes necessary, we cut three times a week.

The fairway water management program at my club is carried on with the specific thought that the system is supplementary to rain and not a facility to use indiscriminately. I mention this only to emphasize that our fairways are not over-watered, lush and soggy, but afford good lies on close-cut, heavy turf.

Our fertilizer program is what I consider the most important. It possibly may require greater amounts on close cut turf but I sincerely believe that where the budget will afford it the results are well worth it.

I do not maintain that those favoring long cut are all wrong in their contentions; much may be said in their favor—but, my members pay the bills and if by long and careful study, I can manage and maintain the type of turf on our fairways that they desire, that is, turf that will set the ball up on good, thick, short cut turf, and not bury it in long cut grass, that is the job I have to do.